

UGC raises concern over easy availability of e-cigarettes near HEIs

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NEW DELHI: Expressing concern over easy availability of electronic cigarettes and like de vices at online stores and local vendors near educational institutions, the University Grants Commission (UGC) on Monday has asked the institutions to raise awareness about dangers associated with these products. It has also asked the higher education institutions (HEIs) to conduct special drives through random checking to ensure that such products are not being used.



The Commission has written a letter raising the question before all the universities and colleges that despite the ban how are e-cigarettes and similar products easily available to the students?

“... it has been brought to notice that these devices are readily available through online stores and local vendors, which is a matter of concern.

It has also been reported that devices are sold at convenience/and or stationary stores near educational institutions which results in easy access for young children to such products,” the letter to all the vice chancellors and principals of colleges stated.

UGC has asked the HEIs to conduct surprise inspections by running special drives and students should be informed about the dangers of e-cigarettes and it should also be ensured that e-cigarettes are not used on campus through awareness campaigns.

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