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No. F. 10-10/2008-U.3(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Higher Education)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 18th December, 2008.

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, on the advice of the UGC, Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, comprising (i) College of Engineering and (ii) College of Science, was declared vide this Ministry's notification No.F.9-37/2006-U.3 dated the 13.08.2007, as an 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University' under the meaning of Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956;

3. And whereas, on the advice of the UGC in the matter of inclusion of two more teaching institutions under the ambit of Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Institution 'Deemed-to-be-University', (i) College of Management Studies, GITAM and (ii) College of Pharmacy GITAM were also included under the ambit of the said 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University' vide this Ministry's notification No.F.10-6/2007-U.3(A) dated 13.06.2008, subject to the condition that the overall performance of these institutions would be monitored annually, initially for three years and subsequently after every five years by the UGC;

4. And whereas, a proposal was received from Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management, Visakhapatnam in April, 2008 seeking permission to start an off-campus centre at Rudraram Village on the outskirts of Hyderabad;

5. And whereas, the UGC has examined the said proposal and vide its communication F.No.6-23/96 (CPP-I) dated November, 2008 has agreed to recommend to this Ministry to permit the Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management to start its off-campus centre at Hyderabad from academic year 2009-2010 subject to annual review for three years and subsequently after five years;

6. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC), do hereby permit Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management, Deemed-to-be-University, Visakhapatnam to start an off-campus centre at Rudraram Village (on the outskirts of Hyderabad),

(Pto)

Patancheru Mandal, Medak District, Andhra Pradesh, under its ambit, for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, and to conduct B.Tech (Computer Science and Engineering), B.Tech (Electronics and Communications Engineering), B.Tech (IT), MCA and MBA at the said Centre with an intake capacity of 60 students in each course with effect from the academic year 2009-2010, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The overall performance of the said off-campus centre at Rudraram (on the outskirts of Hyderabad) shall be monitored annually, initially for three years and subsequently after every five years by the UGC.
- (b) Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management should rectify within a period of one year from the date of this notification, all those deficiencies that are communicated by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on the basis of the on-the-spot assessment carried out by the Council.
- (c) The approved constituent units of Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (Institution Deemed-to-be-University) shall be (i) College of Engineering, (ii) College of Science, (iii) College of Management Studies GITAM, (iv) College of Pharmacy GITAM and (v) GITAM Off-campus Centre, Rudraram (on the outskirts of Hyderabad).
- (d) All the conditions that were stipulated in the Ministry's notifications No.9-37/2006-U.3(A) dated 13.08.2007 & No.10-6/2007-U.3(A) dated 13.06.2008 shall continue to be in force, and be complied with.

7. The declaration as made in para 6 above is further subject to fulfilment of the conditions mentioned at Sr. No.6 of the endorsement to this Notification;

8. Neither the Government of India nor the UGC shall provide any Plan or Non-Plan grant-in-aid to Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management or any of its constituent teaching units/off-campus centre.


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1. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002. UGC shall take appropriate action to conduct the review of the new off-campus Centre of Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM) 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. UGC shall

also make available a copy of the Inspection Report of the Expert Committee of the AICTE to GITAM so as to enable the Institution Deemed-to-be-University to rectify the deficiencies and to bring in the recommended improvement.

2. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), 7th Floor, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi – 110001.
3. The Under Secretary, (ME-P.II), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health), Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi - 110011.
4. The Registrar-cum-Secretary, Pharmacy Council of India, Post Box No.7020, Combined Councils' Building, Kotla Road, Aiwan-E-Ghalib Marg, New Delhi – 110002.
5. Director, Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary, Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Gandhi Nagar Campus, Rushikonda, Visakhapatnam – 530 045, Andhra Pradesh. The declaration as made in para 6 of this Notification shall be further subject to compliance with / fulfillment of the following conditions that:-
 - (i) The management of the new off-campus centre at Rudraram should legally vest with the Society that is managing the Institution Deemed-to-be-University (GITAM).
 - (ii) All the moveable and immovable assets of the new off-campus centre should be legally transferred and vested with the Society that is managing GITAM, and registered as such in the interest of future of students, members of faculty, employees and for maintaining the standards of higher education.
 - (iii) GITAM should continue to maintain the corpus fund as per the norms of the UGC. The corpus fund will be irrevocable in nature and the bank deposits maintained for this purpose should not be liquidated or closed without prior consent of the UGC.
 - (iv) As and when necessary, GITAM shall update or revise or modify its Memorandum of Association(MoA) / Rules with the approval of the UGC. Further, specific changes/ amendments, if any, suggested by the Government of India or UGC shall also be carried out in the MoA/Rules with the approval of the UGC.
 - (v) The MoA/Rules/Regulations/Bye-laws of the GITAM Society concerned should clearly specify/reflect the names of all the constituent teachings units which are approved by the Government of India, including the new off-campus centre at Rudraram (on the outskirts of Hyderabad).
 - (vi) GITAM should give prior intimation to the Government of India and the UGC before the Off-campus centre in question is shifted from its present location at


Rudraram Village (on the outskirts of Hyderabad). GITAM shall also furnish copies of legal documents in relation to details of lands, buildings, etc. of new premises/campus.

- (vii) The academic programmes being offered or to be offered by the new off-campus centre will conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the AICTE and the UGC.
- (viii) GITAM shall admit students to the academic courses of the said new off-campus centre mentioned in para 6 above, under its enrolment, only from the academic year 2009-2010. Consequently, students, if any, already admitted at this off-campus centre shall not be covered for the purpose of award of degrees by GITAM.
- (ix) GITAM shall take all the required steps to get all the academic courses/programmes of the off-campus centre in question rated for valid accreditation by the National Board of Accreditation and or by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), as the case may be, in terms of instructions issued by the UGC vide its circular No.F.6-1(7)/2006(CPP-I) dated the 12th March, 2007.
- (x) GITAM shall take immediate steps to rectify the shortcoming pointed out by the Expert Committee of the UGC in relation to infrastructure facilities at the said new off-campus centre, so that the infrastructure development is strengthened and the proposed off-campus centre is made fully ready before academic courses are started from the academic year 2009-2010. GITAM shall submit a compliance report in this regard to both the UGC and the AICTE.
- (xi) GITAM shall start new academic courses/programmes at the said new off-campus centre only as per the norms prescribed by the AICTE and the UGC, as the case may be.
- (xii) GITAM shall take immediate steps to commence research activities at the new off-campus centre as per the UGC requirements and ensure a sound research ambience there.
- (xiii) All the prescribed norms and procedures of the relevant Statutory Council, such as AICTE, etc. 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 GITAM and its new off-campus centre.
- (xiv) The declaration of GITAM as an 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University' comprises the institutions mentioned in para 6 of this Notification. Consequently, the academic courses / programmes of the institutions such as GITAM Institute of International Business, Visakhapatnam and College of Dental Sciences,

Visakhapatnam shall not be covered under GITAM (Deemed to be University) for the purpose of conduct of examination, award of degrees, etc.

- (xv) GITAM as well as its constituent units are barred from undertaking or engaging in any activity that is of commercial and profit-making in nature.
 - (xvi) GITAM shall maintain separate and distinct financial accounts in respect of its functioning as an 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University'. There shall be no diversion of assets or funds of the Society concerned / 'Institution deemed-to-be-university' institution without prior permission of the UGC.
 - (xvii) The accounts of GITAM Society shall be open to inspection/audit by the UGC. Suitable provision in this respect shall also be provided for in the Memorandum of Association (MoA) / Rules of the GITAM Society in consultation / agreement with the UGC.
 - (xviii) GITAM Society shall submit a legal undertaking to cover the issue pertaining to providing of powers/authority to the UGC to take control of assets, etc. of the GITAM in the event of winding up of or dissolution of the said Institution. Suitable provisions in this regard may also be incorporated in the MoA/Rules in consultation and agreement with the UGC.
 - (xix) GITAM shall not create an impression in the mind of the general public that it has been 'established' under a Central Act. In order to ensure this, it shall, in all its advertisements, public notices, communications, etc., distinctly mention under its nomenclature by inserting (within brackets) a line, which shall read: "*Declared as Deemed-to-be-University' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956*" as distinct from any State Universities by that name.
7. The Principal Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh (Higher Education), BRKB Bhavan, Hyderabad – 500063.
 8. The Chairman, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, 1st Floor, JNTU Masab Tank Campus, Mahaveer Marg, Opposite Mahaveer Hospital, Hyderabad – 500 028.
 9. The Commissioner, Department of Technical Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, 5th & 6th Floors, B.R.K.R. Bhavan, Tankbund Road, Saifabad, Hyderabad – 500 063, Andhra Pradesh.
 10. GITAM Off-campus Centre, Rudraram Village, Patancheru Mandal, Medak District, Andhra Pradesh, Pincode: 502 329.
 11. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.

12. The Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities, A.I.U. House, 16 Kotla Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
13. Joint Director (Planning) & Web Master, Department of Higher Education, Room No.523-C Wing, 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.
14. Guard file / Notification file.


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Director