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PRESS NOTE

**REGARDING DEEMED TO BE STATUS OF NSD**

Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act 1956, the Central Government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission, declared the National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi as an institution deemed to be university for the purpose of the aforesaid Act vide notification dated 11.03.2005, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The National School of Drama will adhere to the guidelines/instructions issued by UGC from time to time as applicable to the Deemed Universities.
2. The National School of Drama will take necessary steps to strengthen its research capabilities, teaching faculty and library.

Whereas the above mentioned conditions stipulated by the Ministry were not fulfilled as NSD Society is of the view that Deemed University status would undermine the professional training, autonomy and flexibility required in the creative field like theatre.

And, whereas, it has been felt by the NSD Society that academic and administrative autonomy of the NSD will be adversely affected and that it will face special problems in the matter of appointing teachers best suited to the needs of the practice-oriented theatre training institute.

And, whereas, NSD Society, in its meeting held on 29.10.2010, has resolved that the Government may de-notify NSD as an Institution Deemed University so that it can pursue getting the status of an Institute of National Importance or a Special University to be established by an Act of Parliament.

And, whereas, Ministry of Culture with the approval of Competent Authority has accepted the aforesaid recommendation of the NSD Society and ordered for de-notification of NSD.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government hereby declares that the notification dated 11.03.2005 declaring NSD as an institution deemed to be university may be treated as withdrawn with immediate effect.

**Ministry of Human Resource Development**

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