



MoE Guidelines for Coaching Centres

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Why in News?

Recently, the [Ministry of Education \(MoE\)](#) has introduced **comprehensive guidelines to regulate coaching centers** and manage the unregulated growth of private coaching centres.

What are the Major Guidelines for the Coaching Centres?

- **Age Restrictions:** Coaching centers are prohibited from **enrolling students below 16 years of age**. Student enrolment is allowed only after completing the **secondary school examination**.
- **Tutor Qualification:** Tutors must have at least a **graduation qualification**, and the hiring of individuals convicted of moral turpitude is prohibited. Moral turpitude means an act done contrary to honesty and good morals of the society.
- **Avoiding False Promises and Assurance:** Coaching institutes **cannot make misleading promises, guarantee ranks, or assure good marks**.
 - Misleading advertisements about coaching quality, facilities, or results are strictly prohibited.
- **Updated Website:** Coaching centers are required to have a website with updated information on tutor qualifications, courses, duration, hostel facilities, and fees.
- **Mental Well-being:** In response to rising student suicides, the guidelines emphasize the need for coaching centres to prioritize mental well-being.
 - This includes establishing a counseling system, **providing information about psychologists and counsellors**, and training tutors in mental health issues.
- **Fee Regulations:** Tuition fees must be **fair and reasonable**, and refunds should be provided on a **pro-rata basis** if a student leaves a course prematurely.
- **Inclusive Policies:** Coaching institutes must refrain from discriminating based on religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, or descent.
 - Special efforts can be taken to increase the representation of female students, those with disabilities, and marginalized groups.
- **Infrastructure Standards:** A minimum of one square metre per student during a class.
 - Coaching center buildings must comply with **fire safety codes, building safety codes, and other relevant standards**.
 - Buildings and surroundings must also be **Divyang-friendly**, following the provisions of the [Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016](#).
- **Government Oversight:** The government proposes the registration of new and existing coaching centers within three months of the guidelines taking effect.
 - **State governments are tasked with monitoring coaching centre activities** and ensuring compliance with registration eligibility.
- **Penalties:** In case of violation of any of the terms and conditions of registration or general conditions, the coaching centre shall be liable for penalties as follows:
 - Rs 25,000/- for first offense
 - Rs. 1,00,000/- for the second offense
 - Revocation of registration for subsequent offense.

Note

According to the **Ministry of Education**, coaching means tuition, instructions or guidance in any branch of learning imparted to more than **50 students** but does not include **counseling, sports, dance, theatre and other** creative activities.

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