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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 26th July, 2009.

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 Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry seeking status of 'deemed-to-be-university', as a 'De Novo' Institution, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, comprising the following institutions:

- (i) Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, Puducherry,
- (ii) Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry
- (iii) Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry, and
- (iv) Bharathiyar College of Engineering & Technology, Karaikal, Puducherry;

3. And whereas, on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC) in the matter of conferment of status of 'deemed-to-be-university' to Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, this Ministry had declared Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry, comprising Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, Puducherry, as an 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University', under De Novo category, for the purposes of the aforesaid act, provisionally for a period of five years, vide this Ministry's notification of even number dated the 4th August, 2008, subject to a review at the end of each year,

4. And whereas, on a subsequent advice of the UGC, 'Sri Sathya Sai Medical College and Research Institute' located at Nellikuppam Village in Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu, had been brought under the ambit of Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Institution Deemed-to-be-University), Puducherry, vide this Ministry's notification No.F.10-22/2008-U.3(A) dated 20th February, 2009, subject to certain conditions;

5. And whereas, Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth had represented to this Ministry in August, 2008 for including: (i) Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry, (ii) Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental

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College as per the norms of the relevant Statutory Council(s) concerned (such as the Indian Council of Nursing, Dental Council of India, etc.);

- (iv) Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, as an 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University', shall admit students to the approved academic courses/programmes of Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry and Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry, under its enrolment, only with effect from the next academic year, i.e. 2009-2010;
- (v) Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, as an 'Institution Deemed-to-be-University', shall, accordingly, award degrees in respect of the academic courses / programmes of Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry and Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry, only to those students who shall be admitted to this Institute from the academic year 2009-2010 onwards;
- (vi) ~~As for the~~ students who were already admitted to Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College, Puducherry, and Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences, Puducherry, they shall continue to pursue their academic courses/ programmes of study under the enrolment and affiliation to Pondicherry University, which shall conduct examinations to them and award degrees to their respective enrolled students upon successful completion of the courses/ programmes of study they are pursuing at the said Nursing College and the Dental College presently.
- (vii) The condition stipulated as at sub Para 7(vi) above shall also cover those students who were already admitted to the Kasturba Gandhi Nursing College and Indira Gandhi Institute of Dental Sciences subsequent to the academic session 2006-2007 and prior to the date of this notification (i.e. batches of students belonging to the academic years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009). These students shall accordingly be awarded degrees only by the Pondicherry University upon successful completion of the courses they are pursuing at the said Nursing College and the Dental College presently.

8. The declaration as made in Para 7 above is also subject to fulfillment / compliance of further conditions mentioned at Sr. No.9 of the endorsement to this Notification;

9. Neither the Government of India nor the UGC shall provide any Plan or Non-Plan grant-in-aid to Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth or any of its constituent units (including off-campus units).

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