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Notice

Sub: Regulatory Provisions for Online Education Programmes of BITS Pilani

1. BITS Pilani has been bestowed the status of **Institution of Eminence (IoE) Deemed to be University** by the Ministry of Education, Government of India vide their Notification dated 14th October 2020 (enclosed as Annexure 1). BITS Pilani is one of the four private Institutions in the Country that was selected for this honorific status after a detailed process by the Government.
2. The declaration as an Institution of Eminence (IoE) is a testament to BITS Pilani's exemplary contributions to higher education and its potential to become a globally competitive Institution of academic and research excellence.
3. Subsequent to the declaration of BITS Pilani as an Institution of Eminence (IoE), BITS Pilani is governed under the **UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017** (enclosed in Annexure 2) and **UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) (Amendments) Regulations, 2021** (Annexure 3).
4. The IoE Regulations, 2017 (as amended in 2021) gives BITS Pilani considerable academic freedom and flexibility to design and run courses. The main features of the same are as follows:
 - a) **IoE Deemed to be Universities are distinct from other Deemed to be Universities:** Under the **UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017**, an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University is recognized as a **distinct category of Institutions**. These institutions are governed by a regulatory framework that is different from the norms applicable to other deemed-to-be universities. This differentiated regulatory structure has been carefully designed to empower such institutions with the autonomy necessary to achieve their objectives of global excellence.
 - b) **Exemptions for IoE Deemed to be Universities:** As outlined in **Clause 11 of the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017**, the IoE Deemed to be Universities are **exempt from all UGC regulations, guidelines, notifications, and orders** in subject areas listed under **Clauses 11.1 to 11.6**. These subject areas also include **curriculum, and course structure**, enabling such institutions to exercise full autonomy in designing and delivering programs that align with global standards of higher education.
 - c) **Provision for Distance and Online Education:** As per **Clause 19.0 of the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017**, amended through **Clause 10 of the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) (Amendments) Regulations, 2021**, Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities, may offer courses through **distance and online modes without requiring prior approval**, subject to adherence to the minimum standards laid down by UGC.



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5. In view of the above regulatory framework governing the Institutes of Eminence, all stakeholders are hereby notified that BITS Pilani is empowered under the Statute to introduce innovative and flexible educational programs, leveraging modern technology to reach learners across geographies. As an Institution of Eminence, BITS Pilani is committed to upholding the highest standards in online and distance education, ensuring that these programmes reflect the institution's legacy of academic excellence while ensuring credible academic outcomes for all learners.

Encl: As above.




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PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

New Delhi, the 15th August, 2020

No. 138-Pres/2020—The President is pleased to award the President's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry to the under mentioned official of Odisha Fire Service:—

Sh. Prakash Kumar Bal
Leading Fireman

2. Sh. Prakash Kumar Bal, Leading Fireman was working in Odisha Fire Service during the year 2019.

3. On 07.09.2019 at 12.35 hours a special service call received at Pallahara Fire Station regarding floating of a person in the river Andhari Nala. Immediately, Fire Service Unit under the command and control of Sh. Laxmikanta Thapa, Station Officer rushed to the spot and found that Sh. Dolgobinda Das trapped in a heavy current water merooned place in the river Andhari Nala. The river was overflowing with high water current. There was every risk of washing away of the victim and the rescuer in the flood water. No one was daring to enter into the river to rescue of victim. Sh. Prakash Kumar Bal, Leading Fireman without caring to his life went to upstream of the river with rescue line and life jacket and swam to the victim across the flood water. However, he failed to reach to the victim due to high current water and remained floated to the branch of a submerged tree. After taking rest, he again swam and reached to the victim. He consoled the victim and facilitates to wear the life jacket. He along with the victim swam in the high current water and saved the victim.

4. Sh. Prakash Kumar Bal, Leading Fireman thus displayed conspicuous gallantry, exemplary courage, professional expertise and devotion to duty of a very high order.

5. These awards are made for gallantry under Rule 3 (i) of the Rules governing the award of President's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry and consequently carries with it special allowance admissible under rule 5 (a) w.e.f. 07.09.2019.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

No. 139-Pres/2020—The President is pleased to award the Fire Service Medal for Gallantry to the under mentioned officers of Mumbai Fire Brigade, Maharashtra Fire Services:—

1. Sh. Yeshwant Ramchandra Jadhav
Deputy Chief Fire Officer

2. Sh. Umesh Gopalrao Palande
Senior Station Officer

3. Sh. Tukaram Maruti Patil
Leading Fireman

4. Sh. Satish Shivaji Shingade
Fireman

2. Sh. Yeshwant Ramchandra Jadhav, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Sh. Umesh Gopalrao Palande, Senior Station Officer, Sh. Tukaram Maruti Patil, Leading Fireman and Sh. Satish Shivaji Shingade, Fireman were working in Mumbai Fire Brigade during the year 2019.

3. On 16.07.2019 at 11.41 hours a call received about the collapse of Building No. 25C, Kesabai Building, Tandel Street Cross Lane, M.A. Sarang Marg, Dongari, Mumbai trapping 40 to 45 inmates under the debris including pedestrians. Immediately, Fire & Rescue team from various fire stations rushed to the spot and found that the entire West side portion of the Building had collapsed converting the structure into a heap of 20 feet high debris. The rescue team without caring to their live started the rescue operation and rescued 08 Males, 07 Females and 03 Children from debris.

4. Second shift crew started Search & Rescue Operation at 23.45 hrs under the leadership of Sh. Y.R. Jadhav, Deputy Chief Fire Officer and found one more person under the main girder. The team started rescue operation from the surface keeping the close vigil and communication through the cavity. Sh. U.G. Palande, Senior Station Officer, Sh. Tukaram Maruti Patil, Leading Fireman and Sh. Satish Shingade, Fireman under the close leadership of Sh. Y.R. Jadhav, Deputy Chief Fire Officer started digging the void and removed the major portion of the debris with bare hands and fireman axe without caring to their live due to falling of debris from adjacent area. They saw fingers of trapped lady. Rescuers caught hold of her fingers and she reciprocated and told that her two kids are also trapped nearby. Crew started removing the rubble from near and around her with the help of chisel tools and crowbar. After removing debris they saw heads of both the kids. The efforts were made and two kids were removed from the debris and sent to J.J. Hospital.

5. The removal of two kids created a bigger cavity enabling them to see the upper portion of the body. She told that her both legs are trapped under the long girder. Her body was in between the sidewall and concrete slab. The slab was broken down slowly by ball point hammer and chisel tools making space for her. After digging and removing the debris from the front side they removed the trapped legs. Onsite doctor examined her. The lady was rescued after one hour and sent to J.J. Hospital.

6. Sh. Yeshtwant Ramchandra Jadhav, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Sh. Umesh Gopalrao Palande, Senior Station Officer, Sh. Tukaram Maruti Patil, Leading Fireman and Sh. Satish Shivaji Shingade, Fireman thus displayed conspicuous gallantry, exemplary courage, leadership, professional expertise and devotion to duty of a very high order.

7. These awards are made for gallantry under Rule 3 (i) of the Rules governing the award of Fire Service Medal for Gallantry and consequently carries with it special allowance admissible under rule 5 (a) w.e.f. 16.07.2019.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

No. 140-Pre/2020—The President is pleased to award the Fire Service Medal for Gallantry to the under mentioned officers of Uttar Pradesh Fire Services —

1. Sh. Jitendra Kumar
Fire Station Officer
2. Sh. Sushil Kumar (1st Bar to Fire Service Medal for Gallantry)
Fire Station Officer
3. Sh. Shrinarayan Singh
Fire Station Officer
4. Sh. Rajesh Kumar Pandey
Leading Fireman
5. Sh. Durga Prasad Yadav
Fireman
6. Sh. Jumeed Ahmed
Fireman

2. Sh. Jitendra Kumar, Sh. Sushil Kumar & Sh. Shrinarayan Singh, Fire Station Officer Sh. Rajesh Kumar Pandey, Leading Fireman and Sh. Durga Prasad Yadav & Sh. Jumeed Ahmed, Fireman were working in Uttar Pradesh Fire Services during the year 2017.

3. On 15/07/2017 at 17:20 hours a call received about fire at Trauma Centre, King George Medical university, Lucknow, U.P. Immediately Shri Jitendra Kumar, Fire Station Officer along with the crew and fire tenders rushed to the spot and found fire at 2nd floor engulfing upper floors of Trauma Centre trapping hospital staffs, patients and their family members. Immediately, after wearing fire proximity suit they started firefighting operation. In the meantime Sh. Abhay Bhair Pandey Chief Fire Officer, Sh. Sushil Kumar Fire Station Officer and Sh. Shrinarayan Singh Fire Station Officer, along with additional Fire Tenders also reached to the spot. After assessing degree of risk involved in firefighting and rescue operation, officer in charge directed the team to throw continuously heavy shower of water from all sides to extinguish the fire and also install Hydraulic Platform on the back side of the building to rescue the victims. Sh. Jitendra Kumar, Sh. Sushil Kumar & Sh. Shrinarayan Singh Fire Station Officer Sh. Rajesh Kumar Pandey, Leading Fireman Sh. Durga Prasad Yadav & Sh. Jumeed Ahmed, Fireman with dragon light fearlessly went up of the building with determination to rescue the trapped persons without caring to their life. They fearlessly & boldly moved inside fire-engulfed 2nd floor. The crew consoled many frightened patients and rescued them on shoulders with the assistance of doctors and health attendants. Again they moved up and fearlessly rescued 12 in-patients from Neuro Surgery, Trauma & T.V. critical wards from 3rd Floor and 08 children in-patients from N.I.C.U. & Pediatrics Emergency Ward from 4th floor. The crew members putting their lives in danger, during adverse situation rescued 256 patients, including old man, woman, and infants admitted in various critical wards.

4. Sh. Jitendra Kumar, Sh. Sushil Kumar & Sh. Shrinarayan Singh, Fire Station Officer, Sh. Rajesh Kumar Pandey, Leading Fireman and Sh. Durga Prasad Yadav & Sh. Jumeed Ahmed, Fireman thus displayed conspicuous gallantry, exemplary courage, leadership, professional expertise and devotion to duty of a very high order.

5. These awards are made for gallantry under Rule 3 (i) of the Rules governing the award of Fire Service Medal for Gallantry and consequently carries with it special allowance admissible under rule 5 (a) w.e.f. 15.07.2017.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

No. 141-Pre/2020—The President is pleased to award the Fire Service Medal for Gallantry to the under mentioned Fire officials of Oil India Limited, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas —

1. Late Sh. Tikheswar Gohain (Posthumous)
Asst. Operator—IV (FS)

2. Late Sh. Durlav Gogoi (Posthumous)
Asst. Operator—I (FS)

2. Late Sh. Tikheswar Gohain, Assistant Operator - IV and Late Sh. Durlav Gogoi, Assistant Operator—I were working in Fire Sector of Oil India Limited, Duliaganj, Assam during the year 2020.

3. On dated 27.05.2020 at around 10.30 hours a blowout had occurred in gas well Baghjan#5 of Oil India Limited at Baghjan, Dist. Tinsukia, Assam resulting in uncontrolled flow of Gas and Condensate in the atmosphere. Immediately Fire Service teams from Oil India Ltd. and other mutual aid partners responded to the emergency and started spraying of water from all directions to disperse the formation of any explosive mixture in and around the wellhead area and keep the wellhead area cool to avoid any fire incident. Additional team from ONGCL, CMT, Sivasagar and Vadudara were also pressed into service. International experts M/s. ALERT also arrived on 07.06.2020 on the spot. They examined the various possible options for controlling the blowout. The crew members of Fire Service Sh. Tikheswar Gohain, Assistant Operator - IV and Sh. Durlav Gogoi, Assistant Operator—I were fully aware about the formation of any explosive mixture in and around the Blow out area. However, without caring to risk to their life they continue the water spraying operation even during the bad weather condition. Unfortunately, the Blowout well caught fire at 13.15 hours on 09.06.2020. The Fire Service personnel at site came into action to control the fire and evacuate the men and materials from the site. Due to high intensity of fire Sh. Tikheswar Gohain, Assistant Operator - IV and Sh. Durlav Gogoi, Assistant Operator—I jumped into adjacent water body. However, they drowned in the water and their bodies were retrieved by the NDRF team on 10.06.20 at 08.45 a.m.

4. Late Sh. Tikheswar Gohain, Fire Service Assistant Operator - IV and Late Sh. Durlav Gogoi, Fire Service Assistant Operator—I thus displayed conspicuous gallantry, exemplary courage, professional expertise and devotion to duty of a very high order.

5. These awards are made for gallantry under Rule 3 (i) of the Rules governing the award of Fire Service Medal for Gallantry and consequently carries with it special allowance admissible under rule 5 (a) w.e.f. 09.06.2020.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

No. 142-Pre/2020—The President is pleased on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2020 to award the President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service to the under mentioned officers :—

1. SH. KARAMHOT JAYARAM NAIK
DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES
ANDHRA PRADESH
2. SH. BAJU PANICKER P.R.
ASST. STATION OFFICER
KERALA
3. SH. SIVAKUMAR V.
SR. FIRE & RESCUE OFFICER
KERALA
4. SH. LAIREMTLUANGA VARTE
STATION OFFICER
MIZORAM
5. SH. SURENDRANATH GADAPALA
STATION OFFICER
ODISHA
6. SH. MANOJ KUMAR SAHU
STATION OFFICER
ODISHA
7. SH. NITAI CHATTOPADHYAY
DIVISIONAL FIRE OFFICER
WEST BENGAL
8. SH. RAM NIWAS
ASST. SUB-INSPECTOR/FIRE
C.I.S.F., MHA
9. SH. UTTAR KANWAR SHARMA
ASST. SUB-INSPECTOR/FIRE
C.I.S.F., MHA

10. SH. SOUMITRA BHATTACHARYA
GENERAL MANAGER (FS)
ONGC, M/O PET. & NATURAL GAS
11. SH. SANJEEV KAPOOR
GENERAL MANAGER (FS)
ONGC, M/O PET. & NATURAL GAS

2. These awards are made under Rule 3 (ii) of the rules governing the award of President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

No.143-Pres/2020—The President is pleased on the occasion of the Independence Day, 2020 to award the Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service to the under mentioned officers :—

1. SH. MANCHALA BHUPAL REDDY
DISTRICT FIRE OFFICER
ANDHRA PRADESH
2. SH. VUTAKURISRINIVASA REDDY
DISTRICT FIRE OFFICER
ANDHRA PRADESH
3. SH. BODA SINGH GOLLADU
LEADING FIREMAN
ANDHRA PRADESH
4. SH. SUHASH CHAND
SUB FIRE OFFICER
HIMACHAL PRADESH
5. SH. RAJENDER SEN
SUB FIRE OFFICER
HIMACHAL PRADESH
6. SH. MADURE GOVINDA SUTTY VIJAYA KUMAR
REGIONAL FIRE OFFICER
KARNATAKA
7. SH. KASHI HEGADE DODDALAH
DISTRICT FIRE OFFICER
KARNATAKA
8. SH. NARASIMHAMURTHY
DISTRICT FIRE OFFICER
KARNATAKA
9. SH. K. M. RANGASWAMY
FIRE STATION OFFICER
KARNATAKA
10. SH. CHANDRAKANTH GANAPATI
ASST. FIRE STATION OFFICER
KARNATAKA
11. SH. KRISHNAPPA SINGARIKODE
FIREMAN
KARNATAKA
12. SH. PRADEEP KUMAR C.A.
ASST. STATION OFFICER
KERALA
13. SH. NIZAR A.R.
SR. FIRE & RESCUE OFFICER
KERALA

14. SH. MUHAMMED KUTTY K.
FIRE & RESCUE OFFICER
KERALA
15. SH. DEEPAK KHARSHING
LEADING FIREMAN
MEGHALAYA
16. SH. KYRSHANBORLANG LYNGDOH
FIREMAN
MEGHALAYA
17. SH. HMINGTIANZAMA KAWLNI
FIREMAN
MIZORAM
18. SH. RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI
DEPUTY FIRE OFFICER
ODISHA
19. SH. ASIOK KUMAR SATAPATHY
STATION OFFICER
ODISHA
20. SH. NIRANJAN PATTNAIK
STATION OFFICER
ODISHA
21. SH. BENUDHAR BEHERA
LEADING FIREMAN
ODISHA
22. SH. KAKARLA NARASINGHA RAO
LEADING FIREMAN
ODISHA
23. SH. DHIRENDRANATH JENA
DRIVER HAVILDAR
ODISHA
24. SH. MURUGAIYAN CHINNAIAH
STATION OFFICER
TAMIL NADU
25. SH. EDWARD CALWIN BARTHOLOAM
DRIVER MECHANIC
TAMIL NADU
26. SH. SUNDARRAJAN VEERAVASANTHALU
FIREMAN DRIVER
TAMIL NADU
27. SH. VENKANNA THAGARAM
DISTRICT FIRE OFFICER
TELANGANA
28. SH. UPPALATAH MANTRI
DRIVER OPERATOR
TELANGANA
29. SH. NAKUL DEBBARMA
LEADING FIREMAN
TRIPURA
30. SH. BHABESH CHAKRABORTY
FIREMAN
TRIPURA
31. SH. VANSH NARAYAN YADAV
FIRE STATION SECOND OFFICER
UTTARAKHAND

32. SH. KHAJAN SINGH TOMAR
LEADING FIREMAN
UTTARAKHAND
33. SH. DEBTANU BASU
DIVISIONAL FIRE OFFICER
WEST BENGAL
34. SH. RANJAN KUMAR GHOSH
STATION OFFICER
WEST BENGAL
35. SH. RAJIB CHANDRA PAUL
LEADER
WEST BENGAL
36. SH. GOPAL GHOSH
FIRE ENGINE OPERATOR CUM DRIVER
WEST BENGAL
37. SH. UJJAL KUMAR CHAKRABORTY
FIRE OPERATOR
WEST BENGAL
38. SH. PANCHAM SINGH PAYAL
ASST. COMNDT/FIRE
C.I.S.F., MHA
39. SH. MAHENDRA SINGH KANDARI
INSPECTOR/FIRE
C.I.S.F., MHA
40. SH. BHURI SINGH
ASST. SUB-INSPECTOR/FIRE
C.I.S.F., MHA
41. SH. HARA KANTA NATH
HEAD CONSTABLE/FIRE
C.I.S.F., MHA
42. SH. PAWAN KUMAR
DY. GENERAL MANAGER (F5)
ONGC, M/O PET. & NATURAL GAS
43. SH. YUSUF KASAM MUSA UNIA
CHIEF FIREMAN
ONGC, M/O PET. & NATURAL GAS
44. SH. NITIN GANPAT GANDHI
CHIEF FIREMAN
ONGC, M/O PET. & NATURAL GAS
45. SH. RAMDAS MARUTI GAWALI
ASST. DIVISIONAL FIRE OFFICER
INS SHIVAJI, M/O DEFENCE
46. SH. PREM BALLABH BHATT
LEADING FIREMAN
INS SHIVAJI, M/O DEFENCE

2. These awards are made under Rule 3 (ii) of the rules governing the award of Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

No. 144-Pre/2020—The President is pleased to award the Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Gallantry to the under mentioned officers of Karnataka Civil Defence & Home Guards Department:—

Sh. P. R. S. Chetan
Addl. Chief Officer Commanding

Sh. Gowtham Hebbur Gurumurthy
Deputy Divisional Warden

Sh. Nagaraju P
Home Guard

2. Sh. P. R. S. Chetan, Addl Chief Officer Commanding, Sh Gowtham Hebbur Gurumurthy, Deputy Divisional Warden and Sh Nagaraju P Home Guards were working in Karnataka Civil Defence & Home Guards Department during the year 2019.

3. On August 12th 2019 morning, 2.70 lakh cusec water was released from a TB reservoir by which the Tungabhadra River was inundated. Over 360 tourists including foreign nationals were stranded across the overflowing river at Virupapura Gadde in Gangavathi Taluk of Koppal District. After receiving the information Shri Chetan along with Sh. Gowtham & Sh. Nagaraju with crew members rushed to Koppal district and started rescue operations.

4. Sh. Chetan along with Sh. Gowtham and Sh. Nagaraju and without caring to safety to their life took up the challenge of rescuing people stranded across the overflowing river well known for turbulence, killer rocks, whirlpools & crocodiles. The rescue team took multiple sorties using Rubber Boat with OBM, which was one of the most risky operations, but was inevitable to save lives. Under tough and challenging condition the rescue team took the lead by crossing the river across overflowing Tungabhadra and saved several precious lives. The crew under the command of Sh Chetan continued rescue operation in the most difficult terrains for over one week, each lasted beyond 15-18 hours. At the end of the one week long grueling rescue operations, the team achieved great results by saving 286 precious lives and innumerable cattle's successfully.

5. The crew once again started rescue operation but their boat capsized in the middle of the Tungabhadra river due to high under current and all rescuers were washed away in overflowing river. Ultimately after four hours of battle for life, Sh Chetan swam a record 13 Kms to safety, Shri Gowtham washed away nearly 3-4 Kms and was holding the branch for nearly 3 Hrs airlifted by IAF Chopper. Shri Nagaraju washed away nearly 5 Kms and was moved to the shore holding the tree and rescued by the villagers. Their presence of mind, personal motivation and physical fitness had driven them to overcome the risk of life.

6. Sh P.R.S Chetan, Addl Chief Officer Commanding, Sh Gowtham Hebbur Gurumurthy, Deputy Divisional Warden and Sh Nagaraju P Home Guards thus displayed conspicuous gallantry, exemplary courage, professional expertise and devotion to duty of a very high order.

7. These awards are made for gallantry under Rule 3(i) of the Rules governing the award of Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Gallantry and consequently carries with it special allowance admissible under Rule 5 w.e.f. 12/08/2019.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

No. 105-Proc/2020—The President is pleased to award the Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Gallantry to the under mentioned official of Rajasthan Civil Defence:—

1. Sh. Mahendra Kumar Sevada,
CD Volunteer

2. Sh. Mahendra Kumar Sevada, CD Volunteer was working in Rajasthan Civil Defence during the year 2020.

3. On 12/04/2020 at about 06.00 am a message received from Police Control Room that one person fell into 125 feet deep old damaged well in Kerla ki Dhant, Village & Post—Tan Nimdiya, Tahsil—Janiwarangarh, District-Jaipur. Shri Mahendra Kumar Sevada, immediately rushed with quick response team and found that one person is trapped in the well. Sh Sevada, without caring his own life, immediately put on the full body harness and started entering down in the well with the help of rescue rope without caring to risk of life due to the presence of Poisonous Gases. On reaching the bottom of the well, he observed that the casualty was severely injured but conscious. Shri Sevada immediately gave him the first aid and rescued him safely. During the operation, he continued talking to the casualty to maintain his hope and morale.

4. Sh. Mahendra Kumar Sevada, CD Volunteer thus displayed conspicuous gallantry, exemplary courage, professional expertise and devotion to duty of a very high order.

5. These awards are made for gallantry under Rule 3(i) of the Rules governing the award of Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Gallantry and consequently carries with it special allowance admissible under Rule 5 w.e.f. 12/04/2020.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

No. 146-Pres/2020—The President is pleased to award the President's Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Distinguished Service to the under mentioned officials of Home Guards & Civil Defence:—

1. Sh. Bhoj Pal Verma
Senior Staff Officer
Madhya Pradesh
2. Sh. Karan Singh Thakur
District Commandant
Madhya Pradesh
3. Sh. Ganesh Barik
CD Volunteer
Odisha
4. Sh. Harmanjeet Singh
Deputy Commandant General
Punjab
5. Sh. Indra Mal Bunker
Deputy Controller
Rajasthan
6. Sh. Sandeep Satya Prakash Sharma
Deputy Commandant General
Rajasthan
7. Sh. Ram Singh Harsana
Deputy Commandant
Rajasthan

2. These awards are made under Rule 3 (ii) of the rules governing the award of President's Home Guards & Civil Defence Medal for Distinguished Service.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

No. 147-Pres/2020—The President is pleased to award the Home Guards and Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious to the under mentioned officials of Home Guards & Civil Defence:—

1. Sh. Arun Kumar Borah
Subedar
Assam
2. Sh. Kamalakar Sarmah
Store Supdt.
Assam
3. Sh. Prafulla Chandra Deka
Platoon Commander
Assam
4. Sh. Rajji Mazumder
Naik
Assam
5. Sh. Jagdish Chand
Company Commander
Himachal Pradesh
6. Sh. Rajeev Katoch
Section Leader
Himachal Pradesh
7. Sh. Imamoli Bhasab Hingund
Platoon Commander & Unit Officer
Karnataka

8. Sh. Venadraj Kulkarni
Platoon Commander/Unit Officer
Karnataka
9. Sh. Anthony Simon Lucas
Divisional Warden
Karnataka
10. Ms. Usha Dimsat
Divisional Commandant
Madhya Pradesh
11. Sh. Bharat Singh Hari
Sub-Inspector (M)
Madhya Pradesh
12. Sh. Showell Marikhaty
Sub-Inspector
Meghalaya
13. Sh. Rajesh G. Momin
Havildar Instructor
Meghalaya
14. Smt. Gita Rani Behera
Home Guard
Odisha
15. Sh. Anas Kumar Sahu
Home Guard
Odisha
16. Sh. Pradeep Kumar Dash
Home Guard
Odisha
17. Sh. Bishnu Charan Bhujabala
Platoon Commander
Odisha
18. Sh. Gurindor Pal Singh
JCO
Panjab
19. Sh. Asif Kumar
District Commander
Panjab
20. Sh. Rajinder Krishan
District Commander
Panjab
21. Smt. Sukhmandan Kaur
Senior Assistant
Panjab
22. Sh. Nirmal Singh
Platoon Commander
Panjab
23. Sh. Gurchuran Singh
Chief Warden
Panjab
24. Sh. Raghopal Singh
Platoon Commander
Panjab
25. Sh. Bhawani Shanker Sharma
Divisional Warden
Rajasthan

26. Sh. Virendra Singh Rathore
Company Commander
Rajasthan
27. Sh. Shiv Dayal
Company Commander
Rajasthan
28. Sh. Brijesh Kumar
IPC
Rajasthan
29. Sh. Palani Manickavelu
Assistant Commandant General
Tamil Nadu
30. Sh. Senniappan Murugesan
Company Commander
Tamil Nadu
31. Sh. Sridam Mahajan
Home Guard Volunteer
Tripura
32. Sh. Jakir Hossien
Home Guard Volunteer
Tripura

2. These awards are made under Rule 3 (ii) of the rules governing the award of President's Home Guards & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service.

JAGANNATH SRINIVASAN
Officer on Special Duty

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION)

New Delhi-01, the 14th October 2020

No. 11-92019-U.3(A)P.—Whereas, the University Grants Commission (UGC) had issued the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 for every existing or proposed institution, not owned or controlled by Government, seeking for the status of 'Institutions of Eminence'.

2. And whereas, Birla Institute of Technology and Science (hereinafter referred as "BITS", Pilani, Rajasthan submitted its application on 09.12.2017 for conferment of 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University' status.

3. And further whereas, the application was forwarded to UGC for entrusting it to Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) constituted for the purpose. The EEC conducted its appraisal based on the documents submitted by the Institution as well as the presentations made by it; on 05.04.2018 before EEC.

4. And whereas, the EEC, and, after overall assessment, recommended the name of BITS to be conferred with the name of Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University as per UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017. The report of Empowered Expert Committee was considered and approved by the UGC in its 533rd meeting held on 09.07.2018.

5. And further whereas, the Ministry of Education, on the recommendation of UGC and EEC, issued Letter of Intent on 20.09.2018 identifying the name of BITS under the scheme of Institutions of Eminence.

6. Whereas, as per clause 6.4 (e) of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017, BITS indicated its' readiness for commencing academic operations vide its letter No BITS/MHRD/foi/Dec dated 22.12.2018 as per the plans.

7. Whereas, as per clause 6.4 (h) of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017, the EEC conducted the assessment of readiness of BITS through an Expert Committee appointed by EEC on 27-28th January, 2020 to ascertain whether the progress made by BITS is commensurate with the time stipulated in the letter of intent for commencing academic operations. Whereas, the Spot Visit Report of the Expert Committee was approved by the Chairman, EEC on 20.03.2020 and subsequently considered and approved by the Commission in its' meeting on 14.05.2020.

8. And whereas, the Ministry signed the MoU with the institution on 01.10.2020 pursuant to regulation 8.6 of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017.

9. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the recommendations of EEC & UGC, hereby declare BITS as an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University with effect from the issuance of this Notification. This declaration is subject to the following conditions:

- i. The Institution will be, on declaration of being an 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University', governed by the provisions of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 and shall be exempt from all UGC Regulations and other guidelines, notifications and orders of the Commission on matters pertaining to the subject area laid down in Regulation 11.1 to 11.8 of these Regulations, 2017. The Institution will get the additional incentives given in UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017.
- ii. No financial assistance by the Central Government will be provided to the institution as per UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017. However, this would not exclude the institution for accessing Government funds allocated for specific studies/projects which it may execute.
- iii. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University would have the full freedom to mobilize resources from the industry or alumni or other donors and utilize it in accordance with its implementation plan without having to seek any permission from any authority.
- iv. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be reviewed by the EEC regularly after issuance of this Notification for adherence to its implementation plans, keeping in view their fifteen year strategic plans.
- v. The monitoring and review shall continue till the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University gets into top hundred in a world ranking of repute for two consecutive years or till fifteen years, whichever is earlier. The annual review exercise shall be completed by June each year.
- vi. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall inform the EEC every year on the progress made in realizing the goals laid out in the implementation and strategic plans in a manner so prescribed by the Committee.
- vii. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall annually self-report and publicly display the information relating to compliance with their implementation and strategic plans.
- viii. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall get accreditation within five years of the Notification in terms of Regulation 4.2.15.
- ix. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall continue to be ranked in the National Institutional Ranking Framework and within five years of Notification, shall get itself ranked in an International Ranking index of repute. The Institution shall continue to be ranked in the National and International ranking frameworks.
- x. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall appoint an ombudsman to deal with grievances of students and faculty and allegations of unfair practice. The ombudsman selected should be independent of the institution or the management now or in the recent past and concurrence of the EEC shall be taken before appointment of the ombudsman. The contact details of the ombudsman shall be displayed prominently in the campus, on the homepage of the Institutions' website and in the prospectus.
- xi. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be audited every year by a chartered accountant and the audit report shall be sent to the University Grants Commission within nine months of the completion of the financial year.
- xii. If the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University is unable to meet the goals at the end of the fifth and subsequent years, and there are grave deviations, as determined by the EEC, from the implementation plan, the EEC will recommend to the Ministry of Education for taking appropriate actions as per these Regulations.

CHANDRA SHEKHAR KUMAR
Joint Secretary

No.11-9/2019-U.3(A)P.—Whereas, the University Grants Commission (UGC) had issued the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 for every existing or proposed institution, not owned or controlled by Government, seeking for the status of 'Institutions of Eminence';

2. And whereas, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (hereinafter referred as "MAHE") Manipal Karnataka submitted its application on 08.12.2017 for conferment of 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University' status;

3. And further whereas, the application was forwarded to UGC for entrusting it to Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) constituted for the purpose. The EEC conducted its appraisal based on the documents submitted by the Institution as well as the presentations made by it on 05.04.2018 before EEC.

4. And whereas, the EEC, and, after overall assessment, recommended the name of MAHE to be conferred with the status of Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University as per UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017. The report of Empowered Expert Committee was considered and approved by the UGC in its 533rd meeting held on 09.07.2018.

5. And further whereas, the Ministry of Education, on the recommendation of UGC and EEC, issued Letter of Intent on 23.07.2018 identifying the name of MAHE under the scheme of Institutions of Eminence.

6. Whereas, as per clause 6.4 (g) of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017, MAHE indicated its readiness for commencing academic operations vide its letter No. MAHE/DU/IOH/2018 dated 28.08.2018 as per the plans.

7. Whereas, as per clause 5.4 (h) of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017, the EEC conducted the assessment of readiness of BITS through an Expert Committee appointed by EEC on 16-17th December 2019, to ascertain whether the progress made by MAHE is commensurate with the time stipulated in the letter of intent for commencing academic operations. Whereas, the Spot Visit Report of the Expert Committee was approved by the Chairman, EEC on 20.03.2020 and subsequently considered and approved by the Commission in its meeting on 14.05.2020.

8. And whereas, the Ministry signed the MoU with the institution on 09.10.2020 pursuant to regulation 8.6 of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017.

9. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the recommendations of EEC & UGC, hereby declare MAHE as an 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University' with effect from the issuance of this Notification. This declaration is subject to the following conditions:

- i. The Institution will be, on declaration of being an 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University', governed by the provisions of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 and shall be exempt from all UGC Regulations and other guidelines, notifications and orders of the Commission on matters pertaining to the subject area laid down in Regulation 11.1 to 11.6 of these Regulations, 2017. The Institution will get the additional incentives given in UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017.
- ii. No financial assistance by the Central Government will be provided to the institution as per UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017. However, this would not exclude the institution for accessing Government funds allocated for specific studies/ projects which it may execute.
- iii. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University would have the full freedom to mobilize resources from the industry or alumni or other donors and utilize it in accordance with its implementation plan without having to seek any permission from any authority.
- iv. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be reviewed by the EEC regularly after issuance of this Notification for adherence to its implementation plans, keeping in view their fifteen year strategic plans.
- v. The monitoring and review shall continue till the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University gets into top hundred in a world ranking of repute for two consecutive years or till fifteen years, whichever is earlier. The annual review exercise shall be completed by June each year.
- vi. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall inform the EEC every year on the progress made in realizing the goals laid out in the implementation and strategic plans in a manner as prescribed by the Committee.
- vii. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall annually self-report and publicly display the information relating to compliance with their implementation and strategic plans.
- viii. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall get accreditation within five years of the Notification in terms of Regulation 4.2.15.
- ix. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall continue to be ranked in the National Institutional Ranking Framework and within five years of Notification, shall get itself ranked in an International Ranking Index of repute. The Institution shall continue to be ranked in the National and International ranking frameworks.
- x. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall appoint an ombudsman to deal with grievances of students and faculty and allegations of unfair practice. The ombudsman selected should be independent of the institution or the management now or in the recent past and concurrence of the EEC shall be taken before appointment of the ombudsman. The contact details of the ombudsman shall be displayed prominently in the campus, on the homepage of the Institutions' website and in the prospectus.

- xi. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be audited every year by a chartered accountant, and the audit report shall be sent to the University Grants Commission within nine months of the completion of the financial year.
- xii. If the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University is unable to meet the goals at the end of the fifth and subsequent years, and there are grave deviations, as determined by the BEC, from the implementation plan, the BEC will recommend to the Ministry of Education for taking appropriate actions as per these Regulations.

CHANDRA SHEKHAR KUMAR
Joint Secretary

The 4th November 2020

No. 11-9/2019-U.3(A)P.—Whereas, the University Grants Commission (UGC) had issued the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 for every existing or proposed institution, not owned or controlled by Government, seeking for the status of 'Institutions of Eminence'.

2. And whereas, O.P. Jindal Global University (hereinafter referred as "OPJGU"), Sonapat, Haryana submitted its application on 08.12.2017 for conferment of 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University' status.

3. And further whereas, the application was forwarded to UGC for entrusting it to Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) constituted for the purpose. The EEC conducted its appraisal on based on the documents submitted by the Institution as well as the presentations made by it on 05.04.2018 before EEC.

4. And whereas, the EEC, and, after overall assessment, recommended the name of OPJGU to be conferred with the status of Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University as per UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017. The report of Empowered Expert Committee was considered and approved by the UGC in its 542th meeting held on 02.08.2019.

5. And further whereas, the Ministry of Education, on the recommendation of UGC and EEC, issued Letter of Intent on 16.09.2019 identifying the name of OPJGU under the scheme of Institutions of Eminence.

6. Whereas, as per clause 6.4 (g) of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017, OPJGU indicated its readiness for commencing academic operations vide its letter dated 20.12.2019 as per the plans.

7. Whereas, as per clause 6.4 (h) of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017, the EEC conducted the assessment of readiness of OPJGU through an Expert Committee appointed by EEC on 25-26th June, 2020 to ascertain whether the progress made by OPJGU is commensurate with the time stipulated in the letter of intent for commencing academic operations. Whereas, the Spot Visit Report of the Expert Committee was approved by the Chairman, ERC on 24.07.2020 and subsequently considered and approved by the Commission in its meeting on 09.09.2020.

8. And whereas, the Ministry signed the MoU with the institution on 29.10.2020 pursuant to regulation 8.6 of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017.

9. And whereas, pursuant to regulation 17.0 of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017, the Institution shall not use the word 'University' suffixed to its name but may mention the words 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University' within parenthesis suffixed thereto.

10. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the recommendations of EEC & UGC, hereby declare O.P. Jindal Global University as an 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University' which shall be known as O.P. Jindal Global (Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University) with effect from the date issuance of this Notification.

This declaration is subject to the following conditions:

- a. The Institution will be, on declaration of being an 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University', governed by the provisions of UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 and shall be exempt from all UGC Regulations and other guidelines, notifications and orders of the Commission on matters pertaining to the subject area laid down in Regulation 11.1 to 11.6 of these Regulations, 2017. The Institution will get the additional incentives given in UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017.
- b. No financial assistance by the Central Government will be provided to the institution as per UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017. However, this would not exclude the institution for accessing Government funds allocated for specific studies/projects which it may execute.

- iii. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University would have the full freedom to mobilize resources from the industry, or alumni or other donors and utilize it in accordance with its implementation plan without having to seek any permission from any authority.
- iv. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be reviewed by the EEC regularly after issuance of this Notification for adherence to its implementation plans, keeping in view their fifteen year strategic plans.
- v. The monitoring and review shall continue till the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University gets into top hundred in a world ranking of repute for two consecutive years or till fifteen years, whichever is earlier. The annual review exercise shall be completed by June each year.
- vi. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall inform the EEC every year on the progress made in realizing the goals laid out in the implementation and strategic plans in a manner as prescribed by the Committee.
- vii. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall annually self-report and publicly display the information relating to compliance with their implementation and strategic plans.
- viii. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall get accreditation within five years of the Notification in terms of Regulation 4.2.15.
- ix. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall continue to be ranked in the National Institutional Ranking Framework and within five years of Notification, shall get itself ranked in an International Ranking Index of repute. The Institution shall continue to be ranked in the National and International ranking frameworks.
- x. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall appoint an ombudsman to deal with grievances of students and faculty and allegations of unfair practice. The ombudsman selected should be independent of the institution or the management now or in the recent past and concurrence of the EEC shall be taken before appointment of the ombudsman. The contact details of the ombudsman shall be displayed prominently in the campus, on the homepage of the Institutions' website and in the prospectus.
- xi. Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be audited every year by a chartered accountant and the audit report shall be sent to the University Grants Commission within nine months of the completion of the financial year.
- xii. If the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University is unable to meet the goals at the end of the fifth and subsequent years, and there are grave deviations, as determined by the EEC, from the implementation plan, the EEC will recommend to the Ministry of Education for taking appropriate actions as per these Regulations.

CHANDRA SHEKHAR KUMAR
Joint Secretary

MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

New Delhi, the 16th November 2020

RESOLUTION

No. IL11012/1/2019-OL.—In compliance with the relevant guidelines issued by the Department of Official Language, The Government of India has decided to reconstitute the Hindi Sahibakar Samiti for the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The composition of the Samiti and its functions etc. will be as under:—

(A)	Composition	
	Minister of State for Civil Aviation (Independent Charge)	Chairman
(B)	OFFICIAL MEMBERS (Ex-officio)	
1	Secretary, Civil Aviation	Member
2	Secretary, Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
3	Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation	Member
4	Senior Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation	Member
5	Joint Secretary (SKM), Ministry of Civil Aviation	Member
6	Joint Secretary (U), Ministry of Civil Aviation	Member

7	Joint Secretary (RA), Ministry of Civil Aviation	Member
8	Joint Secretary (AD), Ministry of Civil Aviation	Member
9	Chief Controller of Finance, Ministry of Civil Aviation	Member
10	Deputy Director General, Ministry of Civil Aviation	Member
11	Joint Secretary, Department of Official Language, MHA	
12	Director General, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, New Delhi	Member
13	Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, New Delhi	Member
14	Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, CRS, Lucknow	Member
15	Director General, Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, New Delhi	
16	Chairman and Managing Director, Air India Ltd, New Delhi	Member
17	Chairman, Airports Authority of India, New Delhi	Member
18	Chairman and Managing Director, Pawan Hans Ltd., Noida	Member
19	Director, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi, Purnagarj Airfield, Amethi	Member
20	Chairman, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India, New Delhi	Member
21	Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University, Purnagarj Airfield, Amethi	Member

(C) NON OFFICIAL MEMBERS**Members of Parliament nominated by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs**

22	Sh Raja Bis, MP (Lok Sabha), H.No.- 18, Road No.- 75, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 Email Id : raju_bis@yahoo.co.uk	Member
23	Sh Ravindra Shyamnarayan Shukla, MP (Lok Sabha), 28, Duplex North Avenue, New Delhi-110001 Email Id : ravikishanishukla@gmail.com	Member
24	Shri Bhupendra Yadav, MP (Rajya Sabha), C-1/12-A, Pandara Park, Pandara Road, New Delhi-110 003 Email Id : bhupenderyadav69@gmail.com	Member
25	Nomination of one more Hon'ble Rajya Sabha Member is awaited from Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (The earlier nominated Hon'ble member has since retired)	

Members of Parliament nominated by Committee of Parliament on Official Language

26	Sh Sushil Kumar Gupta, MP (Rajya Sabha) 18, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi-110001 Email Id: Sushilgupta.gupta@gmail.com	Member
27	Smt. Kanta Kardam, MP (Rajya Sabha), Flat No 5, Meera bagh, Maulana Azad Road, Opposite Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 Email Id: Kantakardam27july@gmail.com	Member

Member nominated by Kendriya Sachivalaya Hindi Parishad

28	Shri Pankaj Diwan, Maha Mantri, Kendriya Sachivalaya Hindi Parishad, Type-IV, 115, Laxmibai Nagar, New Delhi-110023	Member
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Member nominated by Akhil Bhartiya Voluntary Organisations

29	Sri Vibhuti Mishra, Prime Minister, Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayag	Member
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Members nominated by Ministry of Civil Aviation

30	Sh Sandeep Bhutoria, Writer, 1A, Carnac Court, 25 B, Carnac Street, Kolkata-700016	Member
31	Smt Mekhla Datta, Ex General Manager, Air India Ltd., Baryan-2, Chhattoogah Housing Board Colony, Boriakalan, Rajpur-492015	Member
32	Sh Prem Singh, Retired Joint Director (OI), 1585 A, Sector-B, Pocket-I, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070	Member
33	Sh Ramesh Chander, Chairman, Haryana Hindi Samaha, 46/22, Gandhi Nagar, Patady Road, Gurugram, Haryana-122001	Member

Members Nominated by Department of Official Language

34	Dr. Yogendra Mishra, Lohia Chowk, Mumukshu Bhawan, Aasi, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh-221005.	Member
35	Pro. R. S. Sarja, Professor Hindi, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh - 500046	Member
36	Dr. Gyanendra Kumar Santosh, Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Member
(D) Member Secretary (Ex-officio)		
37	Joint Secretary (AR), Ministry of Civil Aviation	Member Secretary

FUNCTIONS OF THE SAMITI

The functions of the Samiti will be to render advice with regard to the implementation of the provisions relating to Official Language Hindi contained in the Constitution, Official Language Act and Rules, and Policy decisions of the Kendriya Hindi Samiti and instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Department of Official Language relating to Official Language Hindi and also in regard to the Progressive use of Hindi in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

TENURE

The tenure of the members of the Samiti shall ordinarily be three years from the date of its reconstitution provided that:

1. A member, who is a Member of Parliament, ceases to be a member of the Samiti as soon as he/she ceases to be a Member of Parliament.
2. Ex-officio Members of the Samiti shall continue as members as long as they hold the office by virtue of which they are members of the Samiti.
3. If a vacancy arises in the Samiti due to resignation, death etc. of the member, the new member appointed on the vacancy, shall hold office for the residual term of three years.

Travel allowance and other allowances

The non-official members will be paid travelling and daily allowance for attending the meeting of the Samiti at the rates fixed by the Government of India from time to time.

HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Samiti shall be at New Delhi.

ORDER

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

Ordered also that a copy of this resolution be communicated to all Members of the Samiti, all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, President's Secretariat, Committee of Parliament on Official Language, Comptroller and Auditor General, Accountant General, Central Revenue, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Rajya Sabha Secretariat and all the Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.

ANGSHUMALI RASTOGI
Joint Secretary



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नई दिल्ली, 29 अगस्त, 2017

यू.जी.सी. (समवत विश्वविद्यालय श्रेष्ठ संस्थान) विनियम, 2017

सं. एफ. 1-4/2016(सीपीपी-1/डीयू).—प्रस्तावना :

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 26 की उपधारा (1) के खंड (एफ) और (जी) के अंतर्गत प्रदान की गई शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए सम-विश्वविद्यालय की एक विशिष्ट श्रेणी बनाने के लिए जिन्हें उत्कृष्ट सम-विश्वविद्यालय संस्थान कहा गया है, समवत विश्वविद्यालय से भिन्न तरीके से विनियमित किया जाएगा ताकि उचित समयावधि में विश्वस्तरीय सम्मान विकसित हो सके। निम्नलिखित विनियम बनाता है अर्थात:-

1. संक्षिप्त नाम, आवेदन और आरंभ

1.1 इन विनियमों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (समवत विश्वविद्यालय श्रेष्ठ संस्थान) विनियम 2017 कहा जाएगा।

1.2 ये विनियम सरकार के स्वामित्व और नियंत्रण के अंतर्गत न जाने वाले प्रत्येक मौजूदा अथवा प्रस्तावित संस्थान पर लागू होंगे जो इन विनियमों के अंतर्गत उत्कृष्ट सम-विश्वविद्यालय संस्थान के रूप में घोषित किया जाना चाहते हैं अथवा घोषणा की मांग करने वाले हैं।

1.3 ये विनियम, यथा उल्लिखित सीमा तक सरकार के स्वामित्व और नियंत्रणाधीन समवत विश्वविद्यालयों पर लागू होंगे जिन्हें यू.जी.सी. (प्रतिष्ठित संस्थान के रूप में सरकारी शैक्षिक संस्थाओं की घोषणा) दिशा-निर्देशों, 2017 के अंतर्गत प्रतिष्ठित संस्थान घोषित किया गया है।

1.4 ये विनियम अथवा यू.जी.सी. (प्रतिष्ठित संस्थान के रूप में सरकारी शैक्षिक संस्थाओं की घोषणा) के अंतर्गत निर्धारित दिशा-निर्देश, 2017 के तहत "समवत विश्वविद्यालय श्रेष्ठ संस्थान" के रूप में घोषित किये गये सम-विश्वविद्यालय इन विनियमों के अंतर्गत अधिनियमित किये जायेंगे और केवल दिशा-निर्देश एवं यू.जी.सी. विनियम, समवत विश्वविद्यालय श्रेष्ठ संस्थान जैसे संस्थानों पर लागू नहीं होंगे।

1.5 ये विनियम आसकीय गजट में इस अधिसूचना के प्रकाशित होने की तिथि से प्रभाव में लागू होंगे।

23.3 यूजीसी सदस्यों को भुगतान किए जाने वाले मानदेय सहित अधिकार प्राप्त विशेषज्ञ समिति को शामिल करके कार्यक्रम को सभी सचिवालयों में सहायता प्रदान करेगा। अधिकार प्राप्त विशेषज्ञ समिति द्वारा घरेलू या अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विशेषज्ञ की वृद्धि के कारण हुए व्यय को भी यूजीसी वहन करेगा। पदों के सर्जन के लिए कोई उपबंध नहीं होगा।

पी. के. ठाकुर, सचिव

[विज्ञापन-III/4/असा./205/17]

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 29th August, 2017

UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017

No. F. 1-4/2016(CPP-I)/DU.—PREAMBLE :

To create a distinct category of Deemed to be Universities, called Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities, which would be regulated differently from other Deemed to be Universities so as to evolve into Institutions of world class in a reasonable time period, the University Grants Commission, in exercise of powers conferred under Clauses [f] & [g] of Sub-Section [1] of Section 25 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, hereby, makes the following Regulations, namely:-

1.0 SHORT TITLE, APPLICATION AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 These Regulations may be called the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017.
- 1.2 These Regulations shall apply to every existing or proposed Institution, not owned or controlled by Government, seeking declaration or having been declared as an Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University under these Regulations.
- 1.3 These Regulations shall also apply to Government owned and controlled Deemed to be Universities which have been declared Institutions of Eminence under UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017, to the extent mentioned in these Regulations.
- 1.4 The Deemed to be Universities declared as "Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities" under these Regulations or under UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017 shall be regulated under these Regulations and Guidelines only and the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 shall not apply to such Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities.
- 1.5 These Regulations shall come into force with effect from the date of their notification in the Official Gazette.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 2.01 "Act" means the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 [Act 3 of 1956].
- 2.02 "Campus" means Campus of the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University, wherein its major facilities including academic facilities, faculty, staff, and students are located in India.
- 2.03 "Commission" means the University Grants Commission (UGC) constituted under the Act or any other body empowered to regulate an institution deemed to be university under any law for the time being in force.
- 2.04 "Constituent Institution" means an Institution operating under the administrative, academic and financial control of the Sponsoring Organization.
- 2.05 "Empowered Experts Committee" means a Committee constituted by the Commission to exercise the powers conferred by Regulations 7 of these Regulations.

- 2.06 "Government" means the Central Government, unless the context so specifies.
- 2.07 "Guidelines" means UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017.
- 2.08 "Institution" means an Institution for higher education engaged in teaching and research of high academic standards at the undergraduate, post-graduate or higher levels.
- 2.09 "Institution Deemed to be University" means an Institution for higher education so declared, on the recommendation of the Commission, by the Central Government under Section 3 of the Act.
- 2.10 "Ministry" means Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- 2.11 "Notification" means a notification issued by the Central Government in the Official Gazette declaring an Institution for higher education, as an Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- 2.12 "Off-Campus Centre" means a centre of the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University beyond its Campus and located elsewhere in the country.
- 2.13 "Off-Shore Campus" means a campus of the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University beyond its Campus and located outside India.
- 2.14 "Processing Fee" means the charges that have to be paid by the applicant Institution to the Commission along with the application for processing such application. The Processing Fee shall be Rupees one crore for Institutions which apply for the status of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University. The Commission may revise it from time to time.
- 2.15 "Professional Regulatory Council" means a body constituted under any law for the time being in force for determining or maintaining standards of quality in the relevant areas of higher education pertaining to professional education and bodies such as Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India (DCI), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and Bar Council of India (BCI), etc.
- 2.16 "Sponsoring Organization" means a body being a charitable or a not-for-profit Society or a public Trust or a Company incorporated under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 making an application to upgrade its existing Institution Deemed to be University into an Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University or to establish a new Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University.
- 2.17 "Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University" means an Institution declared as such under these Regulations and which shall be distinct from "Deemed to be Universities" declared under UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

3.0 OBJECTIVES OF INSTITUTIONS OF EMINENCE DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITIES

The objectives of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall be:

- 3.1 to provide for higher education leading to excellence and innovations in such branches of knowledge as may be deemed fit at post-graduate, graduate and research degree levels and award degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions;
- 3.2 to engage in areas of specialization to make distinctive contributions to the objectives of the university education system wherein the academic engagement is clearly distinguishable from programmes of an ordinary nature and is tuned to developing the capacity of the students and the researchers to compete in the global tertiary education marketplace through the acquisition and creation of advanced knowledge in those areas;
- 3.3 to provide for high quality teaching and research and for the advancement of knowledge and its dissemination through various research programmes undertaken in- house by substantial number of full time faculty and research scholars in diverse disciplines;
- 3.4 to pay special attention to teaching and research in unique and emerging areas of knowledge, including interdisciplinary areas, which are regarded as important for strategic needs of the country but are not being pursued by conventional or existing institutions so far, and award degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions.

3.5 to aim to be rated internationally for its teaching and research as a top hundred Institution in the world over time.

4.0 CHARACTERISTICS OF INSTITUTIONS OF EMINENCE DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITIES

4.1 Notable features present in existing international institutions of global repute, which figure at the top in all reputed ranking frameworks, include the following:

- i. Highly qualified faculty, with freedom to hire from across the world;
- ii. Existence of academic, administrative and financial autonomy;
- iii. Excellence in research;
- iv. High Quality of teaching;
- v. High levels of funding;
- vi. Adequate financial assistance to meritorious students to support a need-blind admissions process;
- vii. Selection of students through a transparent system so as to ensure intake of meritorious students;
- viii. A significant proportion of international students;
- ix. Autonomous governance structures;
- x. Well-equipped facilities for teaching, research, administration, and student life;
- xi. Tangible and intangible contribution to the society; and
- xii. Ability to leverage alumni and alternative funding sources, and the autonomy to utilize these resources

4.2 While an Institution declared as an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University is free to choose its path to become an institution of global repute, an indicative list of parameters, the institute should satisfy within a reasonable time from the date of notification declaring it as an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University are as follows:

- 4.2.1 It should preferably be multi-disciplinary or inter-disciplinary and have both teaching and research focus of an exceptionally high quality.
- 4.2.2 It should offer inter-disciplinary courses, including in areas of emerging technology and interest as well as those of relevance to the development concerns of countries like India and also award degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions in such interdisciplinary areas.
- 4.2.3 It should have a good proportion of foreign or foreign qualified faculty. Foreign / foreign qualified faculty means:
 - a. Any faculty of non Indian citizenship. Or
 - b. Any Indian citizen who has spent considerable time in academics in a foreign country, with his academic qualification /experience from top 500 Institutions figuring in a reputed world ranking
- 4.2.4 There should be a reasonably good mix of Indian and foreign students.
- 4.2.5 There should be a transparent merit based selection in admissions, so that the focus remains on getting meritorious students.
- 4.2.6 The admission process should be need-blind – so that once a student gets admission purely on merit, such a meritorious student should not be turned away for lack of financial ability.
- 4.2.7 The faculty student ratio should be not be less than 1:20 at the time of notification issued declaring an Institution as an Institution of Eminence and should increase over time so as not to be less than 1:10 after five years of this date. The faculty for this purpose includes the regular

- faculty, adjunct faculty, and long term faculty (for at least three years). Part time faculty shall not be counted for the purpose.
- 4.2.8 There should be laboratory facilities to undertake cutting-edge scientific research for those Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities doing scientific research. In case of humanities, social science and other interdisciplinary areas, the faculty should be engaged in research and field work in frontier areas using the latest methodologies.
- 4.2.9 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should strive to achieve social impact by engaging in applied research and innovation in issues of concern to developing societies.
- 4.2.10 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should develop teaching and research collaborations with a reasonable number of global universities figuring in the most reputed global rankings.
- 4.2.11 (i) The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should have:
- For existing private Institution, an initial corpus fund of Rupees 60 crore which would be increased at an annual uniform rate to Rupees 150 crore in ten years time and guaranteed pipeline of Rupees 500 crore, along with a credible plan for additional Rupees 500 crore.
 - For yet to be established institutions, an initial corpus fund of Rs 60 crore which would be increased at an annual uniform annual rate to Rs 150 crore in ten years time and guaranteed pipeline of Rs 500 crore, along with a credible plan for additional Rs 1000 crore.
- (ii) The source of funds should be known and should be available for scrutiny by competent authorities.
- 4.2.12 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should be known for promoting a culture where faculty are encouraged to publish regularly in peer-reviewed journals and engage academically with the issues of concern to the society. It should have a record of research publications at the mean rate of at least one per faculty member each year in reputed peer-reviewed international journals based on publication made by top 100 global Universities in these journals. For this purpose:
- Any paper published in international publications which are included in SCOPUS, Web Science or similar international agencies can be counted.
 - Instead of every faculty required to be satisfying the publication criteria, it would be enough if the parameters is satisfied as an average across the institution.
- 4.2.13 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should have a world-class library with subscriptions to reputed journals in the areas of courses it is offering.
- 4.2.14 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should have student amenities comparable with that of globally reputed institutions.
- 4.2.15 The Institution should be accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) or an alternative version of NAAC which conforms to UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 or its amendments and also be assessed by atleast one reputed international accreditation agency, one whose ratings are a credible and widely accepted global benchmark. The Institution may however appeal on accreditation of NAAC or alternative version of NAAC to the Empowered Experts Committee, whose decision shall be final.
- 4.2.16 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should have reasonably large owned / long term leased (at least thirty years) campus with adequate space for expansion.
- 4.2.17 The governance structure of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should be distinct from the governance structure of the Sponsoring Organization.
- 4.2.18 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should achieve a student enrolment of at least ten thousand over a period of fifteen years. However, the institutions may project a lower

figure as its enrolment target with justification on how that enrolment figure would enable it to become a world class university.

- 4.2.19 It should come in top five hundred of any of the world renowned ranking frameworks (such as the Times Higher Education World University Rankings or QS or Shanghai's Jiao Tong University) in the first ten years of setting up on being declared as Institution of Eminence, and having achieved top five hundred rank, should consistently improve its ranking to come in the top one hundred eventually over time.

4.3 The Institution giving an application to be declared as an Institution of Eminence, should in its proposal mention the detailed and tangible action plan, milestones, and timelines by which it seeks to achieve each of the parameters laid down in Regulation 4.2, mentioning milestones to be achieved in first five years and over 15 years.

5.0 PROVISION REGARDING DECLARATION OF AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED DEEMED UNIVERSITY AS AN INSTITUTION OF EMINENCE DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

- 5.1 The UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines 2017 would apply to existing Government owned and controlled Deemed to be University which seeks to become Institution of Eminence.
- 5.2 Such an Institution will have to apply to MHRD as per the provisions given in the Guidelines and the selection procedure would be as per the provisions given in the Guidelines.
- 5.3 If such Deemed to be University is declared as an Institution of Eminence under the Guidelines, then it would be eligible to be called "Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University".
- 5.4 The funding, additional incentives, monitoring, accreditation ranking and penalty, of such Government owned and controlled Institutions shall be as provided for in the Guidelines.
- 5.5 Provisions in these Regulations regarding distance education, unitary status and Reservation would also apply to such Government owned and controlled Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.

6.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR DECLARATION OF A PRIVATELY OWNED AND CONTROLLED INSTITUTIONS TO BE CONFERRED THE STATUS OF INSTITUTION OF EMINENCE DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

6.1 The proposed Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should satisfy the following provisions:

- (i) It should be an Institution which has been established as a private Deemed to be University satisfying all the provisions of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 or established under a law made by a Legislative Assembly of any State satisfying all conditions laid down under UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 as amended; or it should make a completely new proposal to establish an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.
- (ii) The Sponsoring Organization shall be not-for-profit society or a public trust or a company constituted under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- (iii) The Sponsoring Organization for greenfield institutions should have members whose total net worth is at least Rupees five thousand crore collectively. For existing institutions, the total networth of all members of Sponsoring Organisation should be Rupees three thousand crore collectively.
- (iv) The Sponsoring Organization should have atleast some members whose credentials, as borne out by their record and to the satisfaction of the Empowered Experts Committee, indicate that they are committed to the objectives laid out in Regulation 4.
- (v) The Sponsoring Organisation should have identified the first Chancellor and first Vice-Chancellor and the core team who will implement the work of setting up the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University. All of them should have very high qualifications and wide experience.

- (vi) The institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities should have corpus fund and other financial resources as specified in Regulation 4.2.11.
- (vii) A detailed fifteen year strategic vision plan and a five year rolling implementation plan, with clear annual milestones and action plans on how the new Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University is to be set up, with identifiable outputs and outcomes and how it plans to meet the criteria for attaining the status of an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, as laid down in Regulation 4.
- (viii) The governance structure of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should be distinct from the governance structure of the Sponsoring Organization. The apex Governing Body of the University should consist of members whose credentials indicate that they can contribute to achievement of the objectives laid out in Regulation 4, and not be mere representatives of some section or entity. The Sponsoring Organisation and the apex Governing Body of the University should be separate body corporate, though there could be a few members from Sponsoring Organisation in the apex Governing Body to leverage the full commitment of sponsors to deliver the desired outcomes in a very short-time frame. The governance structure should demonstrate the sponsor's commitment to an arms-length relationship between the two entities.
- (ix) It should have sufficient evidence to show that it has experience in translating plans into real achievements in any field (not necessarily in the field of higher education, but preferably in it) as per its plans.
- (x) In case of institutions established under a law passed by a Legislative Assembly of a State, they should submit an undertaking from the respective State Government that, if the University is selected as an Institution of Eminence, then:
 - i) If there is an exit clause in the existing legislation governing the institution, then the State Government would withdraw its status as an institution under the said legislation and allow it to become an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University or
 - ii) If no such exit clause is there in the existing legislation governing the institution, then State Government would introduce an appropriate legislation in the State Legislature withdrawing its status as an institution under the said legislation.
- (xi) In case of existing institutions, appropriate consideration will be given at the time of selection to their record of adherence to the principles mentioned in Regulation 4.

7.0 EMPOWERED EXPERTS COMMITTEE

7.1 Appointment

There shall be an Empowered Experts Committee (EEC) consisting of three to five eminent persons appointed for a period of three years. The member/s shall be eligible to be reappointed for one or more terms of three years each. They will be reputed and credible individuals who have contributed to education, other public issues, economic growth and social development for a minimum period of ten years. They should have had an exceptional and unblemished record in their respective fields of excellence, and an incontrovertible and demonstrated commitment to public causes. The members of the Committee would be appointed by the Commission as advised by the Central Government, which would send the names to the Commission after taking the approval of the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC). A panel of names shall be sent to ACC on the recommendation of Search Committee consisting of Cabinet Secretary as Chairperson and Secretary (Higher Education) and Chairperson (UGC) as members. ACC may either approve the names recommended by the search committee or may substitute any or all the names recommended.

7.2. Powers and functions of the EEC

The power and functions of the EEC shall include:

- (i) Scrutinizing and appraising the proposals submitted by existing Private Institutions desirous of being declared as an Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University and from Sponsoring Organizations desirous of setting up new Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities.

- (ii) Making recommendations to the Commission for the purposes of selection of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities, in accordance with Regulation 8.4.
- (iii) Monitoring and reviewing of implementation plans of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities, in accordance with Regulation 13.
- (iv) Conducting review of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities in order to ensure quality, as provided for in Regulation 11.6.2
- (v) Evolving such other monitoring and review systems with the objective of guiding and supervising the growth of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities.
- (vi) Deciding on appeals against the decision of a domestic accreditation body on relevant accreditation of the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities.
- (vii) Deciding on changes in transfer of sponsorship from any or all of the original sponsors of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities.
- (viii) Making recommendations to the Commission with respect to the liquidation of the Corpus Fund of an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.
- (ix) Calling for the accounts of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be Universities to verify compliance with the corpus and other additional guaranteed and committed financing requirements.
- (x) Assessing deviations from the goals of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities and making recommendations to the Commission regarding Penalties for the same.
- (xi) Examining proposals on issues not covered in the regulations and making recommendations to the competent authorities.

8.0 PROCEDURE FOR DECLARATION AS AN INSTITUTION OF EMINENCE DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

8.1 Call for application

The Commission shall call for applications, to be submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, both from existing Private Institutions desirous of being declared as an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University and also from Sponsoring Organisations desirous of setting up new Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities. The advertisement shall be issued both in print media and also shall be put on the website of Commission and the Ministry of Human Resource Development. A minimum time of ninety days should be provided for submitting applications from the date of the advertisement.

8.2 Application

- 8.2.1 An application in specified format may be made by the Chancellor of an existing Private Institution Deemed to be University / existing Private University and by Sponsoring Body for an institution yet to be established to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, along with a processing fee of Rupees one crore by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of The Secretary, University Grants Commission. The processing fee is refundable to the extent of Rupees seventy five lakh to the applicant who are not selected as Institutions of Eminence.
- 8.2.2 Every application should have two parts, a fifteen year strategic vision plan as well as a five year implementation plan. The former would be the long-term strategic plan to meet the objectives and characteristics of an Institution of Eminence and shall also contain the quantified milestones and timelines for the institution to achieve world-class repute as laid down in Regulations 3 and 4. The implementation plan should contain detailed and tangible annual action plans to achieve the objectives laid out in the strategic plan.

8.3 Accompanying documents

Each application should be accompanied by the following (as applicable as per the Category of the Institution under Regulation 1.2):

- (a) Details of members / directors of the Sponsoring Organization.

- (b) The guiding documents of Sponsoring Organisation (such as Memorandum of Association or Trust Deed) which should clearly lay down that research & education is one of the main objectives.
- (c) Supporting documents to satisfy the eligibility condition on net worth given in Regulation 6.1 (iii).
- (d) Supporting documents to satisfy the eligibility conditions on corpus and financial resources given in the Regulation 6.1 (vi).
- (e) There should be an in-principle commitment from the concerned persons to make available adequate land for the development of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.
- (f) Governance structure, including apex Board, and the nature of relationship between the proposed Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University and the Sponsoring Organization.
- (g) Name and details of the Chancellor, first Vice Chancellor and the core team who will implement the work of setting up of the proposed Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.
- (h) Details of a five year implementation plan to establish the foundations of an Institution of global repute and consisting of the following:
- (i) An academic plan showing the courses proposed and their schedule of offering.
 - (ii) A faculty recruitment policy and plan meet the academic plan requirements. The faculty plan should strive to maintain the faculty-student ratio of atleast 1:10. A proportion of the faculty should have either studied or worked in the top-tier global Universities. This should also contain information about any proposal to draw faculty resources from industry, government, non-profit organisations etc.
 - (iii) A student admissions policy and plan to select Indian and foreign students and expand the enrolment to the desired level as mentioned in Regulation 4.2.18. The admissions policy should also contain the details of the scholarships that will be provided to ensure that meritorious selected students without adequate financial capability are not turned away.
 - (iv) A research plan indicating the research laboratories and other facilities proposed to be established. In case of humanities, social science and other interdisciplinary faculties, the research plan should indicate the broad areas and nature of field work and research sought to be done.
 - (v) A networking plan outlining the teaching and research collaborations and partnerships with private sector and foreign universities, research institutions, think-tanks, labs etc. that are proposed to be put in place.
 - (vi) An infrastructure development plan that would meet the proposed academic and admissions plans as well as all student and other amenities.
 - (vii) A financing plan, with details of the sources and estimated amounts, to meet the aforementioned plans as well as modalities for their transfer to the proposed Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.
 - (viii) An administrative plan for getting accreditation from national and international agencies, as well as marketing and promotion.
 - (ix) A governance plan that indicates the proposed Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University's institutional structure and how it overlaps with ownership, decision-making processes and social engagement. This governance plan should be committed to the highest global standards of transparency, accountability, and efficiency.
 - (x) All these plans should signal the clear commitment of the promoters to achieve the objectives and characteristics laid down in Regulation 3 & 4 and should have actionable items with clear and quantified milestones and timelines.
 - (xi) The objective should be that the proposed Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should stabilize and establish credibility to be on a path to become a university of global repute in the first fifteen years.

- (i) The five year implementation plan would be recast for each five year cycle, so as to achieve the objectives outlined in the fifteen year strategic plan.
- (j) A bank guarantee for Rupees ten crore, which would be forfeited if the proposed Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University is not set up within the given time.
- (k) A plan to implement the accounting standards of educational institutions as well as double independent tracking of Accounts, expenditure and reinvestment.
- (l) In case of State Private University, an undertaking from the State Government specified in Regulation 6.1 (x).
- (m) Any other information or document which the advertisement/ application format specifies.

8.4 Selection of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities

After the receipt of application, a two stage approval process would be followed — issue of Letter of Intent (LOI) initially and finally issue of order for declaration as an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University. The applications shall be processed in the following manner:

- (a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development will forward all applications received by the last date to the Commission which would entrust it to the Empowered Expert Committee.
- (b) Simultaneously, the Commission shall also address the State Government, where the Institute is proposed to be located in case of a new Institution yet to be established, asking for its no objection, and if the State Government objection is not received in three weeks time, it shall be presumed that it has no objection.
- (c) The Empowered Expert Committee shall conduct its appraisal based on the documents submitted by the applicant as well as any other measure of demonstrated commitment to the cause of developing an Institution of Eminence. This appraisal will be a table one, involving scrutiny of papers submitted, along with multiple interactions with the representatives of the Sponsoring Organizations, and may also involve any field visit. The Empowered Experts Committee shall engage with the Institutions to study their proposals, hear presentations from them and after a thorough scrutiny, rank the Institutions for their suitability for inclusion in this scheme, based on which the Empowered Experts Committee would make its recommendations. The EEC will also give names of additional institutions apart from the ten institutions in order of merit as reserved institutions.
- (d) The recommendations of the Empowered Expert Committee shall be submitted to the Commission, which shall forward it to Ministry of Human Resource Development within fifteen days of receipts of the recommendations.
- (e) The Ministry of HRD will issue a Letter of Intent (LOI), or otherwise, within two weeks of receipt of the recommendations under Regulation 8.4(d).
- (f) The EEC will conduct yearly review of the progress made by the Institutions to whom LOI has been issued, to ascertain whether the progress made by the institute is commensurate with time considering that Institute has to be ready for commencing the academic operations within the time stipulated in LOI. In case EEC is satisfied that the progress of any institute is not commensurate, it will ask the Institution to rectify the situation within a time frame prescribed by EEC and if still not rectified by the end of the time period given, the EEC may recommend withdrawal of LOI of that institute. The Government will examine the recommendation and may pass orders cancelling LOI and may also issue LOI to the next Institute in the reserve list.
- (g) The Sponsoring Organization in case of new Institution or the University, in case of existing Institution, will set up or upgrade, as the case may be, the Institution and indicate its readiness for commencing academic operations, as per the plan within three years of issue of Letter of Intent. For extension of this period for a maximum six months, it will have to apply to the Ministry of Human Resource Development specifically for the same giving the reasons for delay.
- (h) Once the indication for readiness for commencing academic operations is received in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Ministry of Human Resource Development shall send it to Commission which shall ask the Empowered Experts Committee to do an assessment of readiness in thirty days' time and send the report to the Commission. The report of Empowered Experts

Committee shall be placed before the Commission, which shall forward it to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, within fifteen days.

- (i) The Institution can also get the assessment done, in parallel, if it wishes too, through a third party international agency which has accredited at least ten Institutions from the top hundred Institutions in a reputed global ranking index. In case of difference between Empowered Experts Committee assessment and the independent assessment, the Empowered Experts Committee shall re-examine the proposal and its conclusions will be final.
- (j) Based on the recommendations of the Empowered Experts Committee, as approved by the Commission, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, shall issue orders on selection of Institutions under this scheme.
- (k) The LOI issued to the Sponsoring Organisation is non transferable. The composition of Sponsoring Organisation cannot be changed. In exceptional circumstances like death and bankruptcy, the EEC, for the reasons to be recorded in writing, may allow, the composition of the sponsoring Organisation to be changed, subject to the condition that the new Member / Members satisfy to the EEC, the condition given in Regulation 6.1(iv).

8.5 SIGNING OF Memorandum of Understanding

The strategic and implementation plans for each Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University would be converted into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that shall guide and govern the development of the Institution during that period. It shall be revised every five years to incorporate the new implementation plan. In case of an existing Private University under a law passed by the Legislative Assembly of a State, such a Memorandum of Understanding shall be signed only after it ceases to be a Private University.

8.6 NOTIFICATION

After signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Government shall issue a notification within thirty days declaring the Institution as an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University. If it is an existing Deemed to be University, such a notification shall automatically imply that the Institution is no longer a Deemed to be University under UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016, but an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University under this Regulation.

9.0 GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

- 9.1 The Governance structure of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should be distinct from the governance structure of the Sponsoring Organization. The apex governing body of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should consist of members / directors whose credentials indicate that they can contribute to achievement of the objectives laid out in Regulation 4, and not be mere representatives of some entity. The Sponsoring Organisation and the apex Governing Body of the University should be separate body corporate, though there could be a few members from Sponsoring Organisation in the apex Governing Body to leverage the full commitment of sponsors to deliver the desired outcomes in a very short-time frame. The governance structure should ensure an arms-length relationship between the two entities.

10.0 FUNDING

There shall be no funding by the Central Government either to existing Private Institutions which have been declared as Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities or to the newly established private Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities under this scheme. However, this would not exclude them for accessing Government funds allocated for specific studies/projects which they may execute.

11.0 ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES

The Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities selected in the aforesaid manner shall have additional incentives. These incentives would be available to all Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities under these Regulations. As such, consistent with the national policy objective of creating an enabling regulatory architecture for these Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities, the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall, upon declaration as

Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities, be governed by the provisions of this Regulation. In particular, such Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall be exempt from all UGC Regulations and other guidelines, notifications and orders of the Commission on matters pertaining to the subject areas laid down in Regulation 11.1 to 11.6 of these Regulations.

11.1 Admission and Fees Structure:

- 11.1.1 While domestic students shall have to be selected through a transparent merit based system (which can be designed by the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University itself), the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University would be free to admit foreign students on merit as per its internal policies, subject to a maximum of additional thirty percent of the strength of admitted domestic students.
- 11.1.2 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University would be free to fix fees, for both domestic and foreign students as per its internal policies, and would be exempted from any fee regulations which may be there in force. However, fee should be fixed in a transparent and upfront manner without any hidden charges to be taken from students. In addition, charging of capitation fee is prohibited and any incident of such charging shall be treated as a serious violation necessitating provisions of penalty as per the law.
- 11.1.3 While fees can be charged from foreign students without restriction, the freedom to determine the domestic student fees shall be subject to the condition that no student who gains admission on merit should be turned away for lack of financing, for which the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall create a credible and robust programme of financial assistance in the form of scholarships and loans to ensure that such students can pursue higher studies without any financial difficulty.
- 11.1.4 Since no existing fee regulation guidelines are to be applicable to such Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities, they will have to set up the institution of Ombudsman to cater to student grievances and allegations of unfair practice, if any. The contact details of the Ombudsman shall be prominently displayed by the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University on its website, prospectus and at the premises.

11.2 Flexibility in course structure

- 11.2.1 The Institution shall have the freedom to offer courses within a programme as well as to offer degree in newer areas, after approval of its Governing Council and subject to broadly conforming to minimum prevailing standards, without consulting the Commission but with intimation to it.
- 11.2.2 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall also have flexibility of course structure in terms of credit hours and number of years to take a degree, after approval of its Governing Council and subject to broadly conforming to minimum prevailing standards.
- 11.2.3 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall have complete flexibility in fixing of curriculum and syllabus, with no UGC mandated curriculum structure.
- 11.2.4 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall have the freedom to offer online courses as part of its programmes (subject to a limit of twenty percent of any programme). However, this twenty percent restriction would not preclude the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University from offering certificate courses entirely through online mode.

11.3 Recruitment of faculty:

- 11.3.1 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University may recruit faculty from India and abroad. The approach should be to attract the most talented people, no matter where they come from, who are open to new ideas and approaches.
- 11.3.2 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall have complete autonomy in the appointment of faculty, promotions etc including the autonomy to offer them emoluments and perks commensurate with their standing as it deems fit.
- 11.3.3 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University is free to adopt any career progression scheme for its faculty and the UGC Career Advancement Scheme and associated Regulations pertaining to the

same shall not be automatically applicable in such Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities.

11.3.4 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University may hire personnel from industry, etc. as faculty, who, while being experts in their areas, may not have the requisite higher academic qualifications.

11.4 Academic collaborations:

11.4.1 Academic collaborations with foreign higher educational institutions ranked in top 500 in global rankings shall be exempt from approvals by the Government or the Commission, except with Institutions from negative list of countries determined by the Ministry of External Affairs or the Ministry of Home Affairs.

11.4.2 The Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall be free to enter into academic collaborations with Institutions within the country.

11.5 Financial Autonomy:

11.5.1 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall have complete financial autonomy to spend the resources raised and allocated.

11.6 Inspection:

11.6.1 The existing UGC Regulations relating to inspection shall not apply to these Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities.

11.6.2 However, the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall work out the details of a self-disclosure-cum-review mechanism to ensure quality, with review being done by the Empowered Expert Committee. The Committee may, if it deems necessary, take assistance of teams consisting of experts from internationally ranked Institutions and from Institutions of National Importance.

12.0 GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL SYSTEM

The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall appoint an Ombudsman to deal with grievances of students and faculty and allegations of unfair practice. The ombudsman selected should be independent of the institution or the management now or in the recent past and concurrence of Empowered Expert Committee shall be taken before appointment of the ombudsman. The contact details of the Ombudsman shall be displayed prominently in the campus, on the homepage of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University's website and in the prospectus.

13.0 MONITORING AND REVIEW

13.1 The Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall be reviewed once in three years after their notification as such by the Ministry of Human Resource Development by the Empowered Expert Committee for adherence to their implementation plans, keeping in view their fifteen year strategic plans. The monitoring and review shall continue till the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University gets into top one hundred in a world ranking of repute for two consecutive years or till fifteen years, whichever is earlier.

13.2 However, the Institutions shall inform the Empowered Experts Committee every year on the progress made in realizing the goals laid out in the implementation and strategic plans, in a manner so prescribed by the Committee.

13.3 The Empowered Experts Committee may also evolve such other monitoring and review systems, especially in the initial years, with the objective of guiding and supervising the growth of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.

13.4 Apart from this, the Empowered Experts Committee may require the Institutions to annually self-report and publicly display certain information relating to compliance with their implementation and strategic plans.

13.5 The annual review exercise should be completed by June each year.

13.6 The Committee may suggest remedial action to address deficiencies, if any. The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall take steps to address them within a reasonable time period.

14.0 ACCREDITATION and RANKING

14.1 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, within five years of its notification will have to get accreditation as per Regulation 4.2.15.

14.2 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, within five years of its notification declaring it as an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, shall get itself ranked in the National Institutional Ranking Framework and in an International Ranking index of repute. An existing Institution which has been declared Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University should start getting ranked from the year when it gets a Letter of Intent. All Institutions should then continue to get themselves ranked in the National and International ranking frameworks.

15.0 RESERVATION POLICY

The Public Institutions of Eminence shall implement the reservation policy in admissions and recruitment in accordance with any Act of Parliament for the time being in force.

16.0 INSTITUTION TO BE UNITARY

The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be a unitary Institution Deemed to be University and shall not affiliate any other Institution.

17.0 USE OF THE WORD 'UNIVERSITY'

The Institution shall not use the word 'University' suffixed to its name but may mention the words "Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University" within parenthesis suffixed thereto.

18.0 PROHIBITION OF USE OF CERTAIN WORDS IN NOMENCLATURE

Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall not be permitted to use the words; "Indian" or "National Institute" in their respective names unless they have been established by the Central Government or State Government.

19.0 DISTANCE EDUCATION

The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University may offer courses under distance mode, without any approvals, in accordance with the minimum standards laid down by the Commission. This provision shall also apply to Government owned and controlled Deemed to be Universities which have been declared Institutions of Eminence under UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017.

20.0 CORPUS FUND

20.1 In the case of Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities not owned or controlled by the Government, a Corpus Fund as mentioned in Regulation 4.2.11 shall be created and maintained permanently in the name of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.

20.2 The Corpus Fund shall not be liquidated without prior permission of the Empowered Experts Committee.

20.3 The interest accrued on the Corpus Fund may be used only for the purpose of development of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.

20.4 The Empowered Experts Committee may call for the accounts of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University to verify compliance with the corpus and other additional guaranteed and committed financing requirements. In the event of withdrawal of the declaration of 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University' status the Corpus Fund shall stand forfeited to the Commission for meeting the liabilities, if any (including any penalty), and the balance would be returned after meeting the liabilities within one year.

21.0 PENALTIES

21.1 If the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University is unable to meet the goals at the end of the fifth and subsequent years and there are grave deviations, as determined by the Empowered Expert Committee, from the implementation plan, the Empowered Experts Committee may make appropriate recommendations to the UGC which shall forward it to the Ministry of Human Resource Development to take action under these Regulations.

- 21.2 The Ministry of Human Resource Development, on recommendation of the Empowered Experts Committee as forwarded by the UGC, may take any one or more of the actions given below:
- Withdrawal of any or all additional incentives given to it under these Regulations.
 - Removal of the Institution of Eminence status and replacing it by ordinary Deemed to be University status, wherein it shall be deemed to be set up under UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.
 - Removal of Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University status and asking it to get affiliated to any existing State University.
 - Stopping of admissions for specified number of years.

22. AUDIT

The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be audited every year by a Chartered Accountant and the audit report shall be sent to Commission within nine months of the completion of the financial year.

For the purposes of this Regulation, "Chartered Accountant" shall have the same meaning as contained in the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

23. MISCELLANEOUS:

- 23.1 In case there is any difficulty encountered in the course of implementation of any of the provisions, the Government, with intention to remove the difficulty, may give suitable clarifications, not amounting to change in Regulation itself.
- 23.2 The Empowered Experts Committee shall examine proposals on issues not covered in the Regulations and make recommendations to the Competent Authorities.
- 23.3 UGC will provide all secretarial assistance to the programme, including to the Empowered Expert Committee including honorarium to be paid to the members. The expenditure on account of accessing any expert either domestic or international by Empowered Expert Committee shall also be borne by UGC. There shall be no provision for creation of posts.

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मि. 1-4/2016 (आईओई).—विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अधिनियम, 1956 (1956 का 3) की धारा 26 की उप-धारा (1) के खंड (घ) और (ख) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग, विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (समस्त विश्वविद्यालय श्रेष्ठ संस्थान) विनियम, 2017 में संशोधन करने के लिए एतद्वारा निम्नलिखित नियम बनाता है, अर्थात्:-

- संक्षिप्त नाम एवं प्रारम्भ.**—(1) इन विनियमों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (समस्त विश्वविद्यालय श्रेष्ठ संस्थान) (संशोधन) विनियम, 2021 कहा जाएगा।
(2) ये विनियम शासकीय राजपत्र में उनके प्रकाशन की तिथि से लागू होंगे।
- विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (समस्त विश्वविद्यालय श्रेष्ठ संस्थान) विनियम 2017 (इसके पश्चात इन्हें उक्तविनियम कहा गया है) के विनियम 2.0 (परिभाषाएं) में-
(क) खंड 2.10 के लिए निम्नलिखित प्रतिस्थापित किया जाएगा अर्थात्:-
"2.10 संज्ञासूची का अभिप्राय "शिक्षा संज्ञासूची"।

10. उक्त विनियमों के विनियम 19.0 (दूरस्थ शिक्षा) के लिए निम्नलिखित विनियम प्रतिस्थापित किया जाएगा; अर्थात्:-

19.0 "दूरस्थ और ऑनलाइन शिक्षा" :- समस्त विश्वविद्यालय श्रेष्ठ संस्थान आयोग द्वारा निर्धारित न्यूनतम मानकों के अनुसार, बिना किसी अनुमोदन के दूरस्थ पद्धति और ऑनलाइन पद्धति के अधीन पाठ्यक्रम संचालित/प्रदान कर सकते हैं। यह प्रावधान सरकार के स्वामित्व वाले और नियंत्रित मम विश्वविद्यालयों के लिए भी लागू होगा, जिन्हें विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (सरकारी शैक्षणिक संस्थानों की श्रेष्ठ संस्थानों के रूप में घोषणा) विज्ञानिदेश, 2017 के अधीन श्रेष्ठ संस्थान घोषित किया गया है।"

11. उक्त विनियमों के विनियम 21.1 के उप-विनियम 21.1 में, "मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय" शब्दों के लिए निम्नलिखित शब्द "मंत्रालय" प्रतिस्थापित किया जाएगा।

प्रो. रजनीश जैन, सचिव

[विज्ञापन-III/4/असा/435/2020]

टिप्पणी: मुख्य अधिनियम भारत के राजपत्र (असाधारण) भाग-III खंड IV में दि.नं. 1-4/2016(सी.पी.सी-1/बीयू) दिनांक 29 अगस्त, 2017 में प्रकाशित किए गए थे।

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st January, 2021

UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) (Amendments) Regulations 2021

F. No.- 1-4/2016(IEU).—In exercise of powers conferred by clauses (f) and (g) of sub-section (1) of section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission hereby makes the following regulations to amend the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017, namely:-

1. **Short title and Commencement.**—(1) These regulations may be called the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the said regulations), in regulation 2.0 :-
(a) for sub-regulation 2.10, the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-
"2.10 "Ministry" means the Ministry of Education";
(b) for sub-regulation 2.12, the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-
"2.12 "Off Campus Centre" means a centre of the institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, approved by the Government, and situated beyond its Campus within India";
(c) for sub-regulation 2.13, the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-
"2.13 "Off-shore Campus" means a centre of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, approved by the Government, and situated beyond its Campus outside India";
(d) in sub-regulation 2.15, for the words, brackets and letters "Medical Council of India (MCI)" the following words "National Medical Commission" shall be substituted.
3. In the said regulations, in regulation 4.0, in sub-regulation 4.2, for clause 4.2.7, the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-
"4.2.7 The faculty student ratio should be not less than 1:20 at the time of notification issued declaring an institution as an Institution of Eminence and should increase over time so as not to be less than 1:10 after five years of this date. The faculty for the purpose of calculating the teacher-student ratio shall include the regular faculty, adjunct faculty, overseas faculty, visiting faculty, contractual faculty, industry faculty and tenure track faculty, or faculty as otherwise permitted by the Statutory Council(s) concerned:-

Provided, that 60 per cent of the faculty shall be appointed on permanent/regular basis and part-time faculty shall not be counted for this purpose. Moreover, 60 per cent of the permanent/ regular faculty shouldn't breach 1:10 faculty student ratio at any point of time.

4. In the said regulations, in sub-regulation 5.2, for the words "MHRD" the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted;

5. In the said regulations, in regulation 6.0, in sub-regulation 6.1, for clause (iii) the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(iii) The sponsoring organisation for greenfield institutions should have members whose total networth is at least rupees five thousand crores collectively. For existing institutions, the total networth of the sponsoring organization should be at least rupees three thousand crores. For this purpose, the average of the net-worth of the members or organization, as the case may be, for the last three financial years shall be taken into consideration."

6. In the said regulations, in regulation 8.0:-

- (a) in sub-regulation 8.1, for the words "Ministry of Human Resource Development" at both the places where they occur, the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted;

- (b) in sub-regulation 8.2, in clause 8.2.1, for the words "Ministry of Human Resource Development", the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted;

- (c) in sub-regulation 8.4.:-

- (i) in clause (a), for the words "Ministry of Human Resource Development", the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted;

- (ii) in clause (d), for the words "Ministry of Human Resource Development", the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted;

- (iii) for clause (e), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(e) the Ministry will issue a Letter of Intent (LoI), or otherwise reject the application, within two weeks of receipt of the recommendations under Clause (d). In case the institute surrenders its Letter of Intent (LoI) at any time, the application of the institute shall be treated as withdrawn and the application/processing fee shall stand forfeited."

- (iv) in clause (g), for the words "Ministry of Human Resource Development", the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted;

- (v) in clause (h), for the words "Ministry of Human Resource Development", wherever they occur, the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted;

- (vi) in clause (i), for the words "Ministry of Human Resource Development", the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted;

7. In the said regulations, in regulation 11.0, in sub-regulation 11.2.:-

- (a) for clause 11.2.4, the following clause shall be substituted, namely -

"11.2.4 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall have the freedom to offer online courses as part of its programmes. If all the courses of any programme are offered online, it should also be mentioned in the respective certificate/ degree."

- (b) after clause 11.6.2, the following sub-regulations shall be inserted, namely:-

"11.7 Establishment of Off-campus centre(s): Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall be permitted to start new off-campus centre(s) (maximum of 3 in 5 years and not more than 1 in one academic year), by following the procedure mentioned hereunder:-

11.7.1- Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall submit their application to the Ministry by way of an Affidavit in the prescribed proforma along with the Detailed Project Report (DPR) containing its 10 year Strategic Vision Plan and a five year rolling implementation plan viz. academic plan, faculty recruitment plan, student admission plan, research plan, infrastructure development plan, financial plan, administrative plan, governance plan with clear annual milestones and action plan on how the proposed off-campus is to be set up with identifiable outcomes for approval to start/establish an Off-Campus Centre. The Ministry shall forward the application to the Commission for its advice within ten days of the receipt of the application.

11.7.2- The Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities applying for off-campus centre(s) shall have to meet the following stipulations in the proposed off-campus centre(s) within a reasonable time period not exceeding five years:-

(i) teacher student ratio shall not be more than 1:20 OR shall be as per the requirement of the concerned Statutory Council(s). The teacher student ratio shall be 1:10 at the end of the five years. The faculty for this purpose shall include the regular faculty, adjunct faculty, overseas faculty, visiting faculty, contractual faculty, industry faculty and tenure track faculty, or faculty as otherwise permitted by the Statutory Council(s) concerned:-

Provided, however, that at least sixty per cent. of the faculty shall be appointed on permanent/regular basis;

(ii) a minimum of five hundred students on its rolls under regular class room mode with one third PG/Research students;

(iii) five PG programmes;

(iv) research Programmes;

(v) built up area of not less than thirty square metres per student which shall include academic (academic buildings, library, lecture hall, laboratories, etc.), administrative (hostels, faculty residences, health care), common and recreational facilities.

Provided that at the time of starting the programme(s), the academic and physical infrastructure at the proposed off-campus centre(s) shall be in accordance with the norms/standards prescribed by the UGC/concerned Statutory Council(s). Such programme shall have the approval of the relevant Statutory Council(s), wherever required. The Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall ensure that the norms and standards of the Off-Campus Centre shall be the same as that maintained in the main campus for similar courses, and the Off-Campus Centre shall also follow similar admission criteria, curriculum, examination system and evaluation system. All the information about the off-campus centre shall be disclosed on the website of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.

Provided further that the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall be permitted to start an Off-Campus Centre(s) in an interior campus subject to the condition that the permanent campus shall be ready within a reasonable time period not exceeding five years.

Provided also that the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall ensure that by the end of ten years of the starting of the Off-Campus Centre, the Off-Campus Centre is evolved as a multi-disciplinary research and teaching campus having at least 3 faculties with a minimum of 300 teachers and 3000 students.

11.7.3- The Commission shall place the application before the Empowered Experts Committee for examination and its recommendations on the application. There shall be no requirement of physical inspection. This process shall be completed within thirty days of the receipt of the application from the Ministry.

11.7.4- The Chairman of the Commission, on behalf of the Commission, shall forward the recommendations of the Empowered Experts Committee along with the advice of the Commission to the Ministry within ten days of the receipt of the Empowered Experts Committee recommendations.

11.7.5- The Ministry shall, after taking into the consideration the recommendations of the Empowered Experts Committee and advice of the Commission, and ordinarily within a further period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of such advice, either issue a notification for starting of off-campus centre(s) or, as the case may be, a letter of intent (LoI) for setting up of new off-campus centre or reject the proposal stating the reasons thereto. The decision of the Ministry shall be final and binding.

11.7.6- The functioning of the off-campus centre(s) shall be reviewed by the Empowered Experts Committee independently and/or along with the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be Universities in accordance with the provisions available under regulation 13.0. After review of the off-campus centre, if the Empowered Experts Committee is not satisfied with the performance of the off-campus centre, it may recommend discontinuation of the off-campus centre to the Central Government. In such cases the interest of the students enrolled at the off-campus centre shall be protected and the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be asked to seek affiliation of the Off-campus centre to the State University having territorial jurisdiction.

11.8 Establishment of an Off-shore campus

11.8.1- Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall be allowed to start new off-shore campuses with the prior approval of the Ministry after receiving No Objection Certificate from Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs. The Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall ensure that the norms and standards of the Off-shore campus shall be the same as that maintained in the main campus for similar courses, and the Off-shore campus shall also follow similar admission criteria, curriculum, examination system and evaluation system. All the information about Off-shore campus shall be disclosed on the website of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.

11.8.2- The functioning of the off-shore campus(s) shall be reviewed by the Empowered Experts Committee independently and/or along with the Ioff Deemed to be Universities in accordance with the provisions available under regulation 13.0. After review of the off-shore campus, if the Empowered Experts Committee is not satisfied with the performance of the off-shore campus, it may recommend discontinuation of the off-shore campus to the Central Government. In such cases the interest of the students enrolled at the off-shore campus shall be adequately protected by the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.

11.9 Entering in to the agreement/arrangement

- (a) The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University may enter into an agreement or arrangement for the establishment, maintenance or operation of an institution, if -
- (i) Such agreement or arrangement is permitted under any Act of Parliament or the rules or regulations made thereunder; and
 - (ii) It has made an application following the procedure specified in regulation 11.7, except the procedure in sub-regulation 11.7.2, and the campus to be established under such agreement or arrangement shall be-
 - (A) treated as an Off-Campus Centre of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University as long as such agreement or arrangement remains valid under such law; and
 - (B) subject to similar standard of audit and disclosure as a 'not-for-profit' entity as that of the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.
- (b) The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University may enter into an agreement or arrangement for practical training of students of a skill oriented vocational course if such course is approved by the University Grants Commission or any other body established under any Act of Parliament."
8. In the said regulations, in regulation 13.0, in sub-regulation 13.1, for the words "Ministry of Human Resource Development", the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted.
9. In the said regulations, for regulation 16.0, the following regulation shall be substituted, namely:-
"16.0 The Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University shall be a unitary Institution Deemed to be University, which shall include its Off-Campus Centre(s) and Off-shore campus(s), if any, and shall not affiliate any other institution."
10. In the said regulations, for regulation 19.0, the following regulation shall be substituted, namely:-
"19.0 Distance and online education:- The Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities may offer courses under distance mode and online mode, without any approvals, in accordance with the minimum standards laid down by the Commission. This provision shall also apply to Government owned and controlled Deemed to be Universities which have been declared Institutions of Eminence under UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017."
11. In the said regulations, in regulation 21.0, in sub-regulation 21.1, for the words "Ministry of Human Resource Development" the following word "Ministry" shall be substituted.

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Note: The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary under Part III, Section 4 vide No. F. 1-4/2016 (CPP-I)/DU dated 29th August, 2017.