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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
(Department of Higher Education)
U.3(A) Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 21st August, 2007.

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.

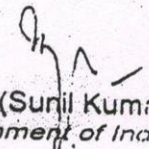
2. And whereas, a proposal was received for grant of status of deemed-to-be-university to Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET), Kanathur, Tamil Nadu.

3. And whereas, the University Grants Commission have examined the said proposal and vide their communication No.F.6-28/2005(CPP-I) dated the 1st February, 2007 have recommended conferment of status of 'deemed-to-be-university' to Academy of Maritime Education and Training, Kanathur, Chennai, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

4. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the Central government, on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC), hereby declare that 'Academy of Maritime Education and Training', Kanathur, Tamil Nadu 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, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The functioning of the AMET as well as its performance shall be reviewed annually by the UGC through its Expert Committee. After the period of five years, the status of 'Deemed to be University' conferred upon the Academy will be confirmed on the basis of performance reports the Expert Review Committee of the UGC.
- (ii) The declaration as made above will take effect from the date on which the AMET disassociates itself from the Indian universities under whom it is functioning as Extension Centre or Programme Study Centre.

- (iii) It should immediately start its own full-fledged academic degree programmes, duly approved by the Statutory Councils and other concerned authorities for the purpose of being conducted at the AMET on its own.
5. The declaration made in para 4 above is also subject to further conditions mentioned at Sr. No.5 of the endorsement to this Notification.
6. Neither the Government of India nor the University Grants Commission shall provide any Plan and Non-Plan grant-in-aid to the AMET or its constituent teaching units.


(Sunil Kumar)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

The Manager,
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Copy forwarded to: :-

1. The Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002.
2. Director, Distance Education Council, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi.
3. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Indira Gandhi Stadium, I. P. Estate, New Delhi - 110002.
4. The Director General of Shipping, Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Surface Transport, "Jahaz Bhavan", Walchand Hirachand Marg, Mumbai-400038.
5. The President, Academy of Maritime Education and Training, 5107, H2, 2nd Avenue, 1 Floor, Anna Nagar, Chennai - 600040. The declaration as made in para 4 of this Notification shall be further subject to the following conditions that:-
 - (i) The management of the Academy of Maritime Education and Training should take appropriate action to ensure that all the moveable and immovable assets are immediately transferred and vested with the Trust that will be managing the 'deemed-to-be-university' institution, if not already done, in the interest of students, faculty, employees and for maintaining the standards of higher education. A report and undertaking for having complied with this condition

along with a copy of a valid document in this respect should be submitted to the UGC.

- (ii) The academic programmes offered or to be offered by the Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET), Deemed-to-be-University' Institution will conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the relevant Statutory Councils such as the UGC, AICTE, etc. and shall be limited to areas of Marine Engineering, Marine Technology, Marine Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Nautical Sciences and Shipping and Logistics Management only. Wherever necessary, prior approval of the relevant Statutory Council and other authorities concerned like Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai (*under Ministry of Surface Transport*) should be obtained in respect of the academic programmes of the AMET.
- (iii) AMET shall not offer / award, as the case may be, any degrees 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.
- (iv) AMET shall award degrees and diplomas in respect of the courses to be offered by it only to those students who are admitted to these colleges subsequent to the date of this notification.
- (v) As for the students who were admitted in the AMET prior to the date of this notification, they shall continue to pursue their courses of study under the universities concerned, which shall conduct examinations for them and award degrees to them upon successful completion of the courses/programmes of study they are pursuing at the Academy presently.
- (vi) All the prescribed norms and procedures of the relevant Statutory Councils and other authorities concerned such as Directorate General of Shipping, etc. 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 AMET.
- (vii) AMET should take immediate steps to start Post-Graduate academic programmes in the areas of Marine Engineering and Technology and Nautical Sciences.

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- (viii) In case the AMET, as deemed to be a university, desires to continue as collaborative partners in the existing programmes/arrangements with the foreign governments/organizations concerned, it may approach the UGC for its approval/concurrence, as the case may be. AMET should, however, make it amply clear in its advertisements, web site, official documents, etc. that the courses conducted by it through these collaborative programmes / arrangements do not have the recognition of the UGC or the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- (ix) AMET should submit a legal undertaking as per the instructions of the UGC as contained in its circular No.F.6-1(II)/2006(CPP-I) dated 13.09.2006 pertaining to the issues of earmarking of assets, non-diversion of assets without prior approval of the UGC and making a provision for the UGC to take control of assets, etc. in the event of winding up of or dissolution of the deemed-to-be-university.
- (x) AMET or the Trust that will be managing it, should not undertake any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature.
- (xi) AMET shall take all the required steps to get itself rated for valid accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in terms of instructions issued by the UGC vide its circular No.F.6-1(7)/2006(CPP-I) dated the 12th March, 2007.
- (xii) AMET shall not conduct any distance education programmes 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.
- (xiii) AMET shall not start and run any study-centre / off-campus centre without obtaining the requisite prior approval of the UGC/ Government of India, as the case may be.
- (xiv) Suggestions of the UGC's Expert Visiting Committees as made out in its respective report, should be followed by AMET so as to rectify deficiencies, if any, to bring about the recommended improvement.
- (xv) AMET should suitably amend the Rules of the Institute so as to incorporate and reflect the Resolutions made in the meeting of its Trustees held on 20.04.2007 pertaining to "Powers and Composition of the Board of Management" and

"Review and Inspection" therein. Specific changes/amendments, if any, suggested by the Government of India or UGC shall also be carried out by the deemed-to-be-university institution in its MoA/Rules with the approval of the UGC.

- (xvi) AMET will abide by all the norms and guidelines laid down by the relevant Statutory Councils like UGC, AICTE, etc. from time to time as are applicable to institutions notified as deemed-to-be-universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The norms and standards prescribed by the authorities concerned like Directorate General of Shipping shall also continue to be in force and complied with.
5. Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Directorate of Technical Education Campus, Guindy, Chennai - 600025. The University is expected to take action in accordance with Endorsement 5(v) regarding students already admitted for its courses at the AMET.
 6. The Vice-Chancellor, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi - 835215. The University is expected to take action in accordance with Endorsement 5(v) regarding students already admitted for its courses at the AMET.
 7. The Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Maidan Garhi New Delhi - 110 068.
 8. Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai - 600009, Tamil Nadu.
 9. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
 10. The Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities, A.I.U. House, 16 Kotla 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.
 12. Guard file / Notification file.

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