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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Higher Education)
U.3(A) Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-1,
Dated the 19th November, 2008.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, initially comprising five teaching units under its ambit, was declared as Institution 'Deemed to be University', under *de novo* category, under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 vide this Ministry's notifications bearing No.F.9-25/2000-U.3, dated the 13th January, 2003 and 5th February, 2003, subject to a review after five years.

2. And whereas, a proposal was received from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham for bringing Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Brahmasthanam, Kochi, Kerala under its ambit;

3. And whereas, the UGC has examined the said proposal and vide its communication No.F.6-23/2001 (CPP-I/DU) dated 18.01.2007 has approved inclusion of Amrita School of Arts and Science, Kochi, as a constituent of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham;

4. Now, the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, and on the advice of the UGC in the aforesaid matter of inclusion of one more institution, do hereby allow that "Amrita School of Arts and Sciences' located at Brahmasthanam, Edappally North P.O., Kochi (Cochin), be included in the ambit of "Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham", Deemed-to-be-University', Coimbatore, as a constituent unit, for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, with effect from the date of its disaffiliation from the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Kochi;

5. The declaration made in para 4 above is subject to a condition that Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Cochin shall also be reviewed at the time of review of the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and its other constituent units as per the requirement under *de novo* category;

6. The declaration is also subject to fulfillment/compliance of further conditions mentioned at Sr. No.4 of the endorsement of this notification.

7. Neither the Ministry of Human Resource Development nor the University Grants Commission will provide any Plan and Non-Plan grants either to the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Deemed-to-be-University' or to any of its constituent institutions.

(SUNIL KUMAR)

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1. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002. UGC shall take appropriate action to carry out the annual reviews of the institutions concerned with help of an Expert Committee in accordance with the procedure prescribed by it for the purpose of such 'reviews' and make necessary recommendations to this Ministry in this behalf.
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), 7th Floor, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi – 110001.
4. The Vice Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Deemed-to-be-University, Ettimadai, P.O., Coimbatore – 641105, Tamil Nadu. The inclusion of Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi in the ambit of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham will be subject to fulfillment/compliance of the following conditions:-
 - (a) All the earlier conditions that were stipulated in the Ministry's notifications bearing No.F.9-25/2000-U.3, dated the 13th January, 2003 and 5th February, 2003, shall continue to be in force, and be complied with by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham.

- (b) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Deemed-to-be-University and all its constituent institutions will abide by the norms and guidelines laid down by the relevant Statutory Councils such as UGC, etc., and the instructions issued by them from time to time, as are applicable to institutions declared as deemed-to-be-universities.
- (c) The management of Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi and that of the Institution 'Deemed to be University' must be the same.
- (d) All the moveable and immovable assets of Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi should legally vest with the parent deemed-to-be-university and registered as such in the interest of future of students, members of faculty, employees and for maintaining the standards of higher education.
- (e) The accounts of Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi shall be maintained in the name of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeeth, which shall be open to inspection by the UGC. There shall be no diversion of assets & funds of the Vidyapeetham and its teaching institutions without prior permission of the UGC.
- (f) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham shall continue to maintain the corpus fund as per the norms of the UGC. This fund should also be irrevocable in nature and it cannot be liquidated or closed without prior consent of the UGC.
- (g) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham shall continue to ensure that its MoA / Rules & Regulations are in line and in accordance with the model MoA/Rules prescribed by the UGC.
- (h) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham shall, in view of the constituent teaching institutions brought under its ambit from time to time, suitably amend and update its Memorandum of Association (MoA) and Rules and finalise them in consultation and in concurrence with the University Grants Commission, on priority basis.
- (i) The MoA/Rules, Regulations, Bye-laws, etc. of the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham should clearly specify/reflect the names of all the teaching institutions that form integral part of the said Institution 'Deemed to be University'.
- (j) The objectives of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham should confine to educational and related social and charitable activities. The Institution

'Deemed to be University' as well as Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi shall not undertake or engage in any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature.

- (k) The academic courses being offered now or to be offered in future, by the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, through Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Kochi, will conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the relevant Statutory Councils such as UGC, etc. Such courses should have the approval of the Statutory Councils such as the UGC, AICTE, etc., wherever required.
- (l) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham or its constituent institutions shall not offer/award, as the case may be, any degree that is not specified by the UGC. The Institution 'Deemed to be University' concerned will continue to ensure that the nomenclature of the degrees awarded by it is specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- (m) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham shall start new academic courses only in accordance with the norms and guidelines issued by the UGC and other Statutory Councils, from time to time, on the subject.
- (n) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham shall maintain infrastructure facilities at the Amrita School of Arts and Science, Kochi as per the norms prescribed under the guidelines of the UGC pertaining to Deemed-to-be-Universities.
- (o) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham shall take all the required steps to get itself / its constituent teaching institutions 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.
- (p) 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, approval / renewal of approval to the courses, etc. will continue to be in force, and shall be strictly adhered to by the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and its constituent units.
- (q) The 'deemed-to-be-university' concerned 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.

- (r) The 'deemed-to-be-university' concerned shall not start and run any study centre / extension centre / off-campus centre / off-shore campus without obtaining the requisite prior approval of the UGC/ Government of India, as the case may be.
- (s) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham shall abide by all the norms and guidelines as laid down by the UGC and other relevant Statutory Councils, from time to time, as are applicable to institutions notified as 'Deemed-to-be-Universities'
5. Vice Chancellor / Registrar, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Kochi – 682022, Kerala.
 6. The Principal, Amrita School of Arts and Sciences, Brahmasthanam, Edappally North P.O., Kochi – 682 024, Kerala.
 7. Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai-600009.
 8. Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram - 695001.
 9. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
 10. Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, AIU House, 16, Kotla Marg, New Delhi-2.
 11. Director(Administration) & Web Master, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. It is requested that necessary instructions may be issued to the CMIS Unit to display this notification on the website (Home site) of Department of Higher Education.
 12. File No.9-25/2000-U.3 / Guard file / Notification file.


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Director