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Ministry of Education (Siksha Mantralaya)
Department of Higher Education (Uchcharat Siksha Vibhag)
ICR Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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NOTIFICATION

No.9-4/2021-U.3(A): 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 an Institution Deemed to be University.

2. **And whereas,** an online application dated 27.01.2021 was submitted on the UGC Portal for conferment of Institution deemed to be University status under de-novo category (now Distinct Category) to National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research (NITTTR), Chennai.

3. **And whereas,** while the matter was under examination, UGC notified the new UGC (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 in place of UGC Regulations, 2019. As per Regulation 30 of UGC Regulations, 2023, NITTTR, Chennai requested to consider its application for deemed to be University status under 'distinct' category of UGC Regulations, 2023.

4. **And whereas,** UGC examined the application through its Expert Committee in accordance with UGC Regulations, 2023. The Committee, after overall assessment, recommended that Letter of Intent (LoI) may be issued to NITTTR, Chennai with certain conditions. The recommendation of the UGC Expert Committee was considered and approved by the Commission in its 572nd meeting (item No. 2.13) held on 20.09.2023.

5. **And whereas,** the Ministry of Education, on the advice of UGC, issued Letter to Intent (LoI) to NITTTR, Chennai on 11.10.2023 for fulfilment of certain conditions within a period of three years.

6. **And further whereas,** the Institution, vide letter 11.12.2023, submitted compliance report in respect of the conditions of LoI. The compliance report of the Institution was verified by the UGC Expert Committee. The Committee accepted the compliance report of the Institution with certain conditions. The report of the UGC Expert Committee was considered and approved by the Commission in its 577th meeting (Item No.2.08) held on 13.02.2024.

7. **Now, therefore,** in exercise of powers conferred under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Ministry of Education, on the advice of the UGC, hereby declares National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research (NITTTR), Chennai as an Institution Deemed to be University under distinct category. The said declaration is subject to the following conditions:

- i. NITTTR, Chennai shall incorporate principles of leadership in capacity building in technical teacher education through its courses encompassing future of work, green and sustainable development, women led development, development of faculty with diverse abilities and harnessing technology, etc.
- ii. NITTTR, Chennai shall provide leadership in technical teacher education that result in all technical faculty being made abreast with curriculum upgradation, future of work skills, pedagogy in the domain of technical teacher education.
- iii. NITTTR, Chennai shall become compliant with the UGC (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 within a period of six years from the date of issuance of this Notification.
- iv. The entire moveable & immoveable assets shall be in the name of NITTTR, Chennai or its Sponsoring body.
- v. There shall be no diversion of assets or funds/revenues of the Institution Deemed to be University/or of its constituent teaching units, without prior permission of the UGC and Ministry of Education.
- vi. NITTTR, Chennai shall not engage or indulge in any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature.
- vii. The academic programmes to be offered at NITTTR, Chennai shall conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the UGC and the Statutory Councils/Bodies concerned.
- viii. NITTTR, Chennai shall start new academic Courses/Programmes pertaining to furtherance of technical teacher education in collaboration with top Institutes of National Importance (INIs), Off-Campus(es), Off-Shore Campus(es) only in accordance with the norms and guidelines issued by the UGC, from time to time, on the subject.
- ix. NITTTR, Chennai shall take appropriate steps to commence research programmes as well as doctoral and innovative academic programmes pertaining to furtherance of technical teacher education in collaboration with top INIs. The Institute shall not keep confined only to presently new emerging areas but make endeavour to expand in other areas in accordance with the UGC Regulations / Guidelines as well as National Education Policy-2020.
- x. NITTTR, Chennai shall not conduct routine undergraduate or postgraduate courses offered by other institutions like the IITs and NITs.
- xi. NITTTR, Chennai shall take all the required steps to get all the eligible academic courses/programmes rated for valid accreditation by National Board of Accreditation (NBA) and the Institute to get valid accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), as the case may be, in terms of the provisions as contained in the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023, as amended from time to time.
- xii. All the prescribed norms and procedures of the Statutory Councils concerned in the matter of admission of students, intake capacity of students, renewal of approval to the academic course / programme, revision of intake capacity of students, starting of new courses / programmes, etc. shall continue to be in force, and shall be adhered to by NITTTR, Chennai.

- xiii. NITTTR, Chennai shall submit its revised Memorandum of Association (MoA) / Rules to UGC/ Ministry of Education as per the provisions of the UGC (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 by June, 2024. As and when necessary, the Institute shall update or revise or modify its MoA / Rules, as per the provisions of the prevailing Regulations.
- xiv. NITTTR, Chennai shall follow the fee structure as per the Rules and Regulations of the UGC and relevant Statutory Councils.
- xv. NITTTR, Chennai shall participate in annual Indian rankings issued by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of this Ministry.
- xvi. NITTTR, Chennai shall compulsorily create Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), identities of their students and upload their credit score in digital lockers and ensure that the credit scores are reflected in ABC Portal and adopt Samarth e-Gov.

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- 2) The Director, National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training & Research, Taramani, Chennai-600113, Tamil Nadu.
- 3) The Principal Secretary, Higher & Technical Education Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Government of Tamil Nadu, Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009
- 4) The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070.
- 5) Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
- 6) The Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities, A.I.U. House, 16, Kotla Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
- 7) Joint Director (Administration) & Web Master, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi with the request to issue necessary instructions to the CMIS Unit to display this notification on the website of Department of Higher Education.
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