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### ■ UGC Propounds Empanelment of 'Kala Gurus' for Enriching Learning Experience through Creativity

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on 9th May released guidelines directing higher education institutions to empanel in-house artists/artisans, termed "Kala Gurus", to "enrich learners with immense practical experience combined with creativity and ideas". The initiative is meant to bridge the gap between modern education and art and art forms, and to meet the needs of expansion of the higher education system in tune with the National Education Policy 2020. Meanwhile, the UGC has finalised the National Higher Educational Qualification Framework (NHEQF), another regulatory reform proposed by National Education Policy. The framework intends to provide a "nationally accepted and internationally comparable and acceptable qualifications framework to facilitate transparency and comparability of higher education qualifications at all levels", the document states.