

College managements move HC questioning UGC regulation equating online and conventional courses

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The Association of Self-Financing Arts, Science and Management Colleges of Tamil Nadu (ASFASM) has filed a petition in the High Court of Madras challenging the UGC regulation

stating that online education is equivalent to regular education at UG and PG levels.

In a press release, the Association president Ajeet Kumar Lal Mohan said that in the regular conventional degree courses, the students undergo strin-

gent norms and standards to ensure quality in education.

Quality of education

Since the online programmes and (Open and Distance Learning) programmes do not fulfil any norms and standards relat-

ed to conventional mode of education, the quality of education is diluted.

Hence, the degrees obtained through online / ODL mode cannot be declared as equivalent to the regular degrees through conventional mode, he said in the affidavit.