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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
ICR Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-01,
Dated the 15th February, 2019

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Central Government is empowered under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 to declare, on the advice of the UGC, an Institution of higher learning as deemed to be University.

2. **And whereas**, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, vide its Notification No. 9-48/2005-U.3 dated 19.12.2008, on the advice of UGC, had declared Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Vadlamudi, Guntur Dist., Andhra Pradesh as an Institution deemed to be University for a provisional period of five years.

3. **And further whereas**, the functioning of Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Andhra Pradesh was reviewed by UGC with the help of its Expert Committee during 9-11th October, 2017. As per direction of this Ministry, the Institution was again reviewed during 27-29th September, 2018. The UGC Expert Committee, while recommending for the continuation of Deemed to be University status to Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Andhra Pradesh, pointed out the following deficiencies:

- a) H-Index of the Deemed to be University is reasonably less.
- b) There is shortage of senior level faculty in the Institution.
- c) Curriculum with 195 credits is too overloaded and has little scope for self-learning.
- d) Laboratories are to be upgraded with advanced equipments.
- e) There is a lack of innovation in teaching.
- f) Inadequate hostel facilities for the students.
- g) Non-availability of residence in Campus.

4. **And whereas**, the report of the UGC Expert was considered and approved by Commission in its 536th meeting (Item No.2.03) held on 14.11.2018.

5. **Now, therefore**, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the advice of the UGC, do hereby extend the deemed to be University status to Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Vadlamudi, Guntur Dist., Andhra Pradesh from 19.12.2013 to 30.06.2021 with the following conditions:

- i. The Institution shall improve its H-Index and CGPA Score of National Assessment of Accreditation Council (NAAC) as well as NIRF Rankings.
- ii. The Institution Deemed to be University shall recruit senior level faculty (Professor & Associate Professor) in the respective disciplines.

- iii. The Institution Deemed to be University shall reduce the burden of the Curriculum.
- iv. The Institution Deemed to be University shall upgrade its laboratories with advanced equipments.
- v. The Institution Deemed to be University shall provide adequate hostel facilities for the students.
- vi. The deemed to be University shall submit compliance report w.r.t. suggestions/deficiencies pointed out by the UGC Expert Committee.

6. All the 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 Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Vadlamudi, Guntur Dist., Andhra Pradesh.

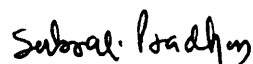

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1. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi with the request to advise on extension of deemed to be University status to Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Vadlamudi, Guntur Dist., Andhra Pradesh beyond 30.06.2021 within the expiry period taking into consideration the compliance of the conditions of the Notification.
2. The Vice-Chancellor, Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Vadlamudi, Guntur Dist., Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070.
4. The Secretary, Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), Post Box No.7020, Combined Councils' Building, Kotla Road, Aiwa-E-Ghalib Marg, New Delhi-110002.
5. The Principal Secretary (Higher Education), Government of Andhra Pradesh, J Block, 4th Floor, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.
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 Bhawan, New Delhi. It is requested that CMIS Unit may kindly be instructed to display the Notification on the website (Home site) of the Department.
9. Guard file / Notification file.



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