

**Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math (Deemed to be University as declared by MHRD, Government of India, under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956)**

**Memorandum/Rules adopted by “Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI)”, established under the aegis of Ramakrishna Mission, with headquarters at Belur Math in the district of Howrah in the state of West Bengal, declared as an Institution Deemed to be University by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now renamed as ‘Ministry of Education’), Government of India, under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956**

**Dated 10 October 2023**

**These MoA/Rules have been suitably modified to align with the latest UGC [Institutions Deemed to be Universities] Regulations, 2023 in compliance with the UGC’s directive in this regard.**

**Special Note:**

The Institution “**Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute** (abbreviated as ‘**RKMVERI**’ in the following write-up wherever needed)” declared by a Gazetted Notification by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India as an institution Deemed to be University [vide Notification No.F.9-54/2004-U.3 dated 5 January 2005] has been established under the aegis of and with the same registration as Ramakrishna Mission, the parent body/sponsoring society of the deemed to be University, which is a wellknown registered Society serving the country in the various service sectors including higher education for more than a century, registered on the 4th of May 1909, under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, with registration no.1917/3 for 1909-10—revised according to West Bengal Act XXVI of 1961 as described below in detail.

The Institution Deemed to be University named ‘Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute’ came into existence under the aegis of and with the same Registration as Ramakrishna Mission [vide UGC letter D.O.No.F.6-41/2001 (CPP-I) dated 3 January 2002, read with subsequent UGC Notification No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 13 September 2006]. Even before the establishment of the Deemed to be University, Ramakrishna Mission had approached UGC with the request to waive off the clause requiring that the Deemed to be University should be a separate Registered Body, which was duly considered by the Commission at its 399 th meeting held on 1 November 2001. By letter Ref. D.O. No. F.6-41/2001 (CPP-I) dated 3 January 2002, the UGC granted such an exemption, as an exceptional case for Ramakrishna Mission (copy of this UGC letter is enclosed herewith for ready reference), stating inter alia, as follows: (Excerpts from this letter are quoted below).

“The Hon’ble Members, while deciding that no relaxation be made in the existing guidelines, also felt that due consideration may be given to the Institution’s request, such as that of Ramakrishna Mission. The Commission realized that in case of Ramakrishna Mission it shall be fair and just to allow the grace of having the same parent society to continue to look after the Institutions under deemed University as well. The Hon’ble Commission decided that such exemption may only be considered in exceptional cases and on individual merits alone. It was

also decided to waive off this clause in the case of Ramakrishna Mission, P.O. Belur Math, dist. Howrah, West Bengal." A copy of the above letter Ref. D.O.No.F.6-41/2001 (CPP-I) dated 3 January 2002 from UGC is enclosed hereinbelow for ready reference.

गुरचरण सिंह  
GURCHARAN SINGH

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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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NEW DELHI-110 002

- 3 JAN 2002

D.O. No. F.6-41/2001 (CPP-I)

January 3, 2002

Swami Mumukshananda  
Convener  
Proposal for Vivekananda University Committee  
Ramakrishna Mission  
P.O. Belur Math  
District Howrah  
West Bengal - 711 202.

Dear Swami Mumukshananda Ji

In reference to your letter of December 18, 2001 addressed to the Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi. The matter in question was placed before the Hon'ble Commission. The Commission considered your request at its 399<sup>th</sup> meeting held on November 1, 2001.

The Hon'ble Members while deciding that no relaxation be made in the existing guidelines also felt that due consideration may be given to the institution's request, such as that of Ramakrishna Mission. The Commission realised that in case of Ramakrishna Mission it shall be fair and just to allow the grace of having the same parent society to continue to look after the institutions under Deemed University as well. The Hon'ble Commission decided that such exemption may only be considered in exceptional cases and on individual merits alone. It was also decided to waive off this clause in the case of Ramakrishna Mission, P.O. Belur Math, Dist. Howrah, West Bengal.

This is for your information.

With Regards

Yours sincerely,

(GURCHARAN SINGH)

Further, by letter No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 13 September 2006, the Commission reiterated its broader principle that the Commission reserves the right to give exemptions from the requirement of 'creation of separate and dedicated Trust/Society for managing the affairs of the Institute Deemed to be University', stating *inter alia* that such an exception could be given to such Trust/Societies which are mainly involved in charitable social services. A copy of the above letter Ref.No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 13 September 2006 from UGC is enclosed hereinbelow for ready reference.



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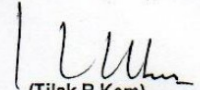
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(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY - REGARDING)

The present provision under the guidelines for deemed universities requires the creation of a separate society or trust by institutions seeking the deemed to be university status. The UGC recognizes the need to ensure that the future of students and faculty, and the necessity for maintaining the standards of higher and technical education and, therefore, requires that neither the higher educational activities of the promoter society or trust should be diluted nor the resources committed for the purpose be diverted to other activities of the promoters. The UGC also feels that if the non-education related activities of the promoting trusts / societies are in the nature of commercial activities, there is every danger that the non-profit intent of higher educational activities may suffer.

2. In view of this, the UGC has decided that ordinarily the existing guidelines of the UGC requiring the creation of separate and dedicated trust or society for managing the affairs of the institutions deemed to be university must be complied with by the applicants. However, the Commission reserves the right to give exemptions from this requirement, after satisfying itself that (a) the management of the society / trust promoting the institution is the same as the management of the institution (b) that a separate and distinct financial accounts are maintained by the institution in respect of its functioning as a deemed to be university (c) that such accounts are open to audit / inspection of the UGC or any other appropriate agency to satisfy that there is no diversion of funds or revenues from the activities of the deemed to be university (d) that such a society or trust has, apart from educational activities, only those activities which are related to social sectors such as health and in any case there are no commercial activities of a profit making nature. (e) In case the promoter is not in a position to form a separate society or trust, because of the transfer costs involved (such as on stamp duty etc.), it must divest itself of any other activities, which are not of a social-work nature or which do not relate to any sector of education (f) the promoter society / trust must give a legally valid undertaking to the UGC that the assets including land / building etc., as well as those which are movable, are clearly earmarked and entered into appropriate asset registers, which are earmarked for the activities of the deemed university, and no diversion of such assets shall take place without the prior approval of the Commission and only for furthering the interests of the deemed to be university. Such an undertaking must also include the assurance that in the unlikely event of the termination of the activities of the deemed to be university or the winding up of the institution, the UGC can take control of such assets to decide the manner in which the same could be utilized for protecting the interests of students / faculty and employees of the deemed to be university, and (h) that such an exemption could be given to such trusts / societies which are mainly involved in charitable social services.

3. As regards issues relating to institutions of deemed to be university for including any existing institutions under the ambit of an existing deemed university as constituent units, the principles laid down in Circular/Letter No.F.6-1(II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2006 would need to be followed in respect of institutions offering general courses with the additional conditions as :- (a) that the management of the deemed to be university, as well as that of the institutions which is to be included as a constituent unit must be the same, in other words such a facility should not give rise to commercializing of higher education through franchises. (b) that the assets of institutions to be included as a constituent unit must come under the total control of the existing deemed to be university so that the future of students, faculty, employees and the interests of standards of higher education can be fully protected. (c) that each institution offering any general course and desirous of being included under the ambit of an existing deemed to be university, must be validly affiliated to a statutorily established university recognized under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and the affiliating university should be willing to examine and confer degrees or other awards on students already enrolled with the institution seeking to become a constituent unit on the date of notification of its inclusion under the ambit of the deemed to be university.

  
(Tilak R.Kem)  
Secretary

The Vice Chancellor  
Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational  
& Research Institute  
Belur Math, Howrah - 711 202 (WB).

**1 Name, Address and Registration details of the Trust/Society/Company registered for the Deemed to be University:**

1.1 The name of the Sponsoring Society is **Ramakrishna Mission (with headquarters at Belur Math in the district of Howrah in West Bengal)**, which is a well-known registered society registered under Registration of Societies Act XXI of 1860. Under the aegis of and with the same registration as Ramakrishna Mission [as permitted by UGC—vide letter D.O.No.F.6-41/2001 (CPP-I) dated 3 January 2002 from UGC, read with subsequent UGC Notification No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 13 September 2006], an Institute of higher education and research named **Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (abbreviated as 'RKMVERI' wherever necessary)** was declared by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now renamed as the Ministry of Education), Government of India, as an Institution Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956.

1.2 The address of the registered office of the Sponsoring Society, Ramakrishna Mission, as well as the Institution Deemed to be University named 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute' is: **P.O. Belur Math, District Howrah, West Bengal, Pin Code: 711202**, which is the headquarters of Ramakrishna Mission.

**2 Name of the Institution Deemed to be University, its approved constituent units/offcampuses/off-shore campuses**

2.1 Name: **Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute**

2.2 The declaration/Gazetted Notification by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) (now renamed as the Ministry of Education) of the RKMVERI Deemed to be University is: Ref.No. F.9-54/2004-U.3 dated 5 January 2005, which states that "In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the Central Government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission, hereby declares the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal, consisting of the 'International Human Resource Centre for the Disabled', Coimbatore, as Deemed to be University under the de-novo category for the purpose of the aforesaid Act with immediate effect." A copy of this original Notification Ref.No. F.9-54/2004-U.3 dated 5 January 2005 is enclosed hereinbelow for ready reference:



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No.F.9-54/2004-U.3  
 Government of India  
 Ministry of Human Resource Development  
 Department of Secondary & Higher Education  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
 5<sup>th</sup> January 2005

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the Central Government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission, hereby declares the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal consisting of the International Human Resource Centre for the Disabled, Coimbatore as Deemed to be University under the de-novo category for the purpose of the aforesaid Act with immediate effect.



(Sunil Kumar)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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Copy forwarded for information to: -

1. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.
2. The General Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal.

\*The grant of Deemed to be University status to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal is subject to the conditions that (i) it will adhere to the guidelines / instructions issued by the UGC from time to time as applicable to the Deemed Universities" and (ii) it will take necessary steps to improve infrastructural facilities, enhance the number of students, strengthen the faculty and adopting UGC pay scales for teaching staff, etc.

3. The Secretary (Higher Education), Government of West Bengal, Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 091.
4. All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.
5. All State Governments and Union Territories.
6. Registrars of all Universities & Deemed Universities.
7. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. The Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities, AIU House, 16 Kotia Marg, New Delhi - 110 002.
9. All officers/sections in Department of Secondary & Higher Education.
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(A K Chaturvedi)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Subsequently, the inclusion of the following three 'Off-Campus Centres' was approved and declared by UGC by its letter No.F.6-96/2004 (CPP-I), dated 3 July 2006 and by MHRD by Gazetted Notification No.F.9-14/2006-U.3(A) dated 20 February 2007.

1.1.1 Ramakrishna Mission Loka Shiksha Parishad, Narendrapur, Kolkata, West Bengal  
– for the faculty of 'Integrated Rural Development and Management'

1.1.2 Ramakrishna Mission Divyayan Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ranchi, Jharkhand – for the  
faculty of 'Integrated Rural & Tribal Development'

1.1.3 Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Research Centre at Swami Vivekananda's  
Ancestral House, Kolkata, West Bengal – for Doctoral and Post-Doctoral  
Research (leading to Ph.D and D.Phil/D.Litt, etc) in the proposed areas of  
Mathematical Sciences, Philosophy, Consciousness Studies, etc.

(Copies of these two letters from UGC and MHRD notifying the approval of three 'Off-Campus' Centres are enclosed under Section 2 hereinbelow for ready reference):

The functioning of the Institution Deemed to be University in its de-novo status was reviewed by an expert committee constituted by the UGC and upon its recommendation, MHRD, by its Notification No.F.9-54/2004-U.3A dated 14 June 2012 accorded approval to the continuance of the institution as Deemed to be University, thus confirming its status as such. A copy of the above Notification No.F.9-54/2004-U.3A dated 14 June 2012 from the then MHRD (now Ministry of Education) as delineated under Section 3 below.

## **2 Approved constituent units/off-campus/off-shore campuses with UGC letter/MHRD Notification and dates**

MHRD Notification number F.9-54/2004-U.3 dated 5 January 2005 (copy annexed hereinabove above under Section 2):

2.1 'International Human Resource Centre for the Disabled', Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

UGC letter No. F.6-96/2004(CPP-I) dated 3 July 2006 read along with MHRD notification No. F.9-14/2006-U.3(A) dated 20 February 2007:

2.2 Ramakrishna Mission Loka Shiksha Parishad, Narendrapur, Kolkata, West Bengal

2.3 Ramakrishna Mission Divyayan Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ranchi, Jharkhand

2.4 Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Research Centre at Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House, Kolkata, West Bengal

The UGC letter and MHRD notifications are annexed hereinbelow for ready reference.

डॉ. (श्रीमती) रेणु बत्रा  
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No.F.6-96/2004(CPP-I)

3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2006

- 3 JUL 2006

Swami Atmapriyananda  
Vice-Chancellor  
Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute  
(Deemed to be University)  
PO Belur Math, Dist: Howrah  
West Bengal – 711 202

**Sub :** Approval of the Commission for three off-campus centres to be operated and maintained as constituent units of your deemed to be university

**Ref :** Your proposal to the Commission: Ref.No.RKMVERI/NEW/FIRDTD/2006 dated 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2006, seeking approval for the setting up of some off-campus centres of the deemed to be university

Dear Sir,

The Commission considered the reports of the two Expert Committees constituted for making an on-the-spot-assessment of the off-campus centres as proposed by your Deemed to be University in your letter under reference above. On the recommendation of the Expert Committees which visited the off-campus centres for on-the-spot assessment, the Commission hereby conveys its approval for the following off-campus centres to be operated and maintained as constituent units by the resources of the deemed to be university, for the Faculties as mentioned against their names:

1. Ramakrishna Mission Loka Siksha Parishad, Narendrapur, West Bengal – for the Faculty of 'Integrated Rural Development and Management'
2. Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama Divyayan Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ranchi, Jharkhand – for the Faculty of 'Integrated Rural & Tribal Development'
3. Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Research Centre at Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House, Kolkata, West Bengal – for doctoral and post-doctoral research (leading to Ph.D., D.Phil./D.Litt.etc) in the areas proposed, such as Mathematical Sciences, Philosophy, Consciousness Studies etc.

You may, therefore, start the courses/programmes as contained in your proposal, under intimation to the Commission, adhering strictly to the Commission's guidelines in this connection.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

*R. Balu*  
(Renu Batra)



No. F.9-14/2006-U.3(A)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
(Department of Higher Education)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-1,  
Dated the 20 February, 2007.

Whereas the "Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI)", Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal (now known as Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University), comprising 'International Human Resource Centre for the Disabled' Coimbatore, was declared a 'Deemed-to-be-University', under *de novo* category, under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 vide this Ministry's notification No.F.9-54/2004-U.3 dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2005.

And whereas, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has considered the proposal of the aforesaid Deemed-to-be-University for inclusion of three *off campus* centres under the ambit of the 'Deemed-to-be-University' Institute through an Expert Committee constituted for this purpose.

And whereas, on the basis of the report and recommendations of the Expert Committee, the UGC has recommended to the Central Government the inclusion of these *off campus* centers under the ambit of the 'Deemed-to-be-University' Institute.

The Central Government, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, and on the advice of the UGC in the matter, do hereby declare that the following three *off campus* centres are included under the ambit of "Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI)", (now known as Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University), Deemed-to-be-University to be operated and maintained as its constituent units for the purpose of the aforesaid Act, with immediate effect:-

- (i) Ramakrishna Mission, Loka Shiksha Parishad, Narendrapur, Kolkata, West Bengal - for the Faculty of "Integrated Rural Development and Management"
- (ii) Ramakrishna Mission Divyayan Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ranchi, Jharkhand - for the faculty of "Integrated Rural and Tribal Development"
- (iii) Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Research Centre at Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House, Kolkata, West Bengal - for Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Research (leading to Ph.D and D.Phil / D.Litt., etc) in the proposed areas of Mathematical Sciences, Philosophy, Consciousness Studies, etc.

2. The declaration is subject to the conditions mentioned at Sl. No.4 of the endorsement of this notification.

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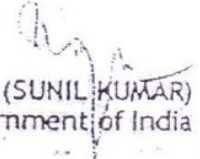
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Registrar

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University  
(Declared by Govt. of India under section 3 of UGC Act)  
PO Belur Math, Dt. Howrah-711 202, WB



3. The Ministry of Human Resource Development or the University Grants Commission will not provide any Plan and Non-Plan grants either to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Deemed-to-be-University or any of its constituent institutions / off campus centres.

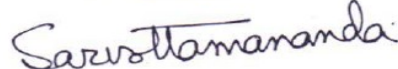
  
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3. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, Indira Gandhi Stadium, I. P. Estate, New Delhi - 110002.
4. The Vice-Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Deemed-to-be-University, PO Belur Math, District Howrah, West Bengal - 711202. The declaration relating to inclusion of the said new *off campus* centres indicated in para 1 of the notification, will be subject to the following conditions:-
  - (a) The management of the 'deemed-to-be-university' Institute as well as the constituent teaching institutions/off campus centres must be the same.
  - (b) The assets of the constituent institutions / off campus centres must come under the total control of the 'deemed-to-be-university' Institute in order to protect the future of students, faculty, employees and interests of standards of higher education.
  - (c) The constituent institutions / off campus centres are not presently affiliated to any university and will start courses under the 'Deemed-to-be-University' institute. Therefore, degrees, etc. in respect of the courses/programmes to be started by these constituent institutions / off campus centres shall be awarded by the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), Belur Math, Howrah (WB) only in respect of those students who will be admitted/enrolled subsequent to the date of this notification.
  - (d) The constituent institutions / off campus centres shall start courses/programmes in accordance with the relevant prescribed norms and guidelines of the UGC. The courses/programmes going to be started by the constituent institutions / off campus centres of RKMVERI should also be in conformity with the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.

ATTESTED



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Registrar  
Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University  
(Declared by Govt. of India under section 3 of UGC Act)  
PO Belur Math, Dist. Howrah, 711 202, WB

MHRD Notification number No.F.9-54/2004-U.3A dated 14 June 2012 confirming the approval/continuation of the Deemed to be University status on evaluation of the functioning of the University under the de novo status :

Confirmation of the approval/continuation of the Deemed to be University status on acceptance of the recommendation of the UGC expert committee constituted for the evaluation/assessment of the functioning of the Deemed to be University initially accorded started de novo status. A copy of the above Notification No.F.9-54/2004-U.3A dated 14 June 2012 from the then MHRD (now Ministry of Education) is enclosed hereinbelow for ready reference.

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No. F.9-54/2004-U.3A  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
(Department of Higher Education)

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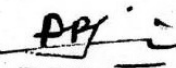
NOTIFICATION

Whereas "**Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University**" Belur Math, West Bengal, was declared a deemed to be university under de-novo category under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 vide this Ministry's notification of even number dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 subject to certain conditions that included a review after five years;

2. And whereas, the UGC has reviewed the functioning of the "**Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University**" Belur Math, West Bengal, through an Expert Committee constituted for this purpose;

3. And, whereas, on the basis of the report of the Expert Committee, the UGC has recommended continuation of the status of 'Deemed-to-be-University' to "**Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University**" Belur Math, West Bengal, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956;

4. Now, therefore, the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 and on the advice of the UGC in the matter, do hereby accord approval to the continuance of "**Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University**" Belur Math, West Bengal, as a deemed-to-be-university for the purpose of the aforesaid Act, strictly in terms of this Ministry's notification of even number dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 subject to the conditions that they will adhere to the regulations and guidelines prescribed by the UGC and other statutory bodies, from time to time, as are applicable to the institutions declared as deemed-to-be-universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and that they will also abide by directions issued by Government of India from time to time.

  
(R.P. Sisodia)


Joint Secretary to the Government of India



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3. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, Indira Gandhi Stadium, I. P. Estate, New Delhi – 110002.
4. The Principle Secretary, Department of Higher Education, West Bengal
5. The Vice-Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Belur Math, Distt Howrah, West Bengal - 711202.
6. The Registrar, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Belur Math, Distt Howrah, West Bengal - 711202.
7. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. The Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, AIU House, 16, Kotla Marg, New Delhi-2.
9. Web Master, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. It is requested that CMIS Unit may kindly be instructed to display the Notification on the website (Home site) of the Department.
10. Guard file / Notification file.

  
(K. Damayanthi)  
Director

### 3 Definitions

In the Memorandum and Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions of the various terms are:

- 3.1 “Academic Council” means the academic council of the institution deemed to be University;
- 3.2 “Act” means the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956);
- 3.3 “affiliated college” means a college recognised by, associated with and admitted to the privileges of a University;
- 3.4 “Board of Studies” means the Board of Studies of a Department of the institution deemed to be University;
- 3.5 “campus” means campus (single or multiple locations within the city) of the institution deemed to be University wherein its facilities, faculty, staff, students, and Academic Departments are situated;
- 3.6 “centre” means a centre of studies of the institution deemed to be University;

- 3.7 "Chancellor", "Vice-Chancellor", and "Pro-Vice-Chancellor" means the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the institution deemed to be University, respectively;
- 3.8 "college" means any institution whether affiliated college or constituent college, known as such or by any other name and provides undergraduate or postgraduate or Ph.D. programmes or all together, for obtaining any qualification from a University, in accordance with the rules and regulations of such University, which has been recognised as competent by the University Grants Commission to provide such programmes or courses of study;
- 3.9 "Commission" means the University Grants Commission (UGC) constituted under the Act;
- 3.10 "constituent college" means a college operating under the administrative, academic, and financial control of the sponsoring body;
- 3.11 "constituent unit" means an academic unit (Schools or centres or departments) of the institution existing on the date of submission of a proposal to declare an institution to be an institution deemed to be University;
- 3.12 "Department" means a department of studies of the institution deemed to be University;
- 3.13 "distinct category" means an existing institution or an institution starting from the beginning with the focus on teaching or research in the unique disciplines or addressing the strategic needs of the country or engaged in the preservation of Indian cultural heritage or preservation of the environment or dedicated to skill development or dedicated to sports or languages or any other discipline, as so determined by the Expert Committee approved by the Chairman of the Commission;
- 3.14 "Executive Council" means the executive council of the institution deemed to be University;
- 3.15 "Expert Committee" means a committee consisting of academics and other experts from other fields and includes representatives of the statutory bodies and approved by the Chairman of the Commission;
- 3.16 "Government" means the Department in the Ministry of Education in the Central Government dealing with the higher education;
- 3.17 "institution" means an institution of higher education engaged in teaching and research at the undergraduate, post-graduate or higher level;

- 3.18 "institution deemed to be University" means an institution of higher education so declared by the Central Government by notification under section 3 of the Act, on the advice of the Commission;
- 3.19 "main campus" means the campus of the institution deemed to be University, where its major facilities, faculty, staff, students, academic departments and administration are situated;
- 3.20 MoA/Rules means Memorandum of Association and/or Rules of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute.
- 3.21 "NAAC" means the National Assessment and Accreditation Council;
- 3.22 "NBA" means the National Board of Accreditation;
- 3.23 "necessary infrastructure" means the infrastructure required under the norms of the concerned statutory body or the Commission, as the case may be;
- 3.24 "NEP" means the National Education Policy, 2020;
- 3.25 "NIRF" means the National Institutional Ranking Framework;
- 3.26 "notification" means a notification issued by the Central Government in the Official Gazette declaring an institution of higher education, as an institution deemed to be University under section 3 of the Act;
- 3.27 "off-campus" means the premises of the institution deemed to be University, approved by the Government, other than the main campus or the campuses;
- 3.28 "off-shore campus" means the premises of the institution deemed to be University, approved by the Government, outside India, other than the main campus in India;
- 3.29 "processing fee" means the fee to be paid by the applicant institution to the Commission along with the application for processing such application;
- 3.30 "Regulations" means the University Grants Commission (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.
- 3.31 "school" or "faculty" means a school or faculty of studies of the institution deemed to be University;
- 3.32 "sponsoring body" means a body being a charitable or a not-for-profit society or trust or a company under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013), submitting an application for declaring an institution under its administrative, academic and financial control as an institution deemed to be University;

3.33 "Standing Committee" means a committee consisting of academics and other experts from other fields and includes representatives of the statutory bodies and approved by the Chairman of the Commission;

3.34 "statutory body" 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, including the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the Bar Council of India (BCI), the Dental Council of India (DCI), the Indian Nursing Council (INC), the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the National Medical Commission (NMC), or any other statutory body established under an Act of Parliament;

3.35 "teacher" means professors, associate professors, assistant professors and such other academic staff as may be appointed for imparting instructions or conducting research in the institution deemed to be University including the adjunct faculty or professor of practice or visiting faculty; and

3.36 the words and expressions used in these regulations and not defined, but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them.

#### **4 Objectives of the Institution Deemed to be University**

The objectives for which the Institution Deemed to be University named 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute' has been established by Ramakrishna Mission are derived essentially from the educational objectives of the Ramakrishna Mission itself, under whose aegis and with the same registration the Institute Deemed to be University has been started, which is to actualize Swami Vivekananda's educational vision of 'man making' and 'character building' to produce not only knowledgeable and efficient educated youth, but possessing impeccable character strength endowed with all round personalities with harmonious development of heart, head and hand—the emotional, intellectual and practical faculties inherent in a person—through imparting holistic education and training that would integrate and synthesize the best elements of the East and West as envisioned by Swami Vivekananda. Being under the aegis of Ramakrishna Mission, a worldwide spiritual and philanthropic movement silently serving in various spheres all over the globe for over a century, the Institute Deemed to be University, RKMVERI, is a vibrant educational *movement* rather than merely an academic institution, so that the students educated and trained in it are not merely be academicians and scholars, however brilliant, but participants in the enormous task of nation building—*rebuilding a rejuvenated and vibrant new India through building of immaculately pure individual character*, cast in the mould of harmony and synthesis of knowledge, love and work— head, heart and hand: "brains to conceive, heart to feel and hands to work" in Swami Vivekananda's own words.

More specifically, therefore, some of the objectives of the Institute deemed to be University are to:



- 4.1 Provide for higher education leading to excellence and innovations in such branches of knowledge as may be deemed fit, primarily at undergraduate, post-graduate, and research degree levels, fully conforming to the concept of a University;
- 4.2 Engage in inter-disciplinary or multi-disciplinary or trans-disciplinary teaching and research in addition to domain-specific specialization;
- 4.3 Provide for high-quality teaching and research recognized nationally and globally;
- 4.4 Recognize, identify and foster the unique capabilities of each student, by sensitizing teachers as well as parents to promote each student's holistic development;
- 4.5 Provide multi-disciplinary and a holistic education in the faculties of science, engineering, technology, social sciences, arts, humanities, sports and other disciplines;
- 4.6 Transform into research and teaching intensive University over a period of time;
- 4.7 Focus on research and innovation by setting up start-up incubation centres; technology development centres; centres in frontier areas of research; greater industry-academic linkages; and inter-disciplinary research including humanities and social sciences research;
- 4.8 Provide flexible and innovative curriculum, which includes credit-based courses and projects in the areas of community engagement and service, environmental education, value-based education, etc.;
- 4.9 Contribute for social transformation through socially responsive teaching, learning, research, and fieldwork;
- 4.10 Adopt the provisions of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020;
- 4.11 Strengthen the research ecosystem by establishing Research and Development Cell (RDC) in tune with NEP 2020 with emphasis on interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research; encourage 'translational research' (colloquially called 'lab-to-bedside') in emerging areas for the benefit of the society; click the following hyperlink to the [RDC research ecosystem description](#) on RKMVERI website;
- 4.12 Create Centres for such interdisciplinary research and 'translational research' with intermingling of the research talents of the researchers and faculty of both physical and

4.13 biological/neuro-sciences as well as humanities like Sanskrit, Philosophy, social sciences, etc. click the following hyperlink giving details of the Centres of interdisciplinary research on RKMVERI website;

4.14 Possess such academic and physical infrastructure as may be specified by the Commission or the relevant statutory body, as the case may be;

4.15 Strive to achieve a teacher-student ratio of 1:20 with a minimum combined faculty strength of not less than one hundred and fifty teachers and a minimum combined student strength of three thousand on rolls under the regular classroom mode, of which not less than one fifth being post-graduate or research or as per the norms of the relevant statutory body; and

4.16 Shall have an administrative area, library, lecture halls, labs, hostels, health care, common facilities and recreational facilities.

## **5 Powers and Functions of the Institute deemed to be University—Its various academic Programmes to actualize its objectives**

5.1 To establish courses of study and research and to provide instruction in such branches of study as the Institute Deemed to be University may deem appropriate for the advancement of learning and the cultivation and dissemination of knowledge in such branches in the light of the objectives as set forth hereinbefore, with certain 'thrust areas' to be operationalized through Ramakrishna Mission's various branch-centres which have evolved the necessary expertise over several decades in these areas.

5.2 To confer degrees and to grant diplomas and/or certificates of the following nature, for example, M.A., M.Sc., M.Phil., B.E./B.Tech., M.E./M.Sc.(Tech.)/M.Tech., B.Ed., M.Ed., B.P.Ed., B.Voc., M.P.Ed., Ph.D., D.Phil., D.Sc., D.Litt., M.D., M.S., D.M., etc., Diplomas and Certificates in the various courses under the above 'thrust areas' to persons who have satisfactorily completed the approved courses of study and/or research as may be prescribed and shall have passed the prescribed examinations; D.Litt./D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) to highly eminent academicians and distinguished persons their outstanding contributions to society, etc.

5.3 To institute and award visitorships (visiting/emeritus/distinguished professorship from various reputed Institutes/Universities in India and abroad, etc.), fellowships (doctoral/post-doctoral/distinguished fellowships, for sciences, agriculture and rural & tribal development, education, humanities, social sciences etc.), exhibits, prizes, medals and such other awards for recognition of merit as the Institute may deem fit;

5.4 To impart, promote, undertake and provide for instruction, training, research etc. in respect of the various courses established and run by the Institute, as the Institute may deem appropriate or necessary, in the open (distance) mode of education and online (virtual) mode also, apart from the conventional (offline) face-to-face mode, provided

that and provided only that it is approved by and has the prior approval of the appropriate regulatory bodies and the Government, consistent with the UGC Regulations governing institutions deemed to be Universities, mainly with the intention of reaching the unreached in remote and rural areas, and bring the light of education to the masses as envisioned by Swami Vivekananda;

5.5 To do all such acts as may be necessary or incidental to the exercise of all or any of the powers of the Institute deemed to be University as are necessary or conducive to the promotion of all or any of the objectives of the Institute.

The following updated 'Profile' of the Institute Deemed to be University, RKMVERI, including its Vision and Mission, gives an exhaustive picture of how the various 'thrust areas' are being actually operationalized through various Schools situated in the main Campus at Belur Math and the approved 'Off-Campus' Centres—both the academic programmes (including imparting of theoretical knowledge and practical/field training as well as outreach/extension services for the society at large to whom the benefits of education should reach for societal uplift and as part of the social responsibility of education).

### **UPDATED PROFILE OF the Deemed to be University, RKMVERI (as on 01 September 2023) Including its Vision and Mission**

#### **Vision and Mission of the Deemed to be University:**

##### **Vision:**

To be a great centre of learning blending the two sciences—'natural and humanistic'—and harmoniously synthesizing the twin excellences of ancient Indian spiritual wisdom and philosophical knowledge tradition and the modern scientific knowledge and technological skill, by imparting life-building, character-making education to the youths for their individual improvement as well as for the collective good as envisioned by Swami Vivekananda.

##### **Mission:**

- (Pursuit of Excellence) To strive for excellence in teaching, research and all academic endeavours.

- (Blending of Eastern and Western values and excellences) To inculcate ancient Indian values like Shraddha (unshakable conviction) in the higher human excellences like purity, truth, selflessness, harmony and peace, blending them with predominantly western values like scientific temper, rational outlook, technological efficiency, teamwork, professional integrity, work ethics, etc., in order to create a band of educated youth with lofty character and integrated personalities with harmonious development of heart, head and hand—faculties of feeling, thinking and willing—bhakti, jnana and karma with yoga or concentration interpenetrating all these.

- (Social responsibility) To train and educate the youth to become socially responsible citizens to collectively rebuild a rejuvenated, glorious India by first of all building an impeccable, lofty character themselves at the individual level.

### **Schools/Faculties/Departments/Academic Programmes being conducted at the Belur Main Campus and the 'Off-Campus' Centres across the country**

As of now, the University has the following Campuses each of them housing Specialized Faculties conducting various academic programmes with the approval of the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Education, Government of India:

(1) **Belur Main Campus:** Mathematical Sciences (Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science including Data Science), Indian Heritage (Sanskrit, Indian spiritual, cultural and scientific heritage, Yoga, Dhrupad, classical music), Sports Science.

(2) **Coimbatore Campus:** Disability Management and Special Education, General & Adapted Physical Education, Agriculture and Rural Development, Computer Science and Applications, Data Science, Business Analytics.

(3) **Ranchi Campus:** Integrated Rural & Tribal Development and Management, Agricultural Bio-technology, Agricultural Science.

(4) **Narendrapur Campus:** Agriculture & Rural Development, Integrated Rural Development and Management, Agricultural Bio-technology, Medical Biotechnology (in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission Sevapratishthan Hospital, Kolkata), Molecular Biology, Pharmacognosy, Environment and Disaster Management.

The various academic programmes are run by the following 'Schools' devoted to certain specialized faculties:

The various 'Schools' offering the different courses are the following:

- i School of Rehabilitation Sciences and Physical Education
- ii School of Agriculture and Rural Development
- iii School of Indian Heritage
- iv School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- v School of Mathematical Sciences
- vi School of Environment and Disaster Management
- vii School of Biological Sciences
- viii School of Health Sciences

These Schools are located in the various Campuses as stated above. Details of the academic programmes in each of the Schools are given below.

The details of the 'Faculties' and the academic programmes under the various 'Schools' being run by the University in its various Campuses are as follows:



(1) Disability Management and Special Education, through '**School of Rehabilitation and Sports Sciences**' with the following Faculties:

(i) Faculty of Disability Management and Special Education, and

(ii) Faculty of General & Adapted Physical Education and Yoga, located at Ramakrishna Mission Centre in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

(iii) Faculty of 'Sports Science and Yoga' at Belur main campus.

The above Faculties are running Diploma, Advanced Diploma, B.Ed., M.Ed., M.Phil., and Ph.D. courses/programmes in Special Education; Diploma, PG Diploma, B.P.Ed., M.P.Ed., M.Phil., and Ph.D. courses/programmes in General and Adapted Physical Education and Yoga, Ancient Indian Sports (Kalaripayattu), Sports Science, etc.

**Note:** In recognition of our unique thrust areas to create the human resource in the form of trained teachers for disability management, **UNESCO has honoured us by creating a Chair in the field of 'Inclusive Adapted Physical Education and Yoga' to promote this unique area.** In appreciation of the good work in this area, UNESCO has recently extended the Chair for another term of four years. Also, in recognition of our social commitment, the University has been awarded full membership of an organization called GUNI (Global University Network for Innovation), a Europe-based global organization networking Universities across the globe working with social commitment.

(2) Integrated Rural & Tribal Development, through '**School of Agriculture and Rural Development**' with following Faculties:

(i) Faculty of Integrated Rural Development and Management, including Agricultural Bio-technology, located at Ramakrishna Mission Centre at Narendrapur, Kolkata, West Bengal, and

(ii) Faculty of Integrated Rural & Tribal Development and Management, including Agricultural bio-technology, located at Ramakrishna Mission Centre at Ranchi, Jharkhand,

(iii) Faculty of Agricultural Research and Education at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

The above Faculties are running M.Sc. and Ph.D. programmes in 'Agriculture and Rural Development', 'Agriculture, Rural and Tribal Development', and 'Agricultural Bio-technology', B.Sc. (Agriculture), M.Sc. (Agriculture) in Genetics & Plant Breeding, M.Sc. (Agriculture) in Agronomy, Ph.D. in Agricultural Biotechnology, Agriculture and Rural Development.

(3) Indian Spiritual and Cultural Heritage including Value Education, through '**School of Indian Heritage**' with the programmes in the following areas:

- (i) Sanskrit Studies and Research,
- (ii) Indian Spiritual, Cultural and Scientific Heritage,
- (iii) Yoga Studies and Research,
- (iv) Classical Music with special emphasis on Dhrupad Sangeet,
- (v) Values Education for character building and integrated personality,
- (vi) Swami Vivekananda Studies and Research,
- (vii) Philosophical Studies and Research (Western and Eastern, with special emphasis on Ramakrishna-Vivekananda's *samanvaya* Vedanta—philosophy of harmony and synthesis).

These programmes and courses being run on the above areas include the following:

Integrated 5-year M.A. programme in Sanskrit (fully taught in Sanskrit medium), M.Phil., Ph.D. programmes in Sanskrit (with emphasis on Vedanta and Vyakarana) and Philosophy (Eastern and Western), Diploma courses on Spiritual Heritage of India like the Upanishads, Bhagavad-Gita, Srimad-Bhagavatam, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Patanjali Yoga Sutras, Narada Bhakti Sutras and other ancient Sanskrit scriptures including the modern scriptures like Ramakrishna-Sarada-Vivekananda literature with emphasis on religious and philosophical harmony and synthesis in the modern times, and Ph.D. in Bengali Studies (focusing on Ramakrishna-Sarada-Vivekananda, *Bharatiya darshana-shastra*—philosophical texts).

4) Fundamental Science Education and Research, through 'School of Mathematical Sciences' with the following Departments:

- (i) Department of Mathematics,
- (ii) Department of Computer Science and Applications (including Data Science),
- (iii) Department of Physics

These Departments are located at the Belur main campus as well as at the Coimbatore Campus and are running M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D. programmes in Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science and Applications and Big Data Analytics.

**RKMVERI has been the pioneer in creating online video self-study material (which can also be taught by a teacher) on Artificial Intelligence and Robotics in the vernacular, Bengali to start with, to be dubbed in other Indian languages gradually, at the school level (Classes 9,10,11,12) in tune with the NEP 2020 which emphasizes teaching-learning in the vernaculars.**

It may be recalled in this connection that it was **Swami Vivekananda who inspired Sir Jamshedji Tata to start an Institute in India for fundamental science education and research** in India during their travel together in the same ship to Chicago in 1893. The result of this dialogue between these two great minds and great sons of India is the present 'Indian Institute of Science' at Bengaluru, which is the pride of Indian science, a globally acknowledged premier Institute devoted to research and education in fundamental sciences.

(5) Environmental Science and Disaster Management Studies, through **'School of Environment and Disaster Management'** located at Ramakrishna Mission Centre at Narendrapur, Kolkata, West Bengal, running M.Sc. and Ph.D. programmes in Environment and Disaster Management (with emphasis on climate change and human health issues). This programme is being supported by **European Commission** in a collaborative venture through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). **The Government of West Bengal has created a Swami Vivekananda Chair in 'Environment and Disaster Management'** to reinforce and strengthen the various programmes in this important area.

(6) Medical Biotechnology, Immunology, Microbiology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Critical Care Science and Technology and related fields through **'School of Biological Sciences'** located at Ramakrishna Mission Centre at Narendrapur, Kolkata, West Bengal, in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan (a reputed 600-bedded hospital in Kolkata almost 90 years old), running M.Sc. and Ph.D. programmes in the above fields. This field of Medical Biotechnology, which is becoming increasingly important on account of the Covid-19 pandemic, is now the focus of special attention of the University. The specialized interdisciplinary areas in this field which are emerging and exciting are: immunology, digital biology and bioinformatics, digital imaging in the medical field, etc.

As is well known, Swami Vivekananda wanted a harmonious blend of the *Sanatana Bharatiya Jnana Parampara* (Ancient Indian Knowledge Tradition, its spiritual wisdom and remarkable insights into the whole spectrum of human knowledge) with the modern scientific and technological as well as philosophical and mathematical knowledge of the Western world. RKMVERI Deemed to be University established in his hallowed name is striving to achieve this unique blend by setting up the Schools of Indian Heritage, Mathematical Sciences, Rehabilitation and Sports Sciences, Environment and Disaster Management, Agriculture and Rural Development and Biological Sciences.

In addition to the above, RKMVERI has stated the following Centres of interdisciplinary, trans-disciplinary study and research at the various school of the university offering academic programmes spread across the four campuses:

- i) Centre for Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) and Mixed Reality (MR)
- ii) Centre for 'Number Theory, Dynamical Systems and Chaos'
- iii) Centre for 'One Health'
- iv) Centre for 'Humanitarian Studies and Humanistic Sciences'
- v) Centre for Consciousness Studies (CHATAK—Chaitanya Tattwa Anusandhan Kendra)
- vi) Centre for Study and Research on Veda-vedanta, Yoga (VYASA—Veda-vedanta Adhyayana-Samshodhana-Alaya).

To Institute Chair-Programmes with financial support from the Central and State Governments for promoting excellence in teaching and research (and to attract eminent scholars / researchers to share their expertise and knowledge) such as i) **'UNESCO Chair' in 'Inclusive Adapted Physical Education and Yoga,** ii) **'Swami Abhedananda Chair' in Indian**

**philosophy, Sanskrit and other allied subjects iii) 'Swami Vivekananda Chair' in Environment and Disaster Management and other allied subjects.**

The Chairholder, besides conducting serious research and teaching at the M.Phil./Ph.D. levels, will actively be involved in publications of books and journals. Two journals, one at the level of the research scholars and another at the level of undergraduate and postgraduate students, fully in Sanskrit, called *Prajnaloka* and *Pratibhaloka* respectively are published by the Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy under the School of Indian Heritage. One more journal called *Prajnanam* which is presently trilingual (Sanskrit, Bengali and English) caters to students of various Colleges and University students.

To promote research in the field of Biological Sciences, a new Research Centre called JIVAN has been started as described below.

**JIVA-VIJNAN-ANWESHAN-NIKETAN (JIVAN)—Centre for Research in Biological Sciences** is a research initiative of the School of Biological Sciences of RKMVERI Deemed University, in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission Sevapratishthan (a 600-bed General Hospital nearly 90 years old located in Kolkata). The objective of this Research Centre JIVAN is to bring together biological scientists with vast research experience in laboratories of reputed Institutes and the medical doctors working in the field in order to create a synergy, taking on board eminent statisticians and computer scientists also to explore the fascinating emerging areas like the use of digital image analysis and artificial intelligence techniques in the medical field. The following **Five Working Groups** in the various important areas of Biological Sciences are actively engaged in working out the plans and programmes for research, teaching-training, extension services under **JIVAN**:

1. Microbiology
2. Cardiology & Metabolic Disorder
3. Hematology & Hemato-Oncology
4. Neuroscience
5. Medical Statistics and Digital Data Analytics

The following two M.Sc. programmes have been started:

- i) 2-year M.Sc.) in Critical Care Science and Technology (CCST) and
- ii) Medical Laboratory Science and Technology (MLST)

#### **EXTENSION/SERVICE ACTIVITIES TO REACH THE UNREACHED:**

**(1) VIVEKDISHA**--An ICT-based Network of the University is a unique service activity in education functioning as an Information and Communication Technology (ICT)–based network of the RKMVERI Deemed to be University, which provides single window– based services like online education to supplement and reinforce the conventional education received at the schools from secondary to undergraduate level, online teachers' training, spiritual heritage programmes, teachers' workshops and research programmes. It supports



students, teachers and researchers through its interactive website. During 2022-23, VIVEKDISHA served more than 13000 students through its multimedia-based interactive online classes which were held five days per week. There are 25 remote school centres situated mostly in rural areas that participate in the VIVEKDISHA programmes which are monitored from the University's Expert Centre at the Belur Campus of the University.

**(2) Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs):** (i) 'Sasya Shyamala' KVK (ii) 'Dhaanyaganga' KVK Both these KVKs have the common mandate, scope and activities, as delineated by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), for the benefit of the farmers, to reach the discoveries made by the scientists in their laboratories to the farmers in their lands: 'lab-to-land' as it is commonly termed.

## **6 Corpus Fund**

RKMVERI, being partially supported financially by the Government of India through UGC with a fixed annual maintenance grant to the tune of Rs.10 (ten) crore per annum, the question of maintaining a Corpus Fund does not apply.

## **7 Off-campus centres**

Off-campus centres and Off-Shore campus centres shall be started by the deemed to be university only in accordance with the following UGC Regulations:

7.1.1 Institutions deemed to be Universities with minimum 'A' grade and above or ranked from 1 to 100 in the "Universities" category of NIRF rankings of the relevant year are eligible to set up off-campus centres.

7.1.2 Institutions declared as deemed to be Universities under "distinct category" may apply for off campuses after five years of their declaration, if they fulfill the criteria specified in clause 8.1.1.

7.2 The Institution Deemed to be University shall have the infrastructure at the proposed off-campus centres in accordance with the norms and standards specified by the relevant statutory body or the Commission, as the case may be, and the Institute shall start the off-campus centre with a minimum of five under-graduate or post-graduate or research or combination thereof with a minimum of one thousand students, of which not less than one-fifth of the students shall be post-graduate or research students with fifty teachers and with required infrastructure facilities.

7.3 The Government may withdraw the approval granted for starting the off-campus centre if at any time, it is found that the information provided by the institution deemed to be University is incorrect and in order to protect the interests of students enrolled at such centre, the institution deemed to be University shall take necessary action for shifting of such students to the main campus.

- 7.4 The Institution deemed to be University shall start new courses or programmes in any field in their existing campus and approved off-campus centres only with the prior approval of its Executive Council and also, wherever applicable, with the approval of the relevant statutory bodies:

PROVIDED that where the institution deemed to be University is in receipt of grant-in-aid or other funds for maintenance from the Central Government or the State Government or its Agencies, as the case may be, prior approval of the appropriate Government shall also be required.

## 8. Off-Shore campuses

- 8.1. Institutions deemed to be Universities may start or establish off-shore campuses with the prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of the Act, rules and regulations made thereunder.
- 8.2. Existing off-shore campuses shall continue to operate, provided they have obtained proper permissions and approval.

## 9. Monitoring

- 9.1. The Commission shall monitor the performance and academic outcomes of the institutions deemed to be Universities.
- 9.2. The Commission shall decide on the physical verification of an institution deemed to be University or constitute teams for such verification on its own or upon receipt of any complaint against the accuracy and veracity of the information submitted to the Commission and also hosted on the website of the institution.

The Deemed to be University, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), **has been declared by UGC by its letter Ref.No.F.1- 1/2018 (CPP-I/DU) dated 5 July 2019 as belonging to Category-I, on account of its being awarded the highest grade of A++ by NAAC (with a CGPA score of 3.66 out of 4), and as such RKMVERI is “eligible for all the benefits as stipulated under Clause 4 (Dimensions of Autonomy for Category-I Universities)”** of the UGC Regulations in this regard, namely, ‘UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION [CATEGORISATION OF UNIVERSITIES (ONLY) FOR GRANT OF GRADED AUTONOMY] REGULATIONS, 2018—Dimensions of Autonomy for Category-I Universities’—vide MHRD Gazetted Notification Ref.No.F.No.1-8-2017(CPP-II) dated 12th February, 2018.

Copies of the UGC Notification No.F.1-1/2018 (CPP-I/DU) dated 5 July 2019 declaring RKMVERI as ‘Category-I’ Institute Deemed to be University as well as the NAAC certificates awarding the highest A++ grade (with Institutional CGPA 3.66 out of 4) to RKMVERI, are enclosed hereinbelow for ready reference.



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5 JUL 2019

Subject:- Categorization of the Deemed to be University under UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

Sir,

As you are aware, UGC is mandated to determine, promote and maintain the standards of higher education in the country. UGC is constantly striving to create an enabling environment whereby higher educational institutions in the country can become institution of global excellence. UGC is also aware that global excellence can be achieved only by extending autonomy to better performing institutions as autonomy is pivotal to promoting and institutionalizing excellence in higher education.

In order to grant autonomy to the better performing institutions, UGC has notified UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018 on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 in the Gazette of India.

The proposal received from **Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), PO Belur Math, Dist. Howrah – 711202, West Bengal** under the above UGC Regulations has been examined, processed and considered by the Commission in its 541<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 13.06.2019. **The Commission has decided to grade the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), PO Belur Math, Dist. Howrah – 711202, West Bengal as Category-I Deemed to be University as per the provisions of the above UGC Regulations.** The Deemed to be University shall now be eligible for all the benefits as stipulated under Clause 4 (Dimensions of Autonomy for Category-I Universities) of the abovementioned UGC Regulations.

The Deemed to be University shall inform the UGC about the benefits being implemented from new academic session. In light of this, the Deemed to be University should acknowledge in writing that it shall strictly comply with all the regulations as mentioned in the provisions (Clause 4) of the UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

It is further informed that the Deemed to be university shall intimate the Commission about its changed status as per Clause 6 of the said Regulations.

Yours faithfully,

**(Rajnish Jain)**  
Secretary



Given below are the following NAAC documents:

(1) Accreditation Certificate from NAAC showing the award of A++ grade

(2) Quality Profile Certificate from NAAC giving a detailed breakup of the score of Institutional CGPA 3.66 out of 4 and award of A++ grade.







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**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION COUNCIL**

An Autonomous Institution of the University Grants Commission

# Quality Profile

Name of the Institution : Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute

Place : Belur Math, Dist. Howrah, West Bengal

Criteria	Weightage ( $W_i$ )	Criterion-wise Weighted Grade Point ( $Cr\ WGP_i$ )	Criterion-wise Grade Point Averages ( $Cr\ WGP_i / W_i$ )
I. Curricular Aspects	150	600	4.00
II. Teaching-Learning and Evaluation	185	690	3.73
III. Research, Innovations and Extension	233	753	3.23
IV. Infrastructure and Learning Resources	095	364	3.83
V. Student Support and Progression	094	335	3.56
VI. Governance, Leadership & Management	094	348	3.70
VII. Institutional Values and Best Practices	100	394	3.94
<b>Total</b>	$\sum_{i=1}^7 W_i = 951$	$\sum_{i=1}^7 (Cr\ WGP_i) = 3484$	

$$\text{Institutional CGPA} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^7 (Cr\ WGP_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^7 W_i} = \frac{3484}{951} = \boxed{3.66}$$

Grade =  $\boxed{A^{**}}$



Date : March 28, 2019

S. C. Sharma  
Director

- This certification is valid for a period of Five years with effect from March 28, 2019
- An institutional CGPA on seven point scale in the range of 3.51 - 4.00 denotes A\*\* grade, 3.26 - 3.50 denotes A+ grade, 3.01 - 3.25 denotes A grade, 2.76 - 3.00 denotes B\*\* grade, 2.51 - 2.75 denotes B+ grade, 2.01 - 2.50 denotes B grade, 1.51 - 2.00 denotes C grade
- Scores rounded off to the nearest integer

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## 10. Governance

10.1. As stated at the very outset, RKMVERI, the Institution Deemed to be University was started under the aegis of and with the same Registration as Ramakrishna Mission [vide UGC letter D.O.No.F.6-41/2001 (CPP-I) dated 3 January 2002, read with subsequent UGC Notification No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 13 September 2006]. Ramakrishna Mission, the parent body/sponsoring society of the deemed to be University, which is a well-known registered Society serving the country in the various service sectors including higher education for more than a century, registered on the 4th of May 1909, under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, with registration no.1917/3 for 1909-10—revised according to West Bengal Act XXVI of 1961, is a not-for profit society. Even before the establishment of the deemed to be University, Ramakrishna Mission had approached UGC with the request to waive off the clause requiring that the Deemed to be University should be a separate Registered Body, and this request was duly considered by the UGC at its 339th meeting held on 1 November 2001. By its letter Ref.D.O.No.F.6-41/2001 (CPP-I) dated 3 January 2002, the UGC granted such an exemption as an exceptional case in the case of Ramakrishna Mission. Excerpts from this letter are enclosed below.

“The Hon’ble Members while deciding that no relaxation be made in the existing guidelines also felt that due consideration may be given to the Institution’s request, such as that of Ramakrishna Mission. The Commission realised that in case of Ramakrishna Mission it shall be fair and just to allow the grace of having the same parent society to continue to look after the Institutions under deemed University as well. The Hon’ble Commission decided that such exemption may only be considered in exceptional cases and on individual merits alone. It was also decided to waive off this clause in the case of Ramakrishna Mission, P.O. Belur Math, dist. Howrah, West Bengal.” A copy of this letter has been enclosed hereinabove at the very outset.

Further, by letter No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 13 September 2006, the Commission reiterated its broader principle that the Commission reserves the right to give exemptions from the requirement of creation of separate and dedicated Trust/Society for managing the affairs of the Institute deemed to be University, stating inter alia that such an exception could be given to such Trust/Societies which are mainly involved in charitable social services. A copy of the above UGC Notification has been enclosed hereinabove at the very outset.

10.2. All moveable and immovable assets of RKMVERI shall be used for the purposes of conducting academic activities, promotion of research and related administrative requirements of the institution deemed to be University, including the outreach educational activities.

- 10.3. The highest governing body of the institution deemed to be University shall be the Executive Council to be headed by the Vice-Chancellor and consisting of not less than ten and not more than thirteen members.
- 10.4. The Executive Council shall be the principal executive body of the institution deemed to be University.
- 10.5. The composition of the Executive Council shall be as under -
- a) Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;
  - b) Pro-Vice-Chancellor (wherever applicable);
  - c) two members from amongst the Deans of schools of studies, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;
  - d) one Professor, who is not a Dean, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;
  - e) one Associate Professor, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;
  - f) one Assistant Professor, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor
  - g) up to four nominees of the Sponsoring body; and
  - h) the Registrar, who shall be the ex-officio Secretary of the Executive Council.

#### **11. Tenure of the members of Executive Council —**

- 11.1. All the members of the Executive Council, other than the Vice Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor, shall hold office for a term of three years and in the case of Deans, the term shall be three years or until they hold the office of Dean, whichever is earlier.
- 11.2. Members of the Executive Council appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor category shall hold office for a period of one year or till such time they cease to be teachers of the University, whichever is earlier.

#### **12. Powers and limitations of Executive Council —**

- 12.1. The Executive Council shall have the power of management and administration of the institution deemed to be University.
- 12.2. The Executive Council shall be the final decision-making body of the institution deemed to be University in respect of every matter of the institution deemed to be University, including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, and developmental matters.

12.3. Subject to the provisions of these regulations and the rules of the institution deemed to be University, the Executive Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers, namely :—

12.3.1. to appoint such Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and other academic staff, including Chairs, as may be necessary, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted for the said purpose and to fill up temporary vacancies therein;

12.3.2. to regulate and enforce discipline amongst the employees of the institution in accordance with the rules of the institution deemed to be University;

12.3.3. to provide for the appointment of Visiting Professors, Emeritus Professors, Professor of Practice, Consultants, Scholars, etc., and determine the terms and conditions of such appointments;

12.3.4. to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by the rules and regulations of the institution deemed to be University;

12.3.5. to make rules and regulations for the institution deemed to be University; and

12.3.6. if the institution is controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. Of their annual receipt from the Central or State Government, the creation of posts shall be done by the Executive Council with prior approval of the respective Government from which grants are being released.

### **13. Meetings of Executive Council —**

13.1. The Executive Council shall meet at least four times a year (minimum two in one semester), with not less than seven days' prior notice given before every meeting of the Executive Council and emergency meetings may be convened at a shorter notice, for reasons to be recorded in writing for such emergency meeting.

13.2. One-third of the total number of members of the Executive Council shall form the quorum for the meeting.

13.3. In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor shall preside over the meeting; and where there is no Pro-Vice-Chancellor in an institution deemed to be University, a member chosen by the other members of the Executive Council present at the meeting, shall preside over the meeting.

13.4. Every member of the Executive Council including the Chairperson, shall have one vote and the decisions at the meetings of the Executive Council shall be taken by simple majority; and in case of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

13.5. Any business, which may be urgent in nature, may be carried out by circulation amongst its members.

13.6. A copy of the minutes of each meeting shall be furnished to the Chancellor of the institution deemed to be University, as soon as possible after the convening of the meeting.

#### **14. Termination of membership —**

If a member other than the Vice-Chancellor and those representing the teachers, accepts a full-time appointment in the institution deemed to be University or fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Executive Council, without proper leave of absence, such member shall cease to be a member of the Executive Council.

#### **15. Delegation of powers of Executive Council —**

The Executive Council may, by a resolution, delegate to the Vice Chancellor or any other officer or faculty or to a Committee of officers or faculties of the institution deemed to be University, such powers as it may deem fit, subject to the condition that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor or the officer or faculty or the Committee in the exercise of the powers so delegated, shall be reported at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

#### **Other authorities of institution deemed to be University —**

#### **16. Academic Council:**

16.1. The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the institution deemed to be University and shall, subject to the provision of the rules of the institution deemed to be University, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policy of the institution deemed to be University.

16.2. The composition of the Academic Council shall be as under—

- a) Vice Chancellor – Chairperson;
- b) Pro Vice-Chancellor (wherever applicable);
- c) Deans of faculties of the schools and heads of the departments or centres;
- d) up to ten Professors (excluding those who are Deans of schools and heads of departments or centres) by rotation, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor giving due regard to the representation of different schools or departments or centres;
- e) up to five Associate Professors from departments or centres other than the heads of the departments or centres, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;

- f) up to five Assistant Professors from the departments or centres other than the heads of the departments or centres, by rotation, to be appointed by the ViceChancellor;
- g) six persons of repute from amongst the educationists or experts for their specialised knowledge, who are not in the service of the institution deemed to be University, nominated by the Vice Chancellor; and
- h) the Registrar, who shall be the ex-officio Secretary of the Academic Council.

16.3. The representation of different categories shall be through rotation and not through an election and the term of members, other than the ex-officio members, shall be three years and the Controller of Examination shall be the permanent invitee to the meetings of the Academic Council.

**Note:** In view of the multi-campus character of RKMVERI, the Institution Deemed to be University under Ramakrishna Mission with a number of unique Faculties located at the various approved 'Off-Campus' Centres of Ramakrishna Mission spread all over India, specialized Academic Councils for the Faculties of 'Disability Management and Special Education', 'General & Adapted Physical Education and Yoga' (at the Coimbatore Centre in Tamil Nadu), 'Integrated Rural & Tribal Development and Management' (at Ranchi Centre, Jharkhand) and 'Integrated Rural Development and Management' (at Narendrapur Centre, West Bengal), [and also in any other new Faculty started in in future in any approved 'Off-Campus' Centre] may be formed to perform the functions of the Academic Council in the respective specialized areas of knowledge, with the same terms of reference and hold regular meetings, the proceedings of which will be sent for ratification/approved by the Central Academic Council as envisaged by the UGC Regulations and all the resolutions of this Academic Council shall be sent to the Executive Council for final ratification/approval.

#### **16.4. Powers and Functions of Academic Council:**

The Academic Council shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

- 16.4.1. (a) to exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the institution deemed to be University and to give directions regarding methods of instruction, co-ordination of teaching among departments or faculties or schools or centers, evaluation of research and improvement of academic standards;
- 16.4.2. to bring about and promote inter-departmental, inter-faculty, inter-school, inter-center coordination and to establish or appoint such committees or boards, as may be deemed necessary for the purpose;
- 16.4.3. to consider matters of general academic interest either on its own initiative, or on a reference by a department or faculty or school or centre or the Executive Council, and to take appropriate action thereon;

- 16.4.4. to prescribe courses or programmes of study leading to degree and diploma of the institution deemed to be University;
- 16.4.5. to make arrangements for the conduct of examinations in conformity with the rules and bye-laws of the institution deemed to be University;
- 16.4.6. to maintain proper standards of the examination;
- 16.4.7. to recognise diplomas and degrees of Universities and other Institutions and to determine equivalence with the diplomas and degrees of the institution deemed to be University;
- 16.4.8. to institute Fellowships, Scholarships, Medals, Prizes, etc.;
- 16.4.9. to frame rules covering the academic functioning of the institution deemed to be University, admissions, examinations, award of fellowships and studentships, free-ships, concessions, attendance, discipline, residence, etc.;
- 16.4.10. to take a periodical review of the activities of the departments or centres and to take appropriate action to maintain and improve the standards of instruction;
- 16.4.11. to recommend the institution of teaching posts (Professors, Associate Professors, and Assistant Professors) to the Executive Council;
- 16.4.12. to make recommendations to the Executive Council for the establishment or abolition of departments or centres or schools or faculties, etc.
- 16.4.13. to make recommendations to the Executive Council; and
- 16.4.14. to exercise such other powers and to perform such other duties, as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

#### **16.5. Meeting of Academic Council —**

- 16.5.1. The Academic Council shall meet as often as necessary but not less than four times (at least two times in a semester) during an academic year with not less than seven days prior notice being given before every meeting of the Academic Council and emergency meetings may be convened at a shorter notice, for reasons to be recorded in writing for such emergency meeting.
- 16.5.2. One-third of the total number of members of the Academic Council shall constitute the quorum for the meeting of the Academic Council.



16.5.3. Each member, including its Chairperson, shall have one vote, and decisions at the meetings of the Academic Council shall be taken by simple majority; and in case of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

16.5.4. Any business that may be necessary for the Academic Council to perform, which may be urgent in nature, may be carried out by circulation amongst its members.

## **17. Finance Committee—**

17.1. The composition of the Finance Committee shall be —

a) Vice Chancellor – Chairperson;

b) Pro-Vice Chancellor (wherever applicable);

c) one person nominated by the society or trust or company, as the case may be (wherever applicable);

d) three persons to be nominated by the Executive Council, out of whom at least one shall be a member of the Executive Council;

e) one representative of the Central Government not below the rank of Joint Secretary or his representative to the Government of India, in case the institution is controlled and managed by the Central Government or is receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of their annual receipt from the Central Government directly or through its Agencies; and in all other institution deemed to be Universities, the Commission shall nominate a representative;

f) three persons to be nominated by the Chancellor;

g) Finance Officer-Secretary (ex-officio)

17.2. In case the institution deemed to be University is controlled or managed or funded by the State Government, one representative of such Government.

17.3. All members of the Finance Committee other than ex-officio member shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of first appointment.

17.4. The Finance Committee shall meet at least four times in a year (at least twice each semester) to examine the accounts and scrutinize the proposals for expenditure and one-third of the total number of members of the Finance Committee shall form the quorum for a meeting.

17.5. All proposals relating to the creation of posts and those items which have not been included in the Budget, shall be examined by the Finance Committee before the

Executive Council considers them and to decide waiver in fees, the establishment of scholarships, freeship and any other financial benefits.

17.6. The annual accounts and financial estimates of the institution deemed to be University prepared by the Finance Officer shall be laid before the Finance Committee for consideration and comments and thereafter the same shall be submitted to the Executive Council for approval.

17.7. The Finance Committee shall recommend limits for the total recurring and non-recurring expenditures for the year, based on the income and resources of the institution deemed to be University.

Note: No expenditure other than that provided in the budget shall be incurred by the Institution Deemed to be University without the approval of the Finance Committee.

### **18. Board of Studies—**

18.1. (1) There shall be one Board of Studies for each department or school of the institution deemed to be University. The composition of the Board of Studies shall be—

- a) Dean of school or Head of the department – Chairperson;
- b) all Professors of the school or department;
- c) two Associate Professors of the school or department, by rotation;
- d) two Assistant Professors of the school or department, by rotation; and
- e) two external experts to be co-opted for their specialized knowledge.

18.2. Subject to the overall control and supervision of the Academic Council, the functions of a Board of Studies shall be to approve subjects for research for various degrees and other requirements of research degrees and to recommend to the concerned School Board in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University regarding—

- a) courses of studies;
- b) appointment of supervisors for research; and
- c) measures for the improvement of the standards of teaching and research.

18.3. The powers and functions of the Board of Studies shall be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

### **19. Selection Committee for appointment of teaching staff—**

There shall be one or more Selection Committees constituted, for making recommendations to the Executive Council for appointment to the post of Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and such other posts as may be prescribed, in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and

other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018.

## **20. Disqualification—**

- 20.1. A person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, and for being, a member of any of the authorities, or being appointed as, and for being, an officer, of the institution deemed to be University if—
- a) if he or she is of unsound mind; or
  - b) if he or she is an un-discharged insolvent; or
  - c) if he or she has been convicted by a court of law for an offense involving moral turpitude and sentenced in respect thereof to imprisonment for not less than six months; or
  - d) if he or she has not been appointed as per the provisions of these regulations.
- 20.2. If any question arises as to whether a person is or had been subjected to any of the disqualifications mentioned above, the question shall be referred to the Chancellor, and his or her decision shall be final and no suit or other proceedings shall lie in any civil court against such decision.

## **21. Miscellaneous matters relating to different authorities —**

- 21.1. If any question arises, as to whether any person, other than Government nominated or appointed, has been duly nominated or appointed as, or is, entitled to be a member of any authority or any committee of the institution deemed to be University, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final and binding.
- 21.2. Any member, other than an ex-officio member of any authority, may resign by a letter addressed to the Registrar, and the resignation shall take effect as soon as it is accepted by the Chancellor or the Chairperson of the Executive Council, as the case may be.
- 21.3. Sudden vacancies among the members of any authority or any Committee of the institution deemed to be University shall be filled by the respective authority, as soon as may be, and within a period of six months.

## **22. Officers of institution deemed to be University—**

### **22.1. Chancellor:**

- 22.1.1. The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years from the date of assuming office and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of the Chancellor:

PROVIDED that the Chancellor in the institutions deemed to be Universities managed or controlled or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of their annual receipt from the Central or State Government or its Agencies, shall be appointed by the respective Government and for other institutions deemed to be Universities, the Chancellor shall be appointed by the sponsoring body.

22.1.2. The Chancellor shall, by virtue of his or her office, be the head of the institution deemed to be University and shall, if present, preside at the Convocations of the institution deemed to be University held for conferring degrees.

22.1.3. In the case of Government controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent of their annual receipt, the Chancellor shall not be removed from office except by an order of the appropriate Government.

## 22.2. **Vice-Chancellor:**

The Vice Chancellor of the Institute deemed to be University, RKMVERI, established by and under the aegis of the Sponsoring Society, Ramakrishna Mission, with a distinct ideology of actualizing Swami Vivekananda's educational vision of imparting 'man-making' and character-building education to create a band of educated youth with impeccable character in order to rebuild India into a rejuvenated and revitalized nation, of developing an all-round personality of the learner wherein 'heart to feel and hands to work' play as vital a role as 'brains to conceive' and 'intellect to think'. Dedication to actualize such an educational vision and ideology by providing inspiring leadership to motivate all the stakeholders in the University's great educational endeavour to achieve not only academic excellence but also develop character-energy and character-efficiency should be the hallmark of the Vice Chancellor of this University bearing Swami Vivekananda's hallowed name, apart from his academic accomplishments, teaching and research experience, expertise etc. To be able to achieve the above end, the Vice Chancellor shall be a monk of the Ramakrishna Order, duly qualified and appointed as per UGC norms and rules, except that he, being a Hindu monk who has voluntarily renounced all worldly possessions and personal benefits as per Hindu Law, shall not accept any remuneration/honorarium/salary.

22.2.1. The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time officer of the institution deemed to be University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel of three names suggested by a Search-cum-Selection Committee.

22.2.2. The qualifications of the Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018.

22.2.3. The procedure for composition of Search-cum-Selection-Committee (SCSC) for the selection of Vice Chancellor shall be as under—

- a) the Vice-Chancellor in the institution deemed to be University managed or controlled or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of their annual receipt from the Central or State Government or its Agencies shall be appointed by Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be.
- b) in case of other institutions deemed to be Universities, the composition of the Search-cum Selection Committee shall be as under—
  - i a nominee of the Chancellor, who shall be a reputed academician as the Chairperson of the Committee;
  - ii a nominee of the Chairman, University Grants Commission; and
  - iii an academician, with not less than ten years' service as Professor, nominated by the Executive Council.

22.2.4. The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he or she enters upon his or her office or until he or she attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of Vice-Chancellor;

Provided that notwithstanding the expiry of the said period of five years, he or she shall continue in office until his or her successor is appointed and enters upon his or her office, however, in no case, the Vice-Chancellor shall hold office beyond the age of seventy years;

Provided further that the Chancellor may direct the Vice-Chancellor, after his or her term has expired, to continue in office for such period, not exceeding a total period of one year.

22.2.5. In the case of Government controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent of their annual receipt, the respective Government may direct the Vice-Chancellor, after his or her term has expired, to continue in office for such period, not exceeding a total period of one year.

22.2.6. If the office of the Vice-Chancellor becomes vacant due to death, resignation or otherwise, or if he or she is unable to perform his or her duties due to ill health or any other cause, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that if the Pro-Vice-Chancellor is unavailable, the Chancellor shall appoint the seniormost Professor who shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, until a new Vice-

Chancellor assumes office or the existing Vice-Chancellor resumes the duties of his or her office, as the case may be.

Provided further that, in the case of Central Government or State Government controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of their annual receipt, if the Pro-Vice Chancellor is unavailable, the Government shall appoint the senior most Professor or any other eminent academician to perform the duties of the Vice Chancellor initially for a period of six months or until a new Vice Chancellor assumes office or the existing Vice Chancellor resumes the duties of his or her office, as the case may be.

#### **22.2.7. Powers and duties of Vice Chancellor—**

22.2.7.1. The Vice Chancellor shall be the Principal Executive Officer and academic officer of the institution deemed to be University and shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the institution deemed to be University and give effect to the decision of all authorities of the institution deemed to be University.

22.2.7.2. The Vice Chancellor may, if he or she is of the opinion that immediate action is necessary on any matter, exercise any power conferred on any authority of the institution deemed to be University by or under these regulations and shall report to such authority at its next meeting the action taken by him or her on such matter:

PROVIDED that, if the authority mentioned in this sub-regulation is of the opinion that such action ought not to have been taken, it may refer the matter to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final:

PROVIDED further that any person in the service of the institution deemed to be University who is aggrieved by the action taken by the Vice Chancellor under this regulation shall have the right to represent against such action to the Executive Council within ninety days from the date on which decision on such action is communicated to him and thereupon the Executive Council may confirm, modify or reverse the action taken by the Vice Chancellor.

22.2.7.3. The Vice Chancellor, if he or she is of the opinion that any decision of any authority of the institution deemed to be University is beyond the power of the authority conferred by the provisions of these regulations or that any decision taken is not in the interest of the institution deemed to be University, may ask the authority concerned to review its decision within sixty days of such decision and if the authority refuses to review the decision either in whole or in part or no decision is taken by it within the said period of sixty days, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.



- 22.2.7.4. The Vice Chancellor shall be the ex-officio Chairperson of the Executive Council, the Academic Council and the Finance Committee and shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside at the Convocations held for conferring degrees to the students.
- 22.2.7.5. The Vice Chancellor shall be entitled to be present at, and address, any meeting of any authority or other body of the institution deemed to be University, but shall not be entitled to vote unless he or she is a member of such authority or body.
- 22.2.7.6. It shall be the duty of the Vice Chancellor to see that these regulations are duly observed and implemented and he or she shall have all the powers necessary to ensure such implementation.
- 22.2.7.7. The Vice Chancellor shall have all the powers necessary for the proper maintenance of discipline in the institution deemed to be University, and he or she may delegate any such powers to such person or persons, as he or she may deem fit.
- 22.2.7.8. The Vice Chancellor shall have the power to convene or cause to be convened the meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, and other authorities.

#### **22.2.8. Removal of Vice Chancellor—**

- 22.2.8.1. Where there are reasons to believe that the Vice Chancellor of an institution deemed to be University does not possess the qualifications as required under the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018, or is not appointed as per the procedure stipulated in these regulations or has committed any financial or administrative impropriety, the Chairman of Commission shall constitute an enquiry committee consisting of academic, administrative or financial experts to enquire into the matter.
- 22.2.8.2. On the directions from the Commission, the Chancellor shall place the Vice Chancellor under suspension, pending an enquiry.
- 22.2.8.3. The enquiry committee shall give an opportunity of hearing to the Vice Chancellor before submitting its report to the Commission and where the report of the enquiry committee confirms the ineligibility or procedural violations or impropriety, as the case may be, the Commission shall direct the Chancellor to remove the Vice Chancellor by following due procedure:

Provided that, in respect of the Vice Chancellor of institution deemed to be University managed or controlled or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of their annual receipt from the Central Government or State Government, the concerned Government shall constitute an enquiry committee which shall provide an opportunity of hearing to the Vice Chancellor before submitting its report to the Government and in the interregnum period, the Government shall place the Vice-Chancellor under suspension, pending enquiry and the Vice Chancellor shall be removed only by the concerned Government.

22.2.8.4. Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the Chancellor may, at any time after the Vice Chancellor has entered upon his or her office, by order in writing, remove the Vice Chancellor from office on the grounds of incapacity, misconduct or violation of these regulations:

PROVIDED that the Chancellor shall make no such order unless the Vice Chancellor has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken against him:

PROVIDED further that the Chancellor may, at any time before making such order, place the Vice Chancellor under suspension, pending an inquiry.

22.2.8.5. In case of an institution deemed to be University managed or controlled or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of its annual receipt from the Central or State Government or its Agencies, the actions referred to in sub-regulations (1) to (4) shall have the approval of the appropriate Government.

### **22.3. Pro-Vice Chancellor —**

22.3.1. On the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, the Executive Council shall appoint a Professor as Pro-Vice Chancellor to discharge the duties of the Pro-ViceChancellor in addition to his or her duties as a Professor:

PROVIDED that in case of Government controlled or managed or receiving funds more than or equal to fifty per cent. of their annual receipt, the Vice Chancellor shall seek approval of the appropriate Government before appointing Pro-Vice Chancellor:

PROVIDED further that where the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor is not accepted by the Executive Council, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor, who may either appoint the Professor recommended by the Vice Chancellor or ask the Vice Chancellor to recommend the name of another Professor for reconsideration by the Executive Council.

22.3.2. The term of office of the Pro-Vice Chancellor shall be such as may be decided by the Executive Council, but it shall not, in any case, exceed five years or until the expiration of the term of office of the Vice Chancellor, whichever is earlier:

PROVIDED that the Pro-Vice Chancellor whose term of office has expired shall be eligible for re-appointment by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of Pro-Vice Chancellor:

PROVIDED further that the Pro-Vice Chancellor shall, while discharging the duties of the Vice Chancellor, continue in office, notwithstanding the expiration of his or her term of office as Pro-Vice Chancellor, until the Vice Chancellor resumes office or a new Vice Chancellor assumes office, as the case may be:

PROVIDED also that, in any case, the Pro-Vice Chancellor shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-five years.

22.3.3. The Pro-Vice Chancellor shall have the powers and duties as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

22.3.4. The Pro-Vice Chancellor shall assist the Vice Chancellor in respect of such matters as may be specified by the Vice Chancellor on this behalf, from time to time, and shall also exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned or delegated to him by the Vice Chancellor.

#### **22.4. Registrar—**

22.4.1. The Registrar shall be a whole-time officer of the institution deemed to be University and shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the selection committee consisting of the following:—

- i Vice-Chancellor – Chairperson;
- ii one nominee of the Chancellor;
- iii two members of the Executive Council nominated by it; and
- iv one expert not in the service of the University to be nominated by the Executive Council.

22.4.2. The meeting of the selection committee shall be fixed after prior consultation with, and subject to the convenience of the Chancellor's nominee and the experts nominated by the Executive Council and the proceedings of the selection committee shall not be valid unless at least three of the Chancellor's nominees or persons nominated by the Executive Council attended the meeting.

22.4.3. The Registrar shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of assuming office and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a second term by following the procedure prescribed for Registrar:

PROVIDED that, the Registrar shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years and the emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Registrar shall be such as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

22.4.4. When the office of the Registrar is vacant or when the Registrar is, by reason of illness, absence, or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

22.4.5. The Registrar shall be ex-officio Secretary of the Executive Council and the Academic Council, but shall not be deemed to be a member of any of these authorities.

22.4.6. The Registrar shall be directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor and work under his or her direction.

22.4.7. The Registrar shall have the power to take disciplinary action against employees, excluding teachers and other academic staff, as may be specified in the order of the Executive Council and to suspend them pending inquiry, to administer warnings to them or to impose on them the penalty of censure or the withholding of increment:

PROVIDED that no such penalty shall be imposed unless the person has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken in regard to him or her.

22.4.8. An appeal shall lie to the Vice-Chancellor against any order of the Registrar imposing any of the penalties specified in sub-regulation (6).

22.4.9. In the case where the inquiry discloses that a punishment beyond the power of the Registrar is called for, the Registrar shall, upon the conclusion of the inquiry, make a report to the Vice Chancellor along with his or her recommendations:

PROVIDED that an appeal shall lie to the Executive Council against an order of the Vice Chancellor imposing any penalty. (9) It shall be the duty of the Registrar—

- a) to be the custodian of the records, the common seal, and such other property of the institution deemed to be University as the Executive Council shall commit to his or her charge;
- b) to issue all notices convening meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, and any Committees appointed by those authorities;
- c) to keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, and any Committees appointed by those authorities;

- d) to conduct the official correspondence between the Executive Council and the Academic Council;
- e) to supply to the Chancellor copies of the agenda of the meetings of the authorities of the institution deemed to be University as soon as they are issued and the minutes of such meetings;
- f) to represent the institution deemed to be University in suits or proceedings by or against the University, sign powers of attorney and verify pleadings or depute his or her representative for the purpose;
- g) to perform such other duties as may be specified in the rules of the institution deemed to be University or as may be required from time to time by the Executive Council or the Vice-Chancellor, as the case may be;
- h) to enter into an agreement, sign documents, and authenticate records on behalf of the institution deemed to be University;
- i) to make arrangements to safeguard and maintain the buildings, gardens, office, canteen, cars and other vehicles, laboratories, libraries, reading rooms, equipment and other properties of the institution deemed to be University; and
- j) to conduct the official correspondence on behalf of the authorities of the institution deemed to be University.

#### **22.5. Finance Officer—**

- 22.5.1. The Finance Officer shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a selection committee constituted for the purpose and he or she shall be a whole-time officer of the institution deemed to be University.
- 22.5.2. The Finance Officer shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for reappointment by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of the Finance Officer: Provided that, the Finance Officer shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years.
- 22.5.3. The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Finance Officer shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time.
- 22.5.4. When the office of the Finance Officer is vacant or when the Finance Officer is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.
- 22.5.5. The Finance Officer shall be ex-officio Secretary of the Finance Committee but shall not be deemed to be a member of such Committee. (



22.5.6. The Finance Officer shall—(a) exercise general supervision over the funds of the institution deemed to be University and shall advise it as regards its financial policy; and (b) perform such other financial functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Council or as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

22.5.7. Subject to the control of the Executive Council, the Finance Officer shall—

- a) ensure that the limits fixed by the Executive Council for recurring and non-recurring expenditures for a year are not exceeded and that all amounts of money are expended on the purpose for which they are granted or allotted;
- b) be responsible for the preparation of annual accounts and the budget of the institution deemed to be university and for their presentation to the Executive Council;
- c) keep a constant watch on the state of the cash and bank balances and on the state of investments;
- d) watch the progress of the collection of revenue and advice on the methods of collection employed;
- e) ensure that the registers of buildings, land, furniture, and equipment are maintained and up-to-date and that stock-checking is conducted, of equipment and other consumable materials in all offices, departments, schools, faculties, centers and specialized laboratories;
- f) bring to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor unauthorized expenditure and other financial irregularities and suggest disciplinary action against persons at fault;
- g) call for from any office, department, school, faculty, centre, laboratory, etc. maintained by the institution deemed to be University any information or returns that he or she may consider necessary for the performance of his or her duties; and
- h) work under the direction of the Vice-Chancellor and shall be responsible to the Executive Council through the Vice-Chancellor.

## **22.6. Controller of Examinations —**

22.6.1. The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a selection committee constituted for the purpose and he or she shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the institution deemed to be University.

22.6.2. The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for reappointment by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of Controller of Examination: Provided that the Controller of Examinations shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years.

- 22.6.3. The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Controller of Examination shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time.
- 22.6.4. When the office of the Controller of Examinations is vacant or when the Controller of Examinations is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.
- 22.6.5. The Controller of Examination shall arrange for and superintend the examinations of the institution deemed to be University in the manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.
- 22.6.6. The Controller of Examinations shall be a permanent invitee to the Academic Council.
- 22.6.7. The Controller of Examinations shall ensure that all the specific directions of the Executive Council, Academic Council and Vice-Chancellor in respect of examination and evaluation are complied with.

**22.7. Dean —**

- 22.7.1. The Departments dealing with allied subjects may be grouped into faculties or schools, etc., and every faculty shall be headed by a Dean.
- 22.7.2. Every Dean of the school or faculty shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors in the school or faculty, by rotation, for a period of two years: PROVIDED that if there is only one Professor or no Professor in a school or faculty, the Dean shall be appointed, for the time being, from amongst the Professor, if any, and the Associate Professors in the school or faculty.
- 22.7.3. When the office of the Dean is vacant or when the Dean is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by the senior-most Professor or Associate Professor, as the case may be, in the School.
- 22.7.4. The Dean shall be the Head of the school or faculty or centre and shall be responsible for the conduct and maintenance of the standards of teaching and research in the school or faculty or centre and shall have such other functions as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.
- 22.7.5. The Dean shall have the right to present and speak at any meeting of the Board of Studies or Committees of the school or faculty or centre, as the case may be, but shall not have the right to vote there unless he is a member thereof.

**22.8. Head of the Department —**

22.8.1. There shall be a Head of the Department or chairperson of the centre for each of the department or centre in the institution deemed to be University, who shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors of the department or centre:

PROVIDED that if there is no Professor in the department or centre or there is only one Professor in the department or centre, whose term as Head of the department or chairperson of the centre is ending, the Vice Chancellor may appoint an Associate Professor as Head of the Department.

22.8.2. The term of the Head of the department or chairperson of the centre shall normally be two years and he or she shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term by following the procedure prescribed for appointment of the Head of the department or chairperson of the centre.

22.8.3. The powers and functions of the Head of the department or chairperson of the centre shall be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

### **23. Admission and fees structure —**

23.1. **Admission:** Admission of students to the institution deemed to be University shall be strictly based on merit in the entrance exam conducted by a Government Testing Agency or the institution deemed to be University and as prescribed by the appropriate statutory authority, wherever applicable and in case of no entrance examination, the admission of students to the institution deemed to be University may be made in the manner specified in the prospectus.

23.2. **Fee structure:**

23.2.1. Donation or capitation fee in whatever nomenclature or form, either directly or indirectly, is strictly prohibited.

23.2.2. The institutions deemed to be Universities shall follow the rules and regulations regarding fee structure, number of seats, etc., issued by the relevant statutory bodies and in case an institution deemed to be University offers different courses which come under the regulatory ambit of different statutory bodies, namely the University Grants Commission, the All India Council of Technical Education, National Medical Council etc., the rules and regulations regarding fee structure, number of seats, etc., issued by such statutory body concerned shall be applicable.

23.2.3. The fee shall be fixed transparently, keeping in view non-profiteering or non-commercial aspects.

- 23.2.4. The fee shall be collected as declared in the prospectus of the institution deemed to be University and with a proper receipt for such payment and the prospectus shall also state that donation or capitation fee in whatever nomenclature or form, either directly or indirectly, shall not be collected from the student or parent and in case of any grievance, the student or parent may submit their complaint to the institution deemed to be University.
- 23.2.5. The institution deemed to be University may provide fee concession or scholarships or may allocate some seats to meritorious students belonging to socially and economically deprived groups of the society.
- 23.2.6. The institution deemed to be University shall abide by all the University Grant Commission notifications, guidelines regarding the refund of fees and return of original certificates, as may be issued from time to time.
- 23.2.7. Every institution deemed to be University shall maintain the records of the entire process of selection of candidates, exhibit such records on its website, and preserve such records for a minimum period of five years.
- 23.2.8. The institution deemed to be University shall make available the prospectus on its website at least sixty days before the commencement of admissions, including fee structure, refund policy, number of seats in a programme, eligibility qualifications, admission process, etc.
- 23.2.9. The institution deemed to be University shall not retain any original certificates of the students, faculty members, and staff.

#### **24. Institution deemed to be University open to all —**

- 24.1. The institution deemed to be University shall be open to the persons of all genders and of whatever caste, creed, race or class, and it shall not be lawful for the institution deemed to be University to adopt or impose on any person, any test whatsoever of religious belief or profession in order to entitle him or her to be appointed as a faculty member of the institution deemed to be University or to hold any other office therein or to be admitted as a student in the institution deemed to be University or to graduate there at or to enjoy or exercise any privilege thereof:

PROVIDED that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the institution deemed to be University from making special provision for the employment or admission of women, persons with disabilities, or of persons belonging to the weaker section of the society and, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the other socially and educationally backward classes of citizens.

- 24.2. All policies and procedures, in matters of admission, fee, and employment as applicable to the university level public funded and self-financing institutions, respectively, shall apply.

## **25. Institution deemed to be University to be unitary —**

The institution deemed to be University shall be unitary in nature and shall not affiliate any other institution.

## **26. Reservation policy —**

The Institution deemed to be University shall implement the policy on reservations in admissions and recruitment, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of India and any Act of Parliament for the time being in force and disclose all such information on its website.

## **27. Online or distance education —**

Institutions deemed to be Universities may offer courses online or distance courses or degrees in accordance with the regulations notified by the Commission from time to time.

## **28. Power to conduct enquiry and consequences for violation of regulations —**

- 28.1. Where the Government or the Commission, as the case may be, receives information by way of a complaint or otherwise, that an institution deemed to be University has violated any of the provisions of these regulations, it shall cause to conduct an enquiry into the facts of such information after issuing a notice to the said effect to the institution deemed to be University.
- 28.2. The Commission may also cause an inspection, to be made by experts in matters of academics, administration, and finance regarding academic outcomes or any matter connected with the administration or finances of the institution deemed to be University for the purpose of the enquiry.
- 28.3. Based on the enquiry or through procedures mentioned in these regulations, if the Government or the Commission, as the case may be, is satisfied that the regulations have been violated, the institution deemed to be University shall be subjected to such action as provided in the University Grants Commission (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.

## **29. Funds, Accounts, Audit, and Annual Report —**

- 29.1. The books of accounts of the institution deemed to be University shall be maintained, managed, and operated in the name of the institution deemed to be University and not in the name of the sponsoring body or any other body; and, shall be kept in such form as may be specified by the Executive Council and conform to the rules or regulations, if any, prescribed by the Commission, in this regard.

- 29.2. Funds shall not be diverted at any time from the accounts of the institution deemed to be University to any other accounts, including to the accounts of the sponsoring body or to any other body.
- 29.3. The institution deemed to be University shall get its books of accounts audited annually, separately published and uploaded on the website of the institution; and if such institution is funded by Central or State Government or through its Agencies fully or partially, then the accounts of such institution deemed to be University shall be open for examination by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the accounts of institution deemed to be University shall also, where required, be open for inspection by the Commission.
- 29.4. The annual financial statements and accounts shall be audited by a qualified professional, a Member or Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, to be appointed by the institution deemed to be University:

PROVIDED that, the Commission may, on receipt of information regarding financial impropriety or embezzlement or illegal diversion of funds from the accounts of the institution deemed to be University; or of fees being collected against the provisions of these regulations, issue a notice directing the institution deemed to be University to show cause as to why an inspection, including a forensic audit, not be ordered in respect of the complaint, and after providing a reasonable opportunity to the respondent institution, the Commission may on being satisfied that there were sufficient grounds to proceed further, cause an inspection by a team of the Commission or may direct a forensic audit; the report of and the inspection team and the forensic audit report taken together shall form the basis for the Commission to take further action, as it may be deem fit, under these regulations including the recommendation for withdrawal of institution deemed to be University status, to the Government.

- 29.5. Annual Reports, Annual Financial Statements, and Audit Reports shall be uploaded on the institution deemed to be University website and also on the Commission's portal, after due approval by the Executive Council and the institution deemed to be Universities managed or controlled or funded by the Central or State Government shall submit a copy of the annual report, Annual Financial Statements and annual audit report to the respective Government.

### **30. Miscellaneous—**

- 30.1. The institution deemed to be University shall, as soon as may be, after the completion of the academic programme, and in no case later than one hundred and eighty days from the date of such completion, ensure that the degree, diploma, certificate, or any other qualification in respect of the programme of studies, is awarded and made available to students.
- 30.2. The institutions deemed to be Universities shall compulsorily create Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), identities of their students and upload their credit scores in



digital lockers and ensure that the credit scores are reflected in ABC portal and adopt Samarth e-Gov.

30.3. The institution deemed to be University shall not at any time enter into any franchise agreement or arrangement, either overtly or covertly, with any individual or organization for establishing, maintaining, or operating the off-campus or off-shore campus or constituent units or course or programme of study or department or school or faculty of the institution deemed to be University except in the following cases, namely :—

30.3.1. the institution deemed to be University, which is eligible under sub-regulations (1) and (2) of regulation 7 hereinbefore may enter into an agreement or arrangement, if—

30.3.1.1. the establishment, maintenance, or operation of such institution is permitted under any Act of Parliament or the rules or regulations made there under; and

30.3.1.2. it has made an application under sub-section (3) of section 8 of the Gazetted Notification of UGC Regulations 2023 for deemed to be universities published in UGC website after following the procedure specified in these regulations.

30.3.2. the campus to be established under such agreement or arrangement shall be—

30.3.2.1. treated as an off-campus centre of the institution deemed to be University as long as such agreement or arrangement remains valid under such law; and

30.3.2.2. subject to similar standards of audit and disclosure as a not-for-profit entity as that of the institution deemed to be University;

30.3.3. the institution deemed to be University, which is eligible under regulation 7 hereinbefore may enter into an agreement or arrangement for practical training of students of skill-oriented vocational courses, if such course is approved by the University Grants Commission or any other body established under any Act of Parliament.

30.3.4. twinning Programmes, Joint Degree Programmes, and Dual Degree Programmes shall be offered in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree, and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022.

30.3.5. the income and property of the institution deemed to be University shall be utilized solely for promoting the objectives of the institution deemed to be University.

30.3.6. the Commission shall have the power to issue directions to an institution deemed to be University for implementation of any public policy of the Government or in respect of any law in force, including appropriate directions in case of any violation of any law or policy by the institution deemed to be University.

30.3.7. no portion of the income and property of the institution deemed to be University shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise how so ever by way of profit to the persons who were at any time or are members of the institution deemed to be University or to any of them or any persons claiming through them:

PROVIDED that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any member thereof or another person as consideration for any service rendered to the institution deemed to be University or for traveling or other allowances and such other charges.

30.3.8. In consultation with the Commission, the Government shall have the power to impose such other conditions, not inconsistent with these regulations, in the notification, and the same shall be binding on the institution deemed to be University.

30.3.9. where the institution deemed to be University wishes to surrender its status of "institution deemed to be University", it shall do so with the prior permission of the Government; and similarly, withdrawal of any constituent units or off-campus or off-shore campus of the institution deemed to be University from the purview of an institution deemed to be University, shall require the sponsoring body to take the prior permission of the Government:

PROVIDED that such surrender or withdrawal, as the case may be, shall take effect only after the last batch of students on the rolls of the institution deemed to be University or its constituent units, as the case may be, have been accorded the opportunity to qualify for the completion of the programme of study and award of degree.

30.3.10. the institution deemed to be University shall furnish to the Central Government or the Commission such returns or other information with respect to its property or activities as the Central Government or the Commission may, from time to time, require, within such period as may be specified by the Central Government or Commission.

30.3.11. convocations of the institution deemed to be University for conferring the degrees or for other purposes shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the institution deemed to be University.

30.3.12. the Executive Council may, by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, withdraw a degree of academic distinction conferred on, or any certificate or diploma granted to, any person by the institution deemed to be University for good and sufficient cause:

PROVIDED that no such resolution shall be passed until a notice in writing has been given to that person calling upon him or her to show cause within such time as may be specified in the notice as to why such a resolution shall not be passed and until his or her objections, if any, and any evidence he or she may produce in support of them, have been considered by the Executive Council.

30.3.13. In the event of conflict of opinion with regard to the interpretation of these regulations, the opinion of the Commission shall be final.

30.3.14. the provisions contained in the University Grants Commission (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 shall prevail in case of any inconsistency or conflicting provisions in any other regulations issued by the Commission under the provisions of the Act.

### **31. Legal proceedings —**

31.1. The Registrar may sue or be sued for the purpose of any legal proceedings against institution deemed to be University, who shall have the power to enter into agreements, sign documents and authenticate records on behalf of the institution deemed to be University, and have the powers to exercise such powers and perform such duties under the provisions of these regulations.

31.2. No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against the Government or the Commission in respect of anything done or purported or intended to be done in pursuance of any of these regulations.

**32. In the event of non-compliance of any of the provisions** as enumerated herein above or any other provisions as stipulated in the University Grants Commission (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023, the Institution shall be liable to be subjected to one or more of the following actions, namely:—

32.1. for violation of these regulations established by the enquiry committee set up by the Commission or Government, the institution deemed to be University shall be warned in writing with public notice or barred from any expansion in terms of diversification to new courses or programmes of study or departments and establishment of off-campus or off-shore campuses, for a period of three years or as recommended by the enquiry committee, whichever is higher;

- 32.2. continuous violation of regulations established by the enquiry committee set up by the Commission or the Government may result in closure of the courses or programmes of study or Departments and off campuses or constituent institutions or off-shore campuses or may result in withdrawal of the status of institution deemed to be University;
- 32.3. in order to protect the interests of students in case of surrender or withdrawal of the status, as the case may be, shall take effect only after the last batch of students on the rolls of the institution deemed to be University or its constituent units, has been accorded opportunity to qualify for the completion of the programme of study and award of degree.

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