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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Higher Education)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 3rd July, 2008.

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 a deemed-to-be-university;

2. And whereas, a proposal was received from Department of Space for conferment of status of 'Deemed-to-be-University', under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, to 'Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology' being set up at that point of time under the aegis of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) near Thiruvananthapuram in the State of Kerala;

3. And whereas, the University Grants Commission has examined the said proposal and vide its communication bearing No.F.27-1/2007 (CPP-I) dated the 2nd January, 2008 has recommended conferment of status of 'deemed-to-be-university' to Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram for a period of five years;

4. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC), hereby declare that Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IISST) Thiruvananthapuram shall be deemed to be a university, under *de novo* category, for the purposes of the aforesaid Act, provisionally for a period of five years, with immediate effect, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The functioning of the IISST as well as its performance shall be reviewed annually by the UGC through its Expert Committee. The status conferred upon the IISST will be confirmed after five years on the basis of performance reports of the Expert Review Committee of the UGC and the recommendation of the Commission thereon;
- (ii) The Department of Space shall finalise the Memorandum of Association (MoA) and Rules of the IISST in accordance with the model MoA/Rules prescribed by the UGC and in concurrence with the Commission. For this purpose, the Department of Space shall also take into account the

variations observed by the UGC in the said MoA & Rules and rectify and amend the relevant provisions in concurrence with the Commission. The IISST may, however, retain the text of the provisions proposed under Clause 20 of its Rules.

5. The declaration as made in para 4 above is further subject to fulfilment of conditions mentioned at Sr. No.5 of the endorsement to this Notification.


(Sunil Kumar)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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1. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
2. The Member-Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, 7th Floor, Chandernagore Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001/
3. Director, Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.
4. The Additional Secretary, Department of Space, Government of India, Antariksh Bhavan, New BEL Road, Bangalore - 560094.
5. The Chairman, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology and the Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, ISRO, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Department of Space, Government of India, Veli, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 695022. The declaration as made in para 4 of this Notification shall be further subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

- (i) The objectives of the Trust concerned and 'Deemed-to-be-University' institution should confine to educational and related social and charitable activities. The IISST should not undertake or engage in any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature.
- (ii) As and when necessary, IISST shall update or revise or modify its MoA/Rules with the approval of the UGC. Further, specific changes/amendments, if any, suggested by the Ministry of Human Resource Development or/and the UGC shall also be carried out by the deemed-to-be-university institution in its MoA/Rules with the approval of the UGC.

- (iii) The accounts of the IISST shall be open to inspection/audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. There shall also be no diversion of assets of the IISST Society without prior permission of the Government of India / UGC.
- (iv) The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram shall continue to support the IISST with its infrastructure facilities till the time the IISST has a fully developed and permanent infrastructure of its own at the location near Thiruvananthapuram where such facilities are being developed by the Institute concerned.
- (v) The academic programmes being offered or to be offered by IISST shall conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the relevant Statutory Councils such as the UGC and the AICTE. The IISST shall not offer / award, as the case may be, any degree(s) that are not specified by the UGC. It shall also ensure that the nomenclatures of the degrees, etc. to be awarded by it are specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- (vi) The IISST shall start new academic courses only as per the norms prescribed by the concerned Statutory Councils such as the UGC, AICTE, etc.
- (vii) The IISST shall take all the required steps to get itself rated for valid accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), etc., as the case may be, in terms of instructions issued by the UGC vide its circular No.F.6-1(7)/2006(CPP-I) dated the 12th March, 2007.
- (viii) The IISST shall not affiliate any teaching institutions / colleges.
- (ix) The IISST shall take immediate steps to start Postgraduate, doctoral and post doctoral programmes in emerging areas of space technology.
- (x) The IISST shall not conduct any distance education programme without prior approval of UGC and Distance Education Council (DEC). The guidelines issued by both the DEC and the UGC from time to time in the matter of imparting education through distance mode have to be complied with by it.
- (xi) The IISST shall not start and run any study centre / extension centre / off-campus centre / off-shore campus without obtaining the requisite prior approval of the UGC/ Government of India, as the case may be.
- (xii) The IISST shall take immediate steps to comply with all the suggestions made by the UGC's Expert Visiting Committee in its inspection report

submitted to the UGC, so as to bring about the recommended improvement.

- (xiii) All the prescribed norms and procedures of the relevant Statutory Councils, such as UGC, AICTE, etc. and other authorities concerned in the matter of admission of students, intake capacity of students, starting of new courses / programmes, renewal of approval to the courses, etc. will continue to be in force, and shall be adhered to by the IISST.
- (xiv) In all its advertisements, public notices, communications, etc., the IISST shall distinctly mention under its nomenclature by inserting (within brackets) a line, which shall read: "*Declared as Deemed-to-be-University' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956*".
- (xv) The IISST shall abide by all the norms and guidelines as laid down by the UGC and other Statutory Councils such as AICTE, etc. from time to time, as are applicable to institutions notified as 'Deemed-to-be-Universities'
6. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Kerala, Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram.
7. The Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), ISRO Headquarters, Antariksh Bhavan, New BEL Road, Bangalore – 560094.
8. The Co-ordinator, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram – 695022, Kerala.
9. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
10. The Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities, A.I.U. House, 16 Kotta Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
11. 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. A soft copy of this notification is being e-mailed to the CMIS unit for this purpose.
12. Guard file / Notification file.


(Upamanyu Basu)
Director