DENTAL COUNCIL OF INDIA
(A STATUTORY BODY CONSTITUTED UNDER THE DENTISTS ACT, 1948)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Dated 18 August, 2020

It is hereby informed the General Public that under the provisions of the Dentists Act, 1948, prior permission of Central Government is required to establish a new Dental College, to introduce higher courses as per the provisions of section 10A of the Dentists Act and DCI Regulations 2006 made thereunder. Similarly, the prior permission of the Dental Council of India is required in accordance with the respective course Regulations to run the Para Dental Courses namely, Diploma in Dental Hygienist, Diploma in Dental Mechanic and Diploma in Dora. No person, authority or institution or University can establish a new dental college for any course of study or training in the field of dentistry except with the previous permission of the Central Government on the recommendation of the DCI. The admission made by any Institution that imports courses in Dentistry, namely, BDS / MDS / PG Diploma / Dental Hygienist / DORA without the prior permission of the Central Government is illegal and the dental qualification awarded by any person authority/institution shall not be a recognized dental qualification for the purposes of the Dentists Act.

It has recently come to the notice of the Dental Council of India that Singhania University, Pacheri Bari, Distt. Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, a State University established and incorporated by an Act of 2008 of State Legislature, is inviting applications for (i) Bachelor of Dental Surgery, (ii) Diploma in Dental Assistant, (iii) Diploma in Dental Hygienist and (iv) Certificate Course in Dental Assistant. The said institution has in its advertisement published in various newspapers claimed that Hon’ble High Court in the case of IGNOU, has held that there is no provision in the Dentists Act which authorises and empowers DCI to grant permission or recognition to IGNOU to enable it to take admission and impart education in BDS Course and other Dental Courses. The said Institution mischievously claims that it is covered by a judgment of Hon’ble High Court without referring to the cause title and the Hon’ble Court that has pronounced it. The Judgement has no application at all to them. Such a claim is frivolous, baseless and is made in complete violation of law made by Parliament.

Section 38 of the Singhania University, Pacheri Bari, Distt. Jhunjhunu, Act, 2008 very clearly inter-alia provides that “Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall be bound to comply with all the rules, regulations, norms, etc. of the regulating bodies and provide all such facilities and assistance to such bodies as are required by them to discharge their duties and carry out their functions”.

It may be noted that the claim so made by the Singhania University is in violation of the provisions of the Dentists Act, 1948 and the Regulations framed by thereunder as also in violation of section 38 of their own Act. Any admissions that are made by the Singhania University, Pacheri Bari, Distt. Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan in BDS Course and other Dental Courses is illegal and void ab initio. Dental Council of India/ Central Government has never granted permission to this University to run any course in the field of dentistry. Accordingly, the university is hereby directed to immediately withdraw its advertisement failing which this council shall take necessary action against it in accordance with the provisions of the Dentists Act.

By way of this notice all concerned are informed not to be misled by the advertisement issued by the Singhania University, Pacheri Bari, Distt. Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan. The updated list of Dental Colleges is available on the Dental Council of India website, i.e., www.dciindia.gov.in alongwith the status of the college and number of seats approved / permitted.

All students/parents/general public are advised to check the status of Dental Colleges before taking admission in any of the Dental Colleges.

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2. The Secretary to the Government, Medical Education Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, Room No. 2024, Main Building, Secretariat, Jaipur-302005.
3. The Rajasthan State Dental Council, Office: Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Subhas Nagar, Jhotwara Road, Jaipur – 302016, Rajasthan Email: rscdaipuri@yahoo.com
4. The Singhania University, Pacheri Bari, Distt. Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan
5. Server Room for Email.