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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Higher Education)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 13th August, 2007

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the Central Government is empowered under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 to declare, on the advice of the UGC, an institution of higher learning as a deemed-to-be-university.

2. And whereas, a proposal was received for grant of status of deemed-to-be-university to Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, comprising six institutions run by it, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

3. And whereas, the University Grants Commission have examined the said proposal and vide their communication No.F.6-23/96(CPP-I) dated the 17th July, 2007 have recommended conferment of status of 'deemed-to-be-university' to Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

4. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the Central government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC), hereby declare that 'Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, comprising its (i) College of Engineering and (ii) College of Science only, shall be deemed to be a university for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, with effect from the date on which the College of Engineering and the College of Science are disaffiliated from their affiliating university, viz., Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

5. The declaration made in para 4 above is also subject to further conditions mentioned at Sr. No.4 of the endorsement to this Notification.

6. Neither the Government of India nor the University Grants Commission shall provide any Plan and Non-Plan grant-in-aid to GITAM or its constituent teaching units.

(Sunit Kumar)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

The Manager,
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Faridabad (Haryana).

Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002
2. Director, Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.
3. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Indira Gandhi Stadium, P. O. Estate, New Delhi - 110002.
4. The Secretary, Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Gandhi Nagar Campus, Rushikonda, Visakhapatnam - 530045, Andhra Pradesh. The declaration as made in para 4 of this Notification shall be further subject to the following conditions that:-
 - (i) The management of the Society formed to manage Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management and that of the colleges mentioned in para 4 of this notification should be the same.
 - (ii) The By-laws, Memorandum of Association and Rules of the GITAM should also clearly specify the names of the colleges mentioned in para 4 of this notification.
 - (iii) The management of GITAM should take appropriate action to ensure that all the moveable and immovable assets, including that of the colleges mentioned in para 4 of this notification, are immediately transferred and vested with the Society that will be managing GITAM, if not already done, in the interest of students, members of faculty, employees and for maintaining the standards of higher education. A report and undertaking for having complied with this

condition along with a copy of a valid document in this respect should be submitted to the UGC.

- (iv) The academic programmes offered or to be offered by GITAM will conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the relevant Statutory Councils such as the UGC, AICTE, etc. GITAM shall not offer / award, as the case may be, any degrees that are not specified by the UGC. GITAM shall also ensure that the nomenclatures of the degrees, etc. to be awarded by it are specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- (v) GITAM shall award degrees in respect of the courses run by the institutions mentioned in para 4 of this notification only to those students who were admitted to these colleges subsequent to the date of this notification.
- (vi) As for the students who were admitted to the colleges mentioned in para 4 above prior to the date of this notification, they shall continue to pursue their courses of study under affiliation to the present affiliating university, namely, the Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, which shall conduct examinations for them and award degrees to them upon successful completion of the courses/programmes of study they are pursuing at these colleges presently.
- (vii) All the prescribed norms and procedures of the relevant Statutory Councils and other authorities concerned in the matter of admission of students, intake capacity of students, starting of new courses/programmes, renewal of approval to the courses, etc. will continue to be in force, and shall be adhered to by the GITAM and its constituent teaching units.
- (viii) GITAM shall take all the required steps to get itself rated for valid accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in terms of instructions issued by the UGC vide its circular No.F.6-1(7)/2006(CPP-I) dated the 12th March, 2007.
- (ix) GITAM shall not conduct any distance education programmes without prior approval of UGC and Distance Education Council (DEC). The guidelines issued by both the DEC and the UGC from time to time in the matter of imparting education through distance mode have to be complied with by it.
- (x) GITAM shall not start and run any study centre / off-campus centre without obtaining the requisite prior approval of the UGC/ Government of India, as the case may be.

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(xi) Suggestions of the UGC's Expert Visiting Committees as made out in its respective report, should be followed by GITAM so as to rectify deficiencies, if any, to bring about the recommended improvement

(xii) As and when necessary, the deemed-to-be-university institution shall suitably amend and update its MoA/Rules in consultation and in concurrence with the UGC.

5. Vice Chancellor, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh - 530003. The University is expected to take action in accordance with Endorsement 4(vi) regarding students already enrolled with it at the College of Engineering and the College of Science of GITAM, as per the assurance given by it vide its certificate dated 05.05.2007.
6. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Department of Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, J-Block, Floor-4, Room No.407, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Hyderabad - 500022, Andhra Pradesh.
7. The Commission of Technical Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, 5th Floor, BRKR Govt. Complex, Hyderabad - 530063.
8. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
9. The Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities, A.I.U. House, 16 Kotla Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
- ✓ 10. Director(Administration) & Web Master, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi with the request to issue necessary instructions to the CMIS Unit to display this notification on the website of Department of Higher Education.
11. Guard file / Notification file.

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Director