

Subject: Advisory: Communication for Academic Integrity

Dear Student,

We hope this message finds you well.

At D. Y. Patil University, we place the highest value on academic integrity, honesty, and the hard work required to achieve academic excellence.

We have recently learned that some external organizations and individuals are approaching learners enrolled in D. Y. Patil University's online programs and offering unauthorized academic support. Such services violate the University's academic integrity standards. Engaging with them is considered academic misconduct and may lead to serious disciplinary action, including expulsion, cancellation, or revocation of the degree, and restrictions on future academic opportunities.

We understand that academic demands can sometimes feel challenging. However, using unfair or unethical means can significantly impact your academic progress and long-term prospects. D. Y. Patil University offers a range of legitimate support resources to help you succeed. If you are finding the workload difficult, we encourage you to connect with your academic mentors or support teams for guidance. Your success is important to us, and we remain committed to supporting you throughout your learning journey.

This is to inform and remind all students enrolled in D. Y. Patil University's online programs to exercise due caution and rely only on official University communication channels for all academic-related information, including examinations, assignments, projects, evaluations, and results.

How to protect yourself:

- Do not trust or respond to communications from unofficial sources such as WhatsApp groups, social media platforms, personal calls, messages, emails from non-official IDs, or any third-party agencies/individuals claiming to offer academic or examination-related assistance.
- Do not participate in, encourage, or accept any form of malpractice, including offers of assistance during assignments, examinations, or evaluations.
- Do not make payments to any individual or agency claiming to provide academic, examination, or evaluation support. Any legitimate payments related to the University must

be made only through the official Learning Management System (LMS) or other officially notified University platforms.

Consequences of using unauthorized services:

- Students may be subject to strict disciplinary action, including cancellation of enrolment and expulsion from the program, in line with University regulations.
- Permanent blacklisting from D. Y. Patil University and affiliated educational institutions.
- Legal implications, including investigation into fraud and academic misconduct.
- Revocation of any degree or certification obtained through unfair or dishonest means.

What students should do:

- If students are approached by any individual or organization offering academic services (including help with assignments, examinations, or evaluations) or requesting payment, please do not engage further and report the matter immediately by raising a support ticket through official University channels.
- Review the University's Code of Conduct and academic integrity expectations to understand students' responsibilities and the implications of violations.
- Reach out for help: If students need support, guidance, or academic assistance, please connect with your academic mentors/support team or thesis supervisor for the right resources.

We trust you will uphold the high standards expected of all D. Y. Patil University students and protect the integrity of your academic achievements. Your cooperation is essential to maintaining academic integrity and safeguarding your academic progress. The University appreciates your continued commitment to ethical academic practices.

Let us continue to uphold the values of hard work, honesty, and integrity in all our endeavors.

Regards,
University Support Team