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ICR Division

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

Dated: 7th December, 2023

No.10/6/2019-U3(A)–Whereas, Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, Karnataka had submitted an application on 20th August, 2019 for starting its Off-Campus Centre at Kochi from the academic year 2019-20.

2. **And whereas**, the application of Jain Deemed to be University was examined by UGC through its Expert Committees in accordance with UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019. Further, the Commission considered the reports of UGC Expert Visiting Committee and UGC Compliance Verification Committee in its 547th meeting held on 29.05.2020 and resolved that *“the Commission considered the report of the UGC Expert Visiting Committee and decide to recommend to MHRD for off-campus centre at Kochi by Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, subject to the condition that Deemed to be University shall fulfil all the conditions stipulated in the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019 with regard to off-campus at Kochi.”*

3. **And whereas**, the recommendation of UGC was examined in the Ministry in accordance with the UGC Regulations, 2019 and proposal of Jain (Deemed to be University), Karnataka to start an Off-Campus at Kochi was rejected vide this Ministry's Order No.10/6/2019-U3(A) dated 21.09.2022 on the ground that the recommendation of UGC dated 29.05.2020 lacks legal sanctity of its own regulations.

4. **And further whereas**, the rejection Order dated 21.09.2022 of this Ministry was challenged by the Deemed to be University in the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala by Writ Petition (Civil) No.31538 of 2022. The Hon'ble Court, vide Order dated 13.10.2022, allowed the above WP and set aside this Ministry's order dated 21.09.2022 with a consequential direction to the competent authority of the Government of India to reconsider the petitioner's request, after affording them an opportunity of being heard and pass an appropriate order within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of judgment.

5. **And whereas**, following to the Orders of Hon'ble Court, Joint Registrar authorized by Jain Deemed to be University, Bangalore made submissions before the Secretary (HE) through his written representation dated 31.03.2023.

6. **And whereas**, while the matter was under consideration in the Ministry, UGC notified the new UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 in supersession of earlier UGC Regulations, 2019. Further, as per Clause 30.0 of the UGC Regulations, 2023, the Deemed to be University submitted an undertaking stating that its application may be reconsidered as per the UGC Regulations, 2023. Accordingly, UGC was requested to examine the matter as per the UGC Regulations, 2023 and submit its advice to this Ministry.

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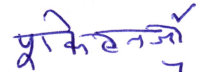
7. **And further whereas**, UGC, vide its letter No.26-4/2019 (CPP-I/DU) dated 15.11.2023, informed that the application has been examined through an Expert Committee. The Committee, while pointing out certain shortcomings, inter-alia recommended that the UGC may advise the Ministry of Education that “the ex-post facto approval of the off-campus of the Jain (Deemed to be University) at Kochi and validation of the degrees awarded to the students admitted in 2019-20 batch only may be considered if it rectifies the above-mentioned deficiencies”. The Commission considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and approved the recommendations in its 574th meeting (Item No.2.15) held on 03.11.2023.

8. **And whereas**, the Jain Deemed to be University, vide letter No. JU/JR/SO-1/Kochi-Campus/2023/268 dated 23.11.2023, submitted compliance report to this Ministry rectifying the deficiencies pointed out by the UGC Expert Committee.

9. **Now, therefore**, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the advice of UGC, hereby accords ex-post facto approval to Jain Deemed to be University, Bangalore, Karnataka for starting Off-Campus Centre at Kochi, Kerala duly validating the degrees of the students admitted in Kochi Campus in Academic Year 2019-20 batch. This approval shall be subject to the following conditions:

- i. The Deemed to be University shall align its course curriculum and credit structure in consonance with the Guidelines issued by the UGC, from time to time, so as to maintain the standard of education and degree to be awarded in the future.
- ii. The Deemed to be University shall align the term 'credit' in accordance with the definition approved by the UGC.
- iii. The Deemed to be University shall augment certain facilities such as playground, canteen, health centre, etc. at Kochi Campus as per the norms and standards of UGC.
- iv. The Deemed to be University shall get their compliance report dated 23rd November 2023, referred at paragraph 8 above, verified by the UGC in a time bound manner.

10. All other conditions mentioned in the earlier Notification(s) of this Ministry as well as the Rules / Regulations of UGC and other Statutory Councils, issued from time to time, shall continue to be adhered by 'Jain', Bangalore, Karnataka.


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4. The Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala, 1st Floor, Annex II, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram - 1, Kerala.
5. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070.
6. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. The Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, AIU House, 16, Kotla Marg, New Delhi-2.
8. 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.
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