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Soon, UGC to track students' progress after completion of course

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THE University Grants Commission (UGC) is planning to track the progress of students after they complete their course. The commission is likely to come out with a policy in this regard soon. A task force is being constituted to frame such a policy.

Commenting on the issue, Association of University Teachers former general secretary C Pichandy said, "Tracking student's progression after they complete their course is a difficult task. Instead of going after the students, the UGC should ask all colleges to maintain a directory or information repository and collect details of campus interview placements, rate of employment of students after a period of one year, job status, nature of job, and further pursuit of education. Colleges could be asked to develop an alumni portal and link it to UGC's website."

"To ensure that colleges do not give false claim about employment rate, they should be asked to collect details like name, ID card and mobile number, date of joining job, salary details, etc. This will also be useful for future students in choosing a college," he added.

Apart from this, the UGC has also finalised the guide to student's induction programme, which is likely to be started from the next academic year. The UGC will hold a sensitisation programme for vice-chancellors and principals, and a three-day training for teacher before March, and a seven-day training for teachers programme before July. Another task force has also been constituted by the UGC for developing a curriculum for soft skills for UG and PG programmes.