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

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 26th May, 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, an application was received in December, 2005 from St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, Tamil Nadu seeking to be declared as deemed to be a university, comprising St. Peter's Engineering College, Avadi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956;

3. And whereas, the University Grants Commission has examined the said proposal and vide its communications bearing No.F.6-60/2005 (CPP-I) dated 19th May, 2006 and 19th October, 2007 has recommended conferment of status of 'deemed-to-be-university' to St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, Avadi, Chennai;

4. 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), hereby declare St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, Avadi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, comprising St. Peter's Engineering College, Avadi, Chennai, as deemed to be a university, for a period of five years, for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, with effect from the date of disaffiliation of St. Peter's Engineering College from its affiliating university, viz., Anna University, Chennai, subject to a review after five years by the UGC with the help of an Expert Committee;

5. The status conferred on St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, Avadi, Chennai shall be confirmed only on the basis of the aforesaid review by an Expert Committee of the UGC and recommendations of the Commission thereof;

(Pto)

6. The declaration as made in para 4 above is subject to fulfillment of further conditions mentioned at Sr. No.4 of the endorsement to this Notification;

7. Neither the Government of India nor the UGC shall provide any Plan or Non-Plan grant-in-aid to St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research;


(Sunil Kumar)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

The Manager,
Government of India Press,
Faridabad (Haryana).

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1. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002. UGC shall ensure that the review that is required to be conducted as per this Notification, is held sufficiently in advance, so that a decision on the continuation or otherwise of the status is enabled immediately after the expiry of the said five-year period.
2. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), 7th Floor, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001.
3. Director, Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.
4. The Chairperson & Managing Trustee, St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, 1895, 5th Street, EWS Vasantham Colony, 18th Main Road, Anna Nagar, Chennai - 600040, Tamil Nadu. The declaration as made in para 4 of this Notification shall be further subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-
 - (i) The management of St. Peter's Engineering College, Avadi, Chennai should legally vest with the Trust created for the purpose of obtaining status of 'deemed-to-be-university', i.e. St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research.
 - (ii) All the moveable and immovable assets of St. Peter's Engineering College should be legally transferred and vested with the Trust formed to manage the 'deemed-to-be-university' institution, and registered as such in the interest of future of students, members of faculty, employees and for maintaining the standards of higher education.

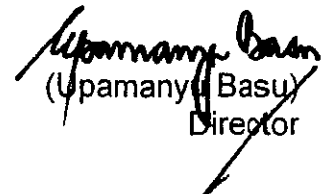
- (iii) There shall be no diversion of assets of the Trust / 'deemed-to-be-university' institution without prior permission of the UGC.
- (iv) The objectives of the Trust / 'deemed-to-be-university' institution should confine to educational and related social and charitable activities. The Trust as well as the institution concerned should not undertake or engage in any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature.
- (v) As and when necessary, St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research Trust 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.
- (vi) The MoA/Rules/Regulations/Bye-laws of the Trust concerned should mention the name of the teaching institution that forms part of St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research.
- (vii) The Trust concerned should maintain the corpus fund created by it as per the norms of the UGC and the said fund should be irrevocable in nature. The Trust shall accordingly take necessary action in consultation with the UGC to ensure irrevocability of the corpus fund.
- (viii) The academic programmes being offered or to be offered by the 'deemed-to-be-university' institution in future will conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the relevant Statutory Bodies such as the UGC, AICTE, etc. It shall not award any degrees that are not specified by the UGC. It 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.
- (ix) St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research has to take immediate steps to start doctoral programmes and to strengthen its research programmes/activities.
- (x) St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research shall start new academic courses only as per the norms prescribed by the UGC, AICTE and other Statutory Councils concerned, as the case may be.
- (xi) St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research as a deemed-to-be-university, shall award degrees in respect of the academic courses / programmes of St. Peter's Engineering College, only to those students who are admitted to the said Engineering College subsequent to the date of this notification. Accordingly, it shall make admission of students to courses / programmes of study conducted by

St. Peter's Engineering College under its enrolment only with effect from the ensuing academic year (i.e. from 2008-2009).

- (xii) As for the students who were already admitted to St. Peter's Engineering College prior to the date of this notification, they shall continue to pursue their courses of study under enrolment and affiliation to the affiliating university concerned, viz., Anna University, Chennai, which shall conduct examinations for them and award degrees to them upon successful completion of the courses/programmes of study they are pursuing at the said college presently.
- (xiii) It is not permissible for St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research to affiliate teaching institutions.
- (xiv) St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research shall take all the required steps to get all its academic courses/programmes rated for valid accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), National Board of Accreditation (NBA), etc., 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.
- (xv) St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research shall not conduct any distance education programmes without prior approval of the UGC and the 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 shall have to be complied with by it.
- (xvi) St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research 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.
- (xvii) All the prescribed norms and procedures of the relevant Statutory Councils, such as UGC, AICTE, etc. 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 St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research.
- (xviii) St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research Trust / 'deemed-to-be-university' institution shall follow and abide by all the undertakings it has submitted to the UGC in connection with and for the purpose of obtaining status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- (xix) St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research shall take immediate steps to implement the observations / suggestions made by

the Expert Committees of both the AICTE and the UGC, so as rectify the deficiencies and bring about the recommended improvement.

- (xx) St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research shall abide by all the norms and guidelines as laid down by the UGC and other Statutory Councils such as AICTE, etc. from time to time, as are applicable to institutions notified as 'Deemed-to-be-Universities'.
- (xxi) In all its advertisements, public notices, communications, etc., St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research shall 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*".
5. The Registrar, Anna University, Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai – 600025, Tamil Nadu. The University is expected to take action in accordance with endorsement 4(xii) regarding the students on the rolls of St. Peter's Engineering College, Avadi, Chennai, who are presently under its enrollment, as per the 'certificate' issued by it to the said Engineering College vide its letter No.CAI/1722/2008 dated the 28th February, 2008.
 6. The Secretary to Government, Government of Tamil Nadu, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai – 600009, Tamil Nadu.
 7. Director of Technical Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, Directorate of Technical Education, Chennai – 600025.
 8. The Principal, St. Peter's Engineering College, Tonekala Camp Road, Avadi, Tiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu – 600054.
 9. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
 10. The Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities, A.I.U. House, 16 Kotla Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
 11. 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. A soft copy of this notification is being *e-mailed* to the CMIS unit for this purpose.
 12. Guard file / Notification file.


(Upamanyu Basu)
Director

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