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PREFACE

The Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, which was enacted as Act 12 of 1985, has witnessed several amendments being made to it over the years. This has necessitated an updated edition incorporating all the amendments made to the Act till date. The current edition is an earnest attempt in this direction. It incorporates Amendment Acts up to Act 21 of 2019.

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ACT 12 OF 1985

***[MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY] ACT, 1985**

An Act to establish and incorporate a University at Kottayam by the name [Mahatma Gandhi]* University.

Preamble.- WHEREAS, it is considered necessary to establish a new teaching and affiliating University in the State to provide for the urgent development of higher education in the areas comprised in the Kottayam, Ernakulam and Idukki revenue districts, the Kuttanad taluk of the Alleppey revenue district and the Kozhencherry, Mallappally, Thiruvalla and Ranni taluks of the Pathanamthitta revenue district of the State;

Be enacted in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called [the Mahatma Gandhi University Act]¹ 1985

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 2nd day of October, 1983.

2. Definitions:- In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

* The expression “Gandhiji University” was substituted by the expression “Mahatma Gandhi University” in all the sections wherever it occurs in this Act and also in the long title to the Act in terms of Gandhiji University (Amendment and special provisions) Act, 1988, Act 11 of 1988.

* Pub in K.G. Ex. No. 323 dtd 17/4/1985 and substituted by Act II of 1988.

1. Substituted by the Gandhiji University (Amendment and special provisions) Act, 1988 (Act 11 of 1988)

1. [“Academic Autonomy” means a privilege of a college or University Department to conduct academic programmes, develop syllabus for the respective subjects, devise teaching, learning and evaluation methods, conduct examinations leading to the award of a degree, diploma, certificate and such other titles and distinctions by the University and publication of results in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, bye-laws and the rules made thereunder;]¹

[(1A)]² “Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the University;

[(1B) “Academic Council of an Autonomous College” means the Academic Council of an Autonomous College consisting of the members as provided under section 107;]¹

(2) “affiliated college” means a college affiliated to the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes and in which instruction is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations;

(3) “annual meeting” means one of the ordinary meetings of the Senate held every year under sub-section (1) of section 20 and declared by the Statutes to be the annual meeting of the Senate;

(4) “Appellate Tribunal” means the Appellate Tribunal constituted under sub-section (1) of section 69;

[(4A) “Autonomy Approval Committee” means the Autonomy Approval Committee constituted under section 103;]¹

[(4B) “Autonomous College” means a college to which the status of autonomy is granted by the University Grants Commission with the concurrence of the State Government, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IX of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, bye-laws and rules made thereunder;]¹

(5) “Board of Studies” means a Board of Studies of the University;

[(5A) “Board of Studies of an Autonomous College” means the Board of Studies of an Autonomous College constituted under section 109;]¹

1. *Inserted by the University Laws (Third Amendment) Act, 2014 (Act 32 of 2014)*

2. *Renumbered by Act 32 of 2014*

- (6) “Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the University;
- (7) “College” means an institution maintained by, or affiliated to the University, in which instruction is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations;
- (8) “department” means a department designated as such by the Ordinances or Regulations with reference to a subject or group subjects;
- (9) “educational agency” means any person or body of persons who or which establishes and maintains a private college or more than one private college;
- (10) “faculty” means a faculty of the University;
- [(10A) “Governing Council” means the Governing Council of an Autonomous College;]¹
- (11) “Government college” means a college maintained by the Government and affiliated to the University;
- (12) “hostel” means a unit of residence for the students of the University, or the colleges or institutions maintained by, or affiliated to the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act or the Statutes or Ordinances;
- (13) “junior college” means a college imparting instructions in Pre-degree courses only;
- (14) “non-teaching staff of the University or a college, means the employees of the University or that College, other than teachers;
- (15) “prescribed” means prescribed by the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules or bye-laws made under this Act;
- (16) “principal” means the head of a college;
- (17) “private college” means a college maintained by an educational agency other than the Government or the University and affiliated to the University;
- [(18) Omitted]²
- (19) “professional college” means a college in which instruction is given in any of the following subjects, namely:-

1. *Inserted by the University Laws (Third Amendment) Act 2014 (Act 32 of 2014)*
2. *Omitted by the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act 1988 (Act 12 of 1988)*

- (i) Engineering and Technology,
- (ii) Allopathic Medicine and Para Medical Courses;
- (iii) Dental Medicine;
- (iv) Ayurvedic Medicine;
- (v) Homoeopathic Medicine;
- (vi) Law; and
- (vii) Education;

[(19A) “Pro-Chancellor” means the Pro-Chancellor of the University)]¹.

(20) “Pro-Vice-Chancellor” means the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University;

(21) “recognised institution” means an institution for research or special studies, other than an affiliated college, recognised as such by the University;

[(22) xxxx]²

(23) “Senate” means the Senate of the University;

(24) “State” means the State of Kerala;

(25) “Statutes”, “Ordinances”, “Regulations”, “bye-laws” and “rules” means respectively the “Statutes”, “Ordinances”, “Regulations”, “bye-laws” and “rules” of the University; [and includes the Regulations of an Autonomous College and the rules made by the Government.]³

(26) “Student” means a part-time or full-time student receiving instruction or carrying on research in any of the colleges or recognised institutions;

(27) “Students’ Council” means the students’ Council of the University:

(28) “Syndicate” means the Syndicate of the University;

(29) “teacher” means a principal, professor, associate professor, assistant professor, reader, lecturer, instructor, or such other person imparting instruction or supervising research in any of the colleges or recognised institutions and whose appointment has been approved by the University;

(30) “teacher of the University” means a person employed as teacher in any institution maintained by the University;

1. *Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012 (Act 12 of 2012)*

2. *Omitted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2005 (Act 2 of 2005)*

3. *Added by the University Laws (Third Amendment) Act, 2014 (Act of 32 of 2014)*

[(30 A) “un-aided College” means a private college which is not entitled to any financial assistance from the Government or the University]¹

(31) “University” means the [Mahatma Gandhi University]² Constituted under this Act;

(32) “University area” means the area to which the jurisdiction of the University extends under sub-section (1) of section 4;

(33) “University Fund” means [Mahatma Gandhi University Fund]² established under sub-section (1) of section 46;

[(33A) “University Grants Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Central Act 3 of 1956);]³

(34) “Vice-Chancellor” means the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

CHAPTER II THE UNIVERSITY

3. *The University:* - (1) The Chancellor, [xxxx]⁴ the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, if any, and the members of the senate, the Syndicate and the Academic Council; for ‘the time being, shall constitute a body corporate [by the name of the Mahatma Gandhi University]²

(2) The headquarters of the University shall be at Kottayam.

(3) The University shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

4. *Territorial limits:-* (1) The jurisdiction of the University shall extend to the Kottayam, Ernakulam and Idukki revenue districts, the Kuttanad taluk of the Alleppey revenue district and the Kozhencherry, Mallappally, Thiruvalla and Ranni taluks of the Pathanamthitta revenue district of the State.

(2) No educational institution situated beyond the territorial limits of the University shall, save with the sanction of the Chancellor and the Government, be affiliated to the University and no educational institution within the territorial limits of the University shall,

1. Inserted by University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1995 (Act 9 of 1995)

2. Substituted by Act 11 of 1988

3. Inserted by Act 32 of 2014

4. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988

save with the sanction of the Chancellor and the Government, seek or continue affiliation to any other University established by law.

5. *Powers of the University*:- Subject to the provisions of this Act, the University shall have the following powers, namely:-

(i) to provide for instruction and training in such branches of learning as the University may deem fit and to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

[(ia) to confer academic autonomy to a University department;]¹

[(ib) to confer academic autonomy to an affiliated college or department of an affiliated college as provided for under Chapter IX of this Act;]¹

(ii) to institute degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions;

(iii) to hold examinations and to confer degrees and other academic distinctions on persons who-

(a) shall have pursued a prescribed course of study in a college under the University, unless exempted therefrom in the manner prescribed, and shall have passed the prescribed examination; or

(b) shall have carried on research under prescribed conditions and which has been duly evaluated;

(iv) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on distinguished persons in accordance with the conditions to be prescribed in the Statutes;

(v) to grant diplomas, certificates or other distinctions to persons who shall have pursued a prescribed course of study under prescribed conditions;

(vi) to withdraw or cancel degrees, titles, diplomas, certificates or other distinctions under conditions that may be prescribed by the Statutes, after giving the person affected a reasonable opportunity to present his case;

(vii) to maintain, supervise and control the residence and discipline of students of the University, colleges and recognised institutions and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;

(viii) to recognise hostels which are maintained by bodies other than the University and to withdraw such recognition;

1. *Substituted by the University Laws (Third Amendment) Act, 2014 (Act 32 of 2014)*

(ix) to exercise such control over the students as will ensure their physical and moral well-being;

(x) to constitute a Board to entertain and if it thinks fit to adjudicate and to redress any grievances of the students of colleges, who may for any reason be aggrieved otherwise than by an act of any court;

[(xa) to fix the minimum infrastructural facilities that shall be provided in an un-aided college;

(xb) to fix the qualification of teachers and non-teaching staff of an un-aided college;]¹

(xi) to fix the fees payable to the University and to demand and receive such fees;

(xii) to fix and regulate, with the previous sanction of the Government, the fees payable in colleges and recognised institutions affiliated to the University;

(xiii) with the previous sanction of the Government, to regulate the emoluments and pattern and to, prescribe the duties and conditions of service of teachers and non-teaching staff in private colleges;

(xiv) to hold and manage endowments and bursaries and to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes and to organise exhibitions;

(xv) to institute and provide funds wherever necessary for the maintenance of-

(a) a students' Advisory Bureau;

(b) an Employment Bureau;

(c) a University Union for Students;

(d) University Athletic Clubs;

(e) the National Cadet Corps;

(f) the National Service Corps;

(g) University Extension Boards;

(h) Students' Cultural and Debating Societies;

(i) a Translation and Publication Bureau; and

(j) co-operative societies and other similar institutions for promoting the welfare of students and employees of the University;

(xvi) to co-operate with other Universities or any authorities or associations in such manner and for such purposes as the University may determine;

(xvii) to do all such other acts and things, whether incidental to

1. Inserted by University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2005 (Act 2 of 2005)

the powers aforesaid or not, as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University as a teaching and examining body, and to cultivate and promote arts, science and other branches of learning;

(xviii) to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may become vested in it for the purpose of the University by purchase, grant, testamentary disposition or otherwise and to grant, demise, alienate or otherwise dispose of all or any of the properties belonging to the University and also to do all other acts incidental or appertaining to a body corporate;

(xix) to direct, manage and control all immovable and movable properties transferred to the University by the Government;

(xx) to co-ordinate, supervise, regulate and control the conduct of teaching and research work in the affiliated colleges and the institutions recognised by the University;

(xxi) to define the powers and duties of the officers of the University other than those provided in this Act;

(xxii) to provide for the inspection of affiliated colleges and to issue such directions as the University may deem fit;

(xxiii) to establish, maintain and manage colleges, institutes of research and other institutions of higher studies;

(xxiv) to affiliate to itself colleges in accordance with the provisions of this - Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations and to withdraw affiliation of colleges;

(xxv) to institute professorships, readerships, lecturerships and any other teaching and research posts required by the University and to appoint persons to such professorships, readerships, lecturerships and other teaching and research posts;

(xxvi) to establish, maintain and manage hostels;

(xxvii) with the previous, sanction of the Government as regards the purpose and amount of loan and subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Government as to security and rate of interest to borrow any sum of money from the Central Government, any other Government, or any other incorporated body; and

(xxviii) generally to do such other acts for carrying out the pur-

poses of this Act,

6. *University open to all classes and creeds.*- No person shall, on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, descent, place of birth, residence, language, political opinion or any of them, be ineligible for, or discriminated against, in respect of any employment or office under the University or membership of any of the authorities or bodies of the University or admission to any degree or course of study in the University:

Provided that the University may, in consultation with the Government, affiliate any college or recognise any institution, exclusively for women either for education, instruction or residence, or reserve for women or members of socially and educationally backward classes or of Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes, places for the purpose of admission as students in any college or institution maintained or controlled by the University.

CHAPTER III THE CHANCELLOR, [PRO-CHANCELLOR]¹ AND OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

7. *The Chancellor.*- (1) The Governor of Kerala shall, by virtue of his office, be the Chancellor of the University.

(2) The Chancellor shall be the head of the University and shall, when present, preside [xxxxx]² at any convocation of the University

(3) All the authorities of the University shall be subordinate to the Chancellor

(4) The Chancellor may, by order in writing, annul any proceedings of any of the authorities of the University which is not in conformity with this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations, the rules or the bye-laws;

Provided that, before making any such order, the Chancellor shall call upon such authority to show cause why such an order should not be made and consider the cause, if any, shown by such authority within a reasonable time.

1. *Inserted by University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012 (Act 12 of 2012)*

2. *Omitted by Act 12 of 1988*

(5) The Chancellor shall, when an emergency arises, have the right to suspend or dismiss any of the authorities of the University and to take measures for the interim administration of the University.

(6) Every proposal for the conferment of an honorary degree shall be subject to confirmation by the Chancellor.

(7) An appeal shall lie to the Chancellor against any order of dismissal passed by the Syndicate or the Vice-Chancellor against any person in the service of the University.

(8) An appeal under sub-section (7) shall be filed within sixty days from the date of service of the order of dismissal on the person concerned.

(9) The Chancellor shall, before passing any order on an appeal under sub-section (7) refer the matter for advice to a Tribunal appointed by him for the purpose.

(10) The Chancellor shall have power to remove the Vice-Chancellor or the Pro-Vice-Chancellor from office by an order in writing on charges of misappropriation or mismanagement of funds or misbehaviour:

Provided that such charges are proved by an enquiry conducted by a person who is or has been a Judge of the High Court or the Supreme Court appointed by the Chancellor for the purpose:

Provided further that the Vice-Chancellor or the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall not be removed under this section unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken against him.

(11) The Chancellor shall have such other powers as may be conferred on him by this Act or the Statutes.

[8. *Pro-Chancellor*:- (1) The minister for the time being administering the subject of education in the state shall be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor or during his inability to act the Pro-Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of the Chancellor]¹

9. *Officers of the University*.- The following shall be the officers of the University, namely:-

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (ii) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (iii) the Registrar;
- (iv) the Controller of Examinations;

1. *Inserted by University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012, Act 12 of 2012*

[(iv A) the Deans of Faculties]¹
(v) the Finance Officer and
(vi) such other officers in the service of the University, as may be declared by the Statutes to be officers of the University,

10. *The Vice-Chancellor*:- (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor on the recommendation as hereinafter provided of a Committee appointed by him for the purpose (hereinafter referred to as the Committee).

(2) The Committee shall consist of three members, one elected by the Senate, one nominated by the Chairman of the University Grants Commission and the third nominated by the Chancellor:

Provided that no person holding any office under the University shall be nominated as a member of the Committee.

(3) The Chancellor shall appoint one of the members of the Committee to be its convener.

(4) The Committee shall make its recommendation within [a period of five months of its appointment or within such further period not exceeding one month, as the Chancellor may specify in this behalf]²

(5) In case the Committee unanimously recommends the name of only one person, the Chancellor shall appoint that person to be the Vice-Chancellor.

(6) In case the Committee is unable to recommend a name unanimously, the Vice-chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor from among a panel of three names submitted to him by the Committee within the periods [specified in or under sub-section (4)]²

(7) In case the Committee fails to make a unanimous recommendation as provided in sub-section (5) or to submit a panel as provided in sub-section (6), the Vice-chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor from among a panel of three names submitted to him by a majority of the members of the Committee within the period, [specified in or under sub-section (4)]²

(8) Non-submission of a name under sub-section (7) by any member of the Committee shall not invalidate the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor.

1. *Inserted by Act 12 of 1988*

2. *Substituted by the Gandhiji University (Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act of 13 of 1987)*

(9) [No person shall hold office of the Vice-Chancellor beyond the age of sixty-five years]¹

(10) The Vice-Chancellor shall [subject to sub-section (9)]² hold office for a term of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that a person shall not be appointed as Vice-Chancellor for more than two terms.

(11) [The remuneration payable to, and the other conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.]¹

(12) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal academic and executive officer of the University and all the Officers of the University shall be under his administrative control.

(13) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Senate, the Syndicate, the Academic Council [xxxxx]³ and the Finance Committee and shall be entitled to be present at and to address any meeting of any authority of the University, but shall not be entitled to vote there at unless he is a member of the authority concerned.

(14) In the event of equality of votes at any meeting of the Senate, the Syndicate or the Academic Council or of any other authority, at which the Vice-Chancellor is the Chairman, he shall have and exercise a casting vote.

(15) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that the provisions of this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations, the rules and the bye-laws are faithfully observed and carried out, and he shall have all powers necessary for this purpose,

(16) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the right of visiting and inspecting colleges and other institutions maintained by, or affiliated to, the University.

(17) If at any time, except when the Syndicate or the Academic Council is in session, the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that an emergency has arisen requiring him to take immediate action involving the exercise of any power vested in the Syndicate or the Academic

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Inserted by Act 12 of 1988

3. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988

Council by or under this Act, the Vice-Chancellor may take such action as he deems fit and shall, at the next session of the Syndicate or the Academic Council, as the case may be, report the action taken by him to that authority for such action as it may consider necessary [and that authority may, after considering the action taken, by the Vice-chancellor is of the view that such action shall not have been taken by him, refer the matter to the Chancellor whose decision there on shall be final.]¹

(18) Subject to the provisions of the Statutes and the Ordinances, the Vice-Chancellor shall have power to appoint, suspend, dismiss or otherwise punish any member of the establishment of the University below the rank of Deputy Registrar:

Provided that he may delegate any of his powers under this sub-section to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar.

(19) The Vice-Chancellor shall have power to convene meetings of the Senate, the Syndicate, the Academic Council and any other authorities of the University.

(20) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or in the Statutes or Ordinances made or deemed to have been made thereunder, the Vice-Chancellor may, if he is satisfied that the number of examiners in the panel of examiners approved by the Syndicate for the conduct of an examination is not sufficient for the conduct of that examination and that approval of another panel of examiners by the Syndicate will entail delay in the conduct of such examination, nominate such additional number of examiners as may be necessary for the conduct of such examination.

(21) Any person nominated by the Vice-Chancellor under subsection (20) shall be deemed to be an examiner included in the panel approved by the Syndicate.

(22) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to see that the proceedings of the University are carried on in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations, the rules and the bye-laws and to report to the Chancellor every proceeding which is not in conformity with such provisions.

1. Inserted by the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act 12 of 1988)

(23) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(24) In the event of a temporary vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, or where the Vice-Chancellor is temporarily absent, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor [and in the event of temporary vacancies occurring in the offices of the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor or where the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor are temporarily absent, the senior most Professor in the University shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor.]¹

(25) In the event of a permanent vacancy occurring in the office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor shall initiate action for the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor within one month of the occurrence of the vacancy and pending such appointment make necessary arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor.

11. *The Pro-Vice-Chancellor:-* (1) The Chancellor may, if he considers it necessary, appoint a Pro-Vice-Chancellor [from among a panel of names submitted to him by the Vice-Chancellor.]¹

(2) No person who is more than [Sixty]² years of age shall be appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University.

(4) [The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment.]³

1. *Inserted by the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act, 1988(Act 12 of 1988)*

2. *Substituted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act,2012 (Act 12 of 2012)*

3. *Substituted by the University Laws (Second Amendment) Act, 2014 (Act 26 of 2014)*

(5) [The salary and other conditions of service of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.]¹

(6) [Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, the powers and functions of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.]¹

12. *The Registrar*.- (1) [The Syndicate shall appoint a person selected by the Government from among a panel containing the names of three persons furnished to the Government by a selection committee appointed by the Syndicate, consisting of three members headed by the Vice-Chancellor, as the Registrar of the University for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms as may be prescribed by the Statutes.]²

[(1A) The person appointed as Registrar shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in subsection (1).]³

(2) The Registrar shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) Suits by or against the University shall be instituted by or against the Registrar.

13. *The Controller of Examinations*.- (1) [The Syndicate shall appoint a person selected by the Government from among a panel containing the names of three persons furnished to the Government by a selection committee appointed by the Syndicate, consisting of three members headed by the Vice-chancellor, as the Controller of Examinations of the University for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms as may be prescribed by the Statutes.]²

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988

2. Substituted by University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 21 of 2019)

3. Inserted by University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 21 of 2019)

[(1A) The person appointed as Controller of Examinations shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).]¹

(2) The Controller of Examinations shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

14. *The Finance Officer.*- (1) [The Syndicate shall appoint a person selected by the Government from among a panel containing the names of three persons furnished to the Government by a selection committee appointed by the Syndicate, consisting of three members headed by the Vice-Chancellor, as the Finance Officer of the University for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms as may be prescribed by the Statutes.]²

[(1A) The person appointed as Finance Officer shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).]¹

(2) The Finance Officer shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

15. *Appointments to be notified.*- The appointments of the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations and the Finance Officer shall be notified in the Gazette.

1. *Inserted by University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 21 of 2019)*

2. *Substituted by University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 (Act 21 of 2019)*

CHAPTER IV
AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

16. *Authorities of the University.*- The following shall be authorities of the University, namely:-

- (i) the Senate;
- (ii) the Syndicate;
- (iii) the Academic Council;
- (iv) the Faculties;
- (v) the Board of Studies;
- (vi) the Students' Council;
- (vii) the Finance Committee;
- (viii) the Planning Board; and

(ix) such other boards or bodies of the University as may be declared by the Statutes to be authorities of the University.

17. *Senate.*- The Senate shall consist of the following members, namely :-

Ex officio Members

- (1) The Chancellor.
- (2) [xxxx]¹
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor.
- (4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.
- (5) The Finance Secretary to Government or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him.
- (6) The Director of Public Instruction.
- (7) The Director of Collegiate Education.
- (8) The Secretary to Government or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary to Government, General Education Department to be nominated by the Government.
- (9) The Secretary to Government or an officer not below the

1. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988

rank of Joint Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, to be nominated by the Government.

[9 (a) The Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him]¹

(10) The Director of Technical Education.

(11) The Director of Medical Education.

(12) The Chairman, State Advisory Board of Education.

(13) Seven heads of University departments who are not otherwise members of the Senate, to be nominated in the order of seniority by the Chancellor by rotation.

(14) Four Deans of the Faculties of the University who are not otherwise members of the Senate, to be nominated in the order of seniority by the Chancellor by rotation.

(15) The Chairman of the University Union.

[(16) Members of the Syndicate who are not member of the Senate]²

Elected Members

(1) Eleven principals elected from among themselves of whom two shall be from among principals of Government Colleges, one from among principals of professional colleges and one from among principals of junior colleges.

(2) [xxxx]³

(3) Six members elected by the members of the Legislative Assembly of Kerala from among the members representing the electorate of the University area, of whom one shall be a member of a Scheduled Caste.

1. *Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2001 (Act 9 of 2001)*

2. *Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012 (Act 12 of 2012)*

3. *Omitted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2005 (Act 2 of 2005)*

(4) Three members elected by the teachers of the University from among themselves.

(5) Three members elected by the teachers of Government colleges from among themselves.

(6) Sixteen members elected by the teachers of private Colleges from among themselves.

(7) Three members elected by the Mayors of Municipal Corporations, the Chairmen of municipalities and the presidents of panchayats within the University area from among themselves, of whom one shall be the Mayor of a Municipal Corporation or the Chairman of a municipality.

(8) Two members elected by the registered Trade Unions in the University area designated by Statutes, from among their members.

(9) One member elected by the members of the non-teaching staff of University from among themselves.

(10) Three members elected by members of the non-teaching staff of the affiliated colleges from among themselves of whom one shall be a member of the non-teaching staff of a Government College.

(11) Three members elected by the managers of the private colleges in the University area from among themselves.

(12) Fifteen members elected by the members of the General Council of the University Union from among full-time students, of whom one shall be a post-graduate student, one shall be a research scholar, one shall be the student of professional college, five shall be lady students, one shall be a member of a Scheduled Caste and one shall be a member of a Scheduled Tribe.

Other Members

(1) Two headmasters of High Schools and two teachers of schools, situated within the University area, nominated by the Chancellor.

(2) Not more than eleven members nominated by the Chancellor representing (i) recognised research institutions; (ii) recognised cultural associations; (iii) chambers of commerce; (iv) industries; (v) authors; (vi) journalists; (vii) lawyers; (viii) sports and games; (ix) linguistic minorities; (x) artists; and (xi) Anglo-Indians.

(3) Four students nominated by the Chancellor, one having out-standing academic ability in humanities, one having outstanding ability in science, one having outstanding ability in sports and one having outstanding ability in fine arts.

[(4) xxxx]¹

18. *Reconstitution of the Senate.*- (1) The Senate shall be reconstituted every four years.

(2) The term of office of any member referred to in items (13) and (14) under the heading “Ex-officio members” in section 17 shall be two years from the date of his nomination.

(3) Every member of the Senate, other than ex-officio members, shall, subject to the provision of this Act and the statutes, hold office until the next reconstitution of the Senate:

Provided that no member nominated or elected in his capacity as a member of a particular body or as the holder of a particular office shall hold office for a longer period than three months after he has ceased to be such member or holder of such office, unless in the meanwhile he again becomes a member of that electorate:

Provided further that where an elected or nominated member of the Senate is appointed temporarily to any office, by virtue of which he is entitled to be a member of the Senate ex-officio, he shall, by notice in writing signed by him and communicated to the Vice-Chancellor within seven days from the date of his taking charge of his appointment, choose whether he will continue to be a member of the Senate by virtue of his election or nomination or whether he will vacate office as such member and become a member ex-officio by virtue of his appointment, and such choice shall be final:

Provided also that the term of office of a member referred to in item (12) under the heading “Elected Members “ in section 17 or of a member referred to in item (3) under the heading “Other Members” that section shall be one year from the date of his election or nomination, as the case may be.

Explanation.- For the removal of doubts it is hereby clarified that a member referred to in the preceding proviso shall not cease to be such member solely on the ground that he has ceased to be a student within the period of one year specified in that proviso.

1. Omitted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012 (Act 12 of 2012)

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in the first, proviso to sub-section (3), a principal elected under item (1), or a teacher of a Government college elected under item (5), or a teacher of a Private College elected under item (6) or a member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college elected under item (10), under the heading “Elected Members” in section 17 shall not cease to be a member of the Senate merely on the ground-

(a) that he has been transferred to an educational institution within the State, situated beyond the territorial limits of the University; or

(b) That the college of which he is the principal or in which he is a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff has been transferred to another University; or

(c) in the case of a teacher, that he has been promoted as principal.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or in the Statutes, no person elected under item (2) under the heading “Elected members” in section 17 shall cease to be a member of the Senate merely on the ground that he has ceased to be employed or normally resident within the territorial limits of the University.

(6) On failure of a member to make the choice under the second proviso to sub-section (3), he shall be deemed to have vacated his office as an elected or nominated member.

(7) When a person ceases to be a member of the Senate, he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the University of which he may happen to be a member by virtue of his membership of the Senate.

[(8) The members of the Senate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the case may be]¹

[19. *Powers and Functions of the Senate.*- Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the Senate shall have the following powers, namely:—

(a) to review, from to time, the broad policies and programmes of the University;

(b) to suggest measures for the improvement and development of the University;

(c) to consider and pass resolution on the annual report and the annual accounts of the University and the audit report on such accounts; and

1. *Inserted by the University laws (Amendment) Act, 2012 (Act 12 of 2012)*

(d) to advise the Chancellor in respect of any matter which may be referred to it for advice.]¹

20. *Meetings of the Senate.*- (1) The Senate shall meet at least once in four months on dates to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor and one of such meetings shall be called the annual meeting.

(2) One-fifth of the total number of members of the Senate shall be the quorum for a meeting of the Senate.

[xxxx]²

(3) The Vice-Chancellor may, whenever he thinks fit and shall, within thirty days of the receipt of a requisition in writing signed by not less than one-fourth of the total number of members of the Senate, convene a special meeting of the Senate.

(4) When a special meeting is convened on requisition, no subject other than that shown in the requisition shall be considered at the meeting.

21. *The Syndicate.*- The Syndicate shall be the chief executive body of the University and shall consist of the following members namely:-

Ex-Officio Members

(a) The Vice-Chancellor.

(b) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(c) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him.

[(d) The Secretary to Government, Finance Department or an Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him.]¹

[(e) The Director of Collegiate Education.]¹

[(f) The Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.]³

Other Members

[(a) Not more than eight members nominated by the Government from the field of Higher Education of whom one shall be a woman.]⁴

[(b) Three Deans of Faculties nominated by the Chancellor, by rotation.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988 2. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988

3. Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2001 (Act 9 of 2001)

4. Substituted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012 (Act 12 of 2012)

[(c) Two principals of colleges affiliated to the University nominated by the Government]¹

[(d) Three teachers of colleges nominated by the Government, of whom one shall be a member of a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe.]¹

(e) [xxxx]²

[(f) One member of the Legislative Assembly, representing any of the Constituencies within the territorial jurisdiction of the University, nominated by the Government]³

(g) [xxxx]²

(h) [xxxx]²

[(i) A research scholar or a post-graduate student of the University, nominated by the Government]³

[(j) The member nominated by the Executive Council of the Kerala State Higher Education Council from among its members]³

22. *Term of office of members of Syndicate.*- (1) Members of the Syndicate, other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their [nomination]:¹

Provided that no person [nominated]¹ in his capacity as a member of a particular body or as the holder of a particular office shall be a member of the Syndicate for a longer period than three months after he has ceased to be such member or holder of such office unless in the meanwhile he again becomes a member of that [body]¹ or the holder of that office:

[xxxx]⁴

Provided [further]¹ that a member other than an ex-officio members shall notwithstanding the expiration of his term, continue to hold office until his successor is [nominated]:¹

Provided also that no person other than an ex-officio member shall be eligible to hold office for more than two terms in succession,

[(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the first proviso to sub-section (1), a member of the Syndicate referred to in item (c) or in item (d) under the heading "Other members" in section 21 shall not cease to be such member merely on the ground that]¹

(a) he has been transferred to an educational institution within ; the State, situated beyond the territorial limits of the University; or

(b) the college of which he is the principal or in which he is teacher has been transferred to another University; or

1. Substituted by the Act 12 of 1988

2. Omitted by Act. 12 of 2012,

3. Inserted by Act. 23 of 2007,

4. Omitted by Act. 12 of 1988

(c) in the case of a teacher, he has been promoted as Principal.

3. [The members of the Syndicate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government as the case may be]¹

23. *Powers of Syndicate.*- Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the executive powers of the University including the general superintendence and control over the institutions of the University shall be vested in the Syndicate and subject likewise the Syndicate shall have the following powers, namely:-

(i). to affiliate institutions in accordance with the terms and conditions of such affiliation prescribed in this Act and the Statutes;

(ii). to make [Statutes and Ordinances]² and to amend or repeal the same;

(iii). [xxxx]³

(iv) to hold, control and administer the properties and funds of the University;

(v) to direct the form, custody and use of the common seal of the University;

(vi) to arrange for and direct the inspection of colleges, hostels and other institutions and to constitute a Board of Inspection for that purpose;

(vii) to establish, maintain and manage colleges and institutes of research and other institutions of higher learning as it may from time to time deem necessary;

(viii) to appoint teachers and other employees of the University and prescribe their duties;

(ix) to create administrative, ministerial and other necessary posts:

Provided that no post shall be created by the Syndicate without the prior approval of the Government if creation of such post involves expenditure in excess of the budgetary provision;

[xxxx]³

(x) to suspend, discharge, dismiss or otherwise take any disciplinary action against teachers and other employees of the University after giving them reasonable opportunity to defend their position;

(xi) with the previous sanction of the Government, to fix and

1. *Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act 2012 (Act 12 of 2012)*

2. *Substituted by the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act 1988 (Act 12 of 1988)* 3. *Omitted by Act 12 of 1988*

regulate the fee payable by students in colleges affiliated to the University;

[(xii) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, studentships, bursaries, medals and prizes and to organise exhibitions;]¹

(xiii) to maintain, supervise and control the residence and discipline of students;

(xiv) to consider the financial estimates of the University and submit them to the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes made in this behalf;

(xv) to conduct University examinations and approve and publish the results thereof;

(xvi) to appoint members to the Boards of Studies;

(xvii) to approve panel of examiners and to fix their remuneration;

(xviii) to approve the appointment of teachers in private colleges;

(xix) to delegate any of its powers to the Vice-Chancellor or to a committee appointed from among its members;

(xx) to arrange for and direct the investigation into the affairs of private colleges, to issue instructions for maintaining their efficiency, for ensuring proper conditions of employment of members of their staff and payment of adequate salaries to them and in case of disregard of such instructions, to modify the conditions of affiliation or recognition or take such other steps as it deems proper in that behalf;

(xxi) to withhold or cancel the result of any candidate at any University examination;

(xxii) to accept endowments, bequests, donations and transfers of any movable and immovable properties to the University on its behalf, provided that all such endowments, bequests, donations and transfer shall be reported to the Senate at its next meeting;

(xxiii) to exercise the powers of the University under clause (xxvii) of section 5;

[(xxiv) to determine what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

(xxv) to cancel or amend by a majority of the total membership of the Syndicate and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the

1. Substituted by the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act 1988 (Act 12 of 1988)

members present and voting, any Regulation passed by the Academic Council:

Provided that no Regulation shall be cancelled or amended by the Syndicate without giving the Academic Council an opportunity to state its opinion on the proposed cancellation or amendment;

(xxvi) to institute professorships, readerships, lectureships and such other teaching or research posts as it may deem necessary;

Provided that no professorship, readership, lectureship or other teaching or research post shall be instituted by the Syndicate without the previous approval of the Government if it involves expenditure in excess of the budgetary provision;

(xxvii) to prescribe with the previous concurrence of the Government the terms and conditions of service of the employees of the University;

(xxviii) to regulate with the previous concurrence of the Government the emoluments and prescribe the duties and conditions of service of teachers and non-teaching staff of private colleges;

(xxix) to prepare the budget according to the provisions of the Statutes;

(xxx) to cancel any degree, diploma, title or any other distinction granted to any person, in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;

(xxxi) to appoint committees and to delegate to them such functions as it may deem fit;

(xxxii) to make Statutes regulating the method of election to the authorities of the University, the procedure of the meetings of the Senate, the Syndicate and other authorities of the University and the quorum of members required for the transaction of business by the authorities of the University other than the Senate;

(xxxiii) to recommend to the Government the recognition of any local area within the University area as a University centre;

(xxxiv) to co-operate with other Universities and other authorities in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine;

(xxxv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances, the rules, the bye-laws and the orders.]¹

24. *The Academic Council-* (1) The Academic Council shall be the academic body of the University.

(2) The Academic Council shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, control and regulate, and be responsible for the maintenance of standards, of instruction, education and examinations within the University, and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Statutes.

(3) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) the Director of Public Instruction;
- (d) the Director of Technical Education;
- (e) the Director of Collegiate Education;
- (f) the Director of Research and Studies;
- (g) the Director of Physical Education;
- (h) the Director of Medical Education;
- (i) the Deans of Faculties;
- (j) [xxxx]²

(k) all the Heads of University Departments of Study and Research who are not Deans of Faculties;

(l) all members of the Syndicate who are not otherwise members of the Academic Council;

(m) five members (other than Deans of Faculties) of whom at least one shall be a Principal of a Government professional college, [nominated by the Government from the principals of professional colleges, by rotation according to seniority;]¹

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Omitted by the Act 12 of 1988

(n) seven members (other than Deans of Faculties) of whom at least one shall be a Principal of a Government college, [nominated by the Government from the principals of first grade colleges other than colleges of oriental languages, by rotation according to seniority;]¹

[(o) two members (other than Deans of Faculties) nominated by the Government from the Principals of junior colleges, by rotation according to seniority;]¹

(p) one Principal of a college of oriental languages, not being a Dean of Faculty, nominated by the [Government]¹ by rotation according to seniority;

[(q) One member each of every subject of study (not being a Dean of Faculty, or head of University Department or Principal) nominated by the Government by rotation according to seniority;]¹

(r) one headmaster and one teacher of a Secondary school in the University area nominated by the [Government;]¹

(s) one member representing each Faculty, elected by the full time post-graduate students, of the faculty from among themselves;

(t) seven external experts to be nominated by the [Government]¹ of whom two shall be experts in commerce, business management or industrial technology.

(4) Members of the Academic Council, other than the members specified in clauses (a) to (h) of sub-section (3), shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their appointment or nomination, as the case may be:

Provided that a person who has become a member of the Academic Council in the capacity of a student shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a student:

Provided further that a person who has become a member of the Academic council in the capacity of a post graduate student shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a post graduate student.

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

25. *Powers and duties of Academic Council.*- Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Academic Council shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely :-

(i) to advise the Senate and the Syndicate on all academic matters;

(ii) to make Regulations and to amend or repeal the same;

(iii) to prescribe the courses of studies in the institutions maintained by, or affiliated to, the University;

(iv) to prescribe the qualifications of teachers;

(a) in colleges; and

(b) in the institutions maintained by the University;

(v) to prescribe the qualifications for admission of students to the various courses of studies and to the examinations and the conditions under which exemptions may be granted;

(vi) to make provision for the admission of student to the various courses of studies on the basis of merit in order to maintain standards of education;

(vii) to make proposals for the instruction and training in such branches of learning as it may think fit;

(viii) to make proposals for research and advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

(ix) to make proposals for the institution of professorships, readerships, lecturerships and other teaching and research posts required by the University;

(x) to make proposals for the institution of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(xi) to make proposals for determining what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

(xii) to decide what examinations of other Universities may be accepted as equivalent to those of the University and to negotiate with other Universities for the recognition of the examinations of the University;

(xiii) to arrange for the co-ordination of studies and teaching in affiliated colleges and recognised institutions;

(xiv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules or bye-laws.

26. *Faculties*.— (1) The University may have such faculties as may be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.

(2) Each faculty shall, subject to the control of the Academic Council, have charge of the teaching and the courses of study and research in such subjects as may be assigned to such faculty by the Ordinances or Regulations.

(3) Each Faculty shall consist of -

(a) the Chairman of the Boards of Studies comprised in the faculty;

[(b) two members from each Board of Studies nominated by the Syndicate, who are teachers of the University and of the colleges or institutions by rotation;

(c) not less than five and not more than ten members nominated by the Syndicate from among teachers, by rotation;

(d) two members, to be nominated by the Syndicate who are from outside the University on the basis of their expert knowledge.]¹

(4) Each faculty shall comprise such departments of teaching as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act each faculty shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) The members of faculties mentioned in sub-section (3) shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their nomination. [xxxx]².

27. *Deans of Faculties*.— (1) There shall be a Dean of each faculty, who shall be nominated by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor by rotation from among the Heads of University Departments or Professors.

[(1 A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) where a University Department has not been started under a faculty,

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Omitted by the Act 12 of 1988

the Dean of such faculty shall be nominated by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor, from among the Heads of Department or Professors of other Universities in the State or affiliated Government Colleges for professional courses, in the University area]¹

(2) The Dean of each faculty shall be responsible for the due observance of the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Bye-laws relating to that faculty.

(3) The Dean of a faculty shall hold office for a term of two years and shall be eligible for renomination.

28. *Boards of Studies.*- (1) There shall be a Board of Studies attached to each Department of Study in the University:

Provided however that post-graduate studies in each department may have separate Board of Studies.

[(1 A) Each Board of Studies shall consist of —

(a) the Head of the Department as its Chairman;

(b) such number of members as may be prescribed by the Statutes, nominated by the Chancellor from among the teachers of the University and of the Colleges, by rotation;

(c) such number of members as may be prescribed by the Statutes, nominated by the Chancellor from among persons who are experts in the field of education;]²

(2) The [xxxx]³ Powers of the Boards of Studies shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) Members of the Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their entering upon office.

[28A. *Dean of the students.*— (1) There shall be a Dean of Students who shall be nominated by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor from among the students.

(2) The Dean of students shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of nomination and shall be eligible for renomination.

(3) The Dean of students shall have such functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes]²

29. *Students' Council*— (1) There shall be a Students' Council in the University.

(2) The Students' Council shall consist of the following members namely:-

1. Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act 17 of 1989)

2. Inserted by Act 12 of 1988.

3. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988

Ex Officio Members

- [(a) A Senior member from among the Faculties nominated by the Chancellor who shall be the Chairman of the Council;]¹
- (b) The Chairman of the University Union.
- (c) The General Secretary of the University Union.
- (d) The Director, National Cadet. Corps.
- (e) The Officer-in-Charge of the National Service Scheme in the University.
- (f) The Director of Physical Education.
- (g) The Director of Youth Affairs who shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Council.
- [(h) The Dean of students]²

Elected Members

(a) Fifteen members, not being members of the Senate or the Academic Council, elected by the members of the General Council of the University Union from among themselves, of whom five shall be women and two shall be members of a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe.

(b) Three members elected from among the full-time students of the departments of the University in such manner as may be prescribed.

(c) Two members, other than students, elected by the members of the Senate from among themselves.

(d) One member elected by the members of the Syndicate from among themselves.

(e) One member elected by the members of the Academic Council from among themselves.

Other Members

Five students who have distinguished themselves in academic field, sports or fine arts, nominated by the Vice-chancellor after giving due consideration to the representation of special interests.

- (3) A member nominated by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988

2. Added by Act 12 of 1988

with the Chairman of the University Union, from among the elected student members of the Council shall be the Secretary to the Council.

(4) The members of the Students' Council other than ex-officio members shall hold office for a term of one year from the date of their election or nomination, as the case may be.

30. *Powers and duties of Students' Council*— (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Students' Council shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely:—

(a) to make recommendations to the Syndicate and to the Academic Council in matters affecting the academic work of the students, such as the Structure of courses and pattern of instruction, the corporate life of the University in so far as it concerns the students, and the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in the University;

(b) to make suggestions to the Syndicate and the Academic Council in respect of all rules relating to discipline or welfare of the students, sports, working of literary and other societies, management of hostels, student homes and non-resident student centres, extension work, social work, students' health, National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps and such other matters as may be specified in the Statutes;

(c) to communicate its views, observations and recommendations to any authority of the University in respect of any matter which concerns the students:

Provided that if any question arises as to whether a matter does or does not concern the students, the question shall be decided by the Chairman of the Students' Council and his decision shall be final;

(d) to take such steps as are necessary for the general welfare of students;

(e) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations.

(2) [The Chairman of the Students' Council shall cause to be

laid before the Syndicate]¹ and the Students' Council in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes, periodical reports detailing the recommendations and suggestions made by the Students' Council, the action taken thereon by the authorities to which such recommendations and suggestions were made, and if no action was taken by the authorities to which such recommendations and suggestions were made, the reason thereof.

31. *Finance Committee*.— (1) There shall be a Finance Committee to give advice to the University on any question affecting its finances.

(2) The finance Committee shall consist of the following members, namely.—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, if any;

(c) one member elected by the members of the Senate from among themselves;

(d) [three members elected by the members of the Syndicate from among themselves of whom two shall be Deans of Faculties;]¹

(e) one member elected by the members of the Academic Council from among themselves;

(f) the Finance Secretary to Government or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him;

(g) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him.

(3) The Finance officer shall be the Secretary of the Finance committee.

(4) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters, including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

32. *Planning Board*.- (1) There shall be a Planning Board which shall be the principal planning body of the University to advise the Syndicate and the Academic council on any matter which the board considers necessary for the fulfillment of the objectives of the University.

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

(2) The Planning Board shall consist of the following members, namely:-

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) three heads of University departments to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) One expert to be nominated by the Chancellor;
- (d) two members to be nominated by the University Grants Commission;
- (e) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary to Government nominated by him;
- (f) the member, State Planning Board in charge of Education;
- (g) the Registrar of the University;
- (h) the Finance Officer of the University who shall be the Secretary of the Board.

(3) The members of the Planning Board mentioned in clauses (b) and (c) of sub section (2) shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of their nomination.

(4) The powers and functions of the Planning Board shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

33. *Other Authorities of University.*- The constitution, powers and duties of such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be the authorities of the University shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

34. *Disqualifications for membership.* - No person shall be qualified for election or nomination or appointment as a member of any of the authorities of the University or for continuing as such member, if he-

- (a) is below twenty five years of age; or
- (b) is of unsound mind or a deaf-mute; or (c) is an undischarged insolvent; or

(d) has been convicted by a court of law of an offence involving moral delinquency; or

(e) has been debarred by any University from appearing in examinations, for malpractices in connection with any examination:

Provided that clause (a) shall not apply to a person elected or nominated in the capacity of a student to any of said authorities:

Provided further that the disqualification of a person under clause (e) shall cease on the expiry of the period for which he has been debarred.

(2) If any question arises as to whether any person is disqualified under sub-section (1) the question shall be referred to the Chancellor and his decision thereon shall be final.

CHAPTER V

STATUTES, ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, RULES AND BYE-LAWS

35. *The Statutes.*- Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

(a) the powers and duties of the officers of the University, not specifically provided for in this Act;

(b) the constitution, powers and duties of the authorities of the University, not specifically provided for in this Act;

(c) the procedure for election of members of the Senate, [xxxx]¹ the Academic Council and other authorities of the University and all such other matters relating to these bodies, as may be necessary or desirable to provide;

[(cc) the procedure for selection and method of appointment, conditions of service, powers and duties of teachers of the University and non-teaching staff;]²

(d) the award of degrees, diplomas, titles, certificates, and other academic distinctions by the University;

(e) the withdrawal or cancellation of degrees, diplomas, titles, certificates and other academic distinctions;

1. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Inserted by Act 12 of 1988.

- (f) the maintenance of the register of registered graduates;
- (g) the holding of convocations to confer degrees;
- (h) the conditions and procedure for affiliation of colleges;
- (i) the conferment of honorary degrees;
- (j) the maintenance of the accounts and the preparation and passing of the annual budget of the University;
- [(k) the procedure for disciplinary action against the employees and the manner of termination of service of such employees;
- (l) the procedure for arbitration in case of dispute between employees or students of the University;
- (m) the procedure for appeal to the Syndicate by any employee or student against the action of any officer or authority of the University;
- (n) the constitution of grievance committee for the employees and students and the terms of references to be made to it by them;
- (o) the principles governing seniority of service of employees;
- (p) the participation of the students and research scholars in the affairs of the University;
- (q) the establishment and abolition of Faculties, Department, hostel etc;
- (r) the delegation of powers vested in the various authorities and officers of the University;
- (s) the creation, composition and functions of any other body which is considered necessary for improving the academic life of the University;
- (t) all other matters which by this Act are to be or may be, prescribed by Statutes.]¹

36. *Procedure for making Statutes.*- (1) The [Syndicate]¹ may of its own motion take into consideration the draft of a Statute:

1. Substituted by the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act 1988 (Act 12 of 1988)

[Provided that, in any such case, before a Statute is passed, the Syndicate shall obtain and consider the opinion of the Academic Council where necessary on Academic matters]¹

(2) The [Academic Council]¹ may propose to the [Syndicate]¹ the draft of any Statute for consideration and such draft shall be considered by the [Syndicate]¹ at the next meeting.

(3) The [Syndicate]¹ may approve the draft of a Statute proposed by the [Academic Council]¹ and pass the Statute or may reject it or return it to the [Academic Council]¹ for reconsideration, either in whole or in part, together with amendments which the [Syndicate]¹ may suggest.

(4) After any draft returned by the [Syndicate]¹ under sub-section (3) has been further considered by the [Academic Council]¹ together with any amendment suggested by the [Syndicate]¹, it shall be again presented to the [Syndicate]¹ with the report of the [Academic Council]¹ thereon, and the [Syndicate]¹ may then deal with the draft in any manner it thinks fit.

(5) Where any Statute has been passed by the [Syndicate]¹, it shall be submitted to the Chancellor who may refer the Statute back to the [Syndicate]¹ for further consideration or assent thereto or with hold his assent:

Provided that a Statute or amendment to a Statute passed by the [Syndicate]¹ which involves expenditure from the University Fund shall be submitted to the Government who shall forward the same to the Chancellor with their views thereon.

(6) No Statute passed by the [Syndicate]¹ shall be valid or come into force until assented to by the Chancellor.

(7) The [Academic Council]¹ shall not propose the draft of Statute or of an amendment to a Statute affecting the status; powers or constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the proposal; and any opinion so expressed shall be in writing and shall be considered by the [Syndicate]¹.

1. Substituted by the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act 1988 (Act 12 of 1988)

(8) No Statute providing for the conditions for, or procedure relating to, the affiliation of private colleges shall be passed by the [Syndicate]¹ without the previous approval of the Government.

37. *Ordinances.*- Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Syndicate shall have power to make Ordinances providing for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

(a) the levy of fees in colleges and other institutions, by the University;

(b) the residence and discipline of students;

(c) the workload and pattern of teaching staff in colleges;

(d) the fixation of the scales of pay of various posts in the University and the terms and conditions of service of officers of the University:

Provided that no special pay or allowance or extra remuneration of any description whatsoever including ex-gratia payment or other benefits having financial implication shall be granted to any officer, teacher or other employee of the University without the prior approval of the Government:

Provided further that no such prior approval of the Government shall be necessary for incurring any such expenditure of a non recurring nature subject to a maximum of ten thousand rupees in the aggregate in a financial year;

(e) all other matters which by this Act or the Statutes are to be, or may be, provided for by the Ordinances.

38. *Procedure for making Ordinances.*— (1) All Ordinances made under this Act shall have effect from such date as the Syndicate may direct, [xxxx]²

(2) [xxxx]²

[(3) The procedure to be followed in making, amending or repealing Ordinances shall be prescribed by the Statutes.]¹

(4) Every Ordinance and amendment to an Ordinance including repeal of an Ordinance which involves expenditure shall be [made only with the prior approval of the Government.]¹

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988.

(5) No Ordinance or amendment to any Ordinance including repeal of an Ordinance which involves expenditure shall be valid or come into force unless assented to by the Chancellor.

39. *Regulations.* - Subject to the provisions of this Act, Statutes and the Ordinances, the Academic Council may make Regulations providing for all or any of the following matters, namely :-

(a) the courses of studies and the conduct of examinations;

(b) the admission of students to the various courses of study and to the examinations;

(c) the qualifications of teachers;

(d) the appointment and prescription of duties of the Boards of Studies and Examiners;

(e) recognition of examinations, degrees and diplomas of other Universities as equivalent to the examinations, degrees and diplomas of the University; and

(f) all other matters which under the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances are to be, or may be, prescribed by Regulations.

40. *[Procedure for making Regulations.]*— (1) All Regulations under this Act, shall have effect from such date as the Academic Council may direct but every Regulation so made shall be laid before the Syndicate during its next succeeding meeting:

Provided that no such Regulation or repeal of a Regulation which involves expenditure shall be made by the Academic Council without the prior approval of the Government.

(2) If any Regulation or repeal of a Regulation is not laid before the Syndicate as required by sub-section (1) the Regulation shall lapse or, as the case may be, the Regulation repealed shall revive after the next succeeding meeting of the Syndicate]¹

41. *Rules, bye-laws and orders-* (I) The Syndicate shall have power to make rules, bye-laws and orders not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations,

1. Substituted by the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act 1988 (Act 12 of 1988)

for the guidance and working of Boards and Committees and other bodies constituted under the provisions of this Act or the Statutes or the Ordinances or the Regulations and for regulating the procedure and conduct of business at meeting of any authority of the University other than the Senate:

[Provided that such rules, bye-laws or orders, which involve expenditure, shall be made only with the prior approval of the Government.]¹

(2) All such rules, bye-laws and orders shall have effect from such date as the Syndicate may direct, [xxxx]²

(3) [xxxx]²

42. *Publication in the Gazette.* - All Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made under this Act shall be published in the Gazette.

CHAPTER VI

ELECTION TO THE SENATE [xxxx]² AND THE OTHER BODIES OF UNIVERSITY, FILLING UP OF VACANCIES AND RESIGNATION, REMOVAL ETC., OF MEMBERS OF AUTHORITIES AND BODIES

43. *Election of members to the Senate, [xxxx]² and other bodies of the University.*- The election of members to the Senate, [xxxx]² and other bodies of the University shall be held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote and in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Statutes, and the voting at such election shall be by secret ballot.

44. *Filling up of vacancies.*- (1) All vacancies among the members (other than ex officio members) of any authority or body of the University by reason of death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled within a period not exceeding six months, by the person, or authority who or which appointed, elected or nominated the member whose place has become vacant.

(2) Any person appointed, elected or nominated under subsection (1) shall hold office as member so long only as the member in whose place he is appointed, elected or nominated, as the case may be, would have been entitled to hold office if the vacancy had not occurred.

1. Added by Act 12 of 1988. 2. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988.

45. *Resignation or removal of members of any authority or body:-*

(1) Any member of any authority or body of the University may resign his office by letter addressed to the Registrar and the resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of the letter by the Registrar.

(2) The [Vice-Chancellor]¹ may, on the recommendation of no less than two thirds of the number of members of the Syndicate remove the name of any person convicted by a court of law of any offence involving moral delinquency or punished by the University for malpractice connected with any University examination from the register of registered graduates or remove any such person from membership of any authority or body of the University [xxxx]²

[(3) The Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendations of the Syndicate]¹ also remove any person from the membership of any authority or body of the University if he becomes of unsound mind or a deaf-mute or has applied to be adjudicated or has been adjudicated an insolvent.

(4) If an elected member of any authority or body of the University fails to attend three consecutive meetings of that authority or body, he shall cease to be a member of such authority or body thereupon the Registrar shall intimate him that he has ceased to be such member:

Provided that such authority or body may, if satisfied that there was sufficient cause for the failure of the member to attend the meetings, restore him to its membership.

1. *Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.*

2. *Omitted by Act 12 of 1988.*

CHAPTER VII FINANCE

46. *University Fund*;- (1) All grants and loans received from the State Government, the Government of India, the University Grants Commission and from any other source, all revenues of the University, all fees received, all incomes such as rent and profits derived from properties and funds vested in the University, all endowments and donations received from any source whatsoever, all other miscellaneous receipts of the University and all deposits, remittances and service funds, received in connection with the affairs of the University shall form one consolidated fund styled [The Mahatma Gandhi University Fund]¹ and shall be employed for the purposes, and in the manner laid down in this Act and in the Statutes, Ordinances, rules, bye-laws and orders made thereunder:

Provided that separate accounts may be maintained for specific purposes.

(2) All moneys in the [Mahatma Gandhi University Fund]¹ shall be lodged in the Government Treasury or with the approval of the Government in the State Bank of India or its subsidiaries up to such limits as may be fixed by the Government.

(3) The University may invest such part of the moneys in the [Mahatma Gandhi University Fund]¹ as it may deem fit, in Government securities or securities guaranteed by the Government of India.

(4) The custody of the [Mahatma Gandhi University Fund]¹, the payment of moneys therein, the withdrawal of moneys therefrom and all other ancillary matters shall be regulated by the Statutes, Ordinances, rules and bye-laws made in that behalf.

47. *Grants from Government*.- (1) The University shall receive as grants for its maintenance such sums, subject to such conditions as may be fixed by the Government, from time to time.

¹ Substituted by Act 11 of 1988.

(2) The Government may pay to the University such other grants, subject to such conditions as they think fit, for specific purposes.

48. *Annual estimates of income and expenditure.*- (1) The Syndicate shall prepare the financial estimates of the income and expenditure of the University for the next ensuing year before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes and forward the same together with a memorandum conveying explanatory notes thereon to the [Chancellor]¹ for consideration.

[(2) The Chancellor shall consider the financial estimates and shall approve it, either without alterations or with such alterations as he may deem fit.]¹

49. *Funds earmarked for a purpose not to be diverted without prior approval of Government.*- The University shall not,-

(a) without the prior approval of the Government,-

(i) divert funds earmarked for a purpose for any other purpose;

or

(ii) implement any scheme which involves any matching contribution from the State Government; or

(b) implement any scheme which imposes a recurring liability on the Government, after the assistance from the sponsoring authority ceases.

50. *Annual accounts.*- (1) The annual accounts of the University shall be prepared under the directions of the Syndicate and shall be submitted to the Government for audit,

(2) The annual accounts together with the audit report there on shall be published by the Syndicate and copies of such accounts and audit report shall be placed before the Senate and submitted to the Government [and the Chancellor].²

(3) The annual accounts shall be considered by the Senate at its annual meeting, and the Senate may pass resolutions with reference thereto and communicate the same to the Syndicate which shall take action in accordance therewith.

51. *Annual report.*- (1) The annual report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Syndicate and shall be presented to the Senate for its review on or before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Added by Act 12 of 1988.

(2) The Senate may pass resolutions on the annual report and communicate the resolutions to the Syndicate.

(3) The Syndicate shall inform the Senate of the action taken by it on the resolution passed by the Senate under sub-section (2) and shall submit a copy of the annual report together with a copy of the resolution, if any, of the Senate under sub-section (2) to the Government [and the Chancellor.]¹

(4) The Government shall, as soon as the annual accounts and annual report are received, cause the same to be laid on the Table of the State Legislative Assembly.

52. Audit of accounts of the University.- (1) The Government shall appoint auditors of the accounts of the University and the institutions under the management of the University.

(2) The auditors shall maintain a continuous audit of the accounts of the University and may, after giving due intimation, conduct local audit of any institution under the management of the University.

(3) The University shall bear the cost of the audit as fixed by the Government.

(4) After completing the audit for a year or for any shorter period or for any transaction or series of transactions, the auditors shall send a report to the University and a duplicate copy thereof to the Government.

(5) The auditors shall specify in the report under sub-section (4) all cases of irregular, illegal or improper expenditure or of failure to recover moneys or other property due to the University or of any loss or waste of money or other property thereof caused by neglect or misconduct of the officers and authorities of the University.

(6) The auditors shall also report on any other matter relating to the accounts of the University as may be required by the Government.

(7) The University shall forthwith remedy any defect or irregularity pointed out by the Auditors and report the action taken to the Government.

(8) On consideration of a report of the auditors under this section the Government may, if they consider it necessary so to do, direct the University to comply with the provisions of sub-section (7) within such period as may be specified in the direction and the University shall comply with such direction.

1. Added by Act 12 of 1988.

CHAPTER VIII
PRIVATE COLLEGES AND AFFILIATION OF COLLEGES

53. *Definitions.*- In this Chapter-

(a) “Corporate management” means an educational agency which manages more than one private college;

(b) “Unitary management” means an educational agency which manages a private college.

54. *Governing body for private college under unitary management.*- (1) A unitary management shall constitute in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes a governing body consisting of the following members, namely:-

a) the manager of the private college;

b) the principal of the private college;

c) a person nominated by the University in accordance with the provisions in that behalf contained in the Statutes;

(d) a person nominated by the Government;

[(dd) Two persons nominated from permanent teachers by the University by rotation of whom, one shall be from those having ten years of service or more and the other shall be from those having less than ten years of service;]¹

(e) [xxxx]²

(f) [xxxx]²

(g) [xxxx]²

(h) not more than six persons nominated by the unitary management.

(2) The manager of the private college shall be the Chairman [and the Principal shall be the Secretary]¹ of the governing body.

(3) It shall be the duty of the governing body to advise the unitary management in all matters relating to the administration of the private college, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules, bye-laws and orders made thereunder.

(4) The decisions of the governing body shall be taken at

1. Inserted by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988

meetings; on the basis of simple majority of the members present and voting.

55. *Managing council for private colleges under corporate management.*- (1) A corporate management shall constitute a managing council for all the private colleges under its management, consisting of the following members, namely:-

(a) the manager of the private colleges;

(b) One principal by rotation in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes;

(c) a person nominated by the University in accordance with provisions in that behalf contained in the statutes;

(d) a person nominated by the Government;

[(dd) two persons nominated from permanent teachers by the University, by rotation, of whom one shall be from those having ten years of service or more and the other shall be from those having less than ten years of service;]¹

(e) [xxxx]²

(f) [xxxx]²

(g) [xxxx]²

(h) not more than fifteen persons nominated by the corporate management.

(2) The manager of the private colleges shall be chairman of the managing council.

(3) It shall be the duty of the managing council to advise the corporate management in all matters relating to the administration of the private colleges, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules, bye-laws and orders made thereunder.

(4) The decisions of the Managing council shall be taken at meetings on the basis of simple majority of the members present and voting.

56. *Manager.*- (1) A unitary management or corporate management shall appoint a manager for the private college or for all the private colleges, as the case may be, under its management within the University area.

(2) The appointment or removal of the manager shall be intimated to the University by the unitary management or the corporate

1. Inserted by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988

management, as the case may be.

(3) It shall be the duty of the manager to give effect to the decisions of the unitary management or the corporate management, as the case may be.

(4) The manager shall exercise such powers and discharge such duties as may be delegated to him by the unitary management or the corporate management, as the case may be.

(5) The manager shall furnish to the Director of Collegiate Education audited accounts of the grants given by the Government to the private college or all the private colleges, as the case may be, of which he is the manager, within such time as may be specified by the Director of Collegiate Education in that behalf.

(6) Suits by or against a private college shall be instituted by or against the manager thereof.

(7) If the manager of a private college is guilty of mismanagement, malpractice, corruption or maladministration, gross negligence of duty or disobedience of instructions issued by the Government or the University or is convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude, the Vice-Chancellor may after giving the manager a reasonable opportunity to show cause against the action proposed to be taken against him and after due enquiry declare him unfit to hold the office of manager and require the unitary management or the corporate management, as the case may be, to appoint a suitable person as manager.

(8) Failure on the part of the manager to furnish accounts to the Director of Collegiate Education as required by sub-section (5) within the specified date or within such further time as may be allowed by the Director of Collegiate Education shall be sufficient cause for taking steps for the withdrawal of the grant to the private college or private colleges, as the case may be.

(9) Failure on the part of the manager or the management to obey the instructions issued by the University or the Government in regard to matters relating to the administration of the private college or the continuance in office of a person declared unfit under sub-section (7) shall be deemed to be sufficient cause for the withdrawal of the aid, grant or affiliation of the private college by University or

the Government, as the case may be.

57. Acts or proceedings of governing body or managing council not to be invalidated,- No act or proceeding of a governing body or managing council shall be invalidated merely by reason of-

(a) any vacancy in, or any defect in the constitution of, the governing body or managing council not opposed to the fundamental principles of law; or

(b) any defect in the appointment of a person acting as a member of the governing body or managing council; or

(c) any irregularity in the procedure of the governing body or managing council not affecting the merits of the case.

58. Affiliation of colleges.- (1) An application for affiliation to the University of any college or for affiliation in new courses in any affiliated college shall be sent by the educational agency to the Registrar within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(2) The terms and conditions of affiliation of a college or of affiliation in new courses in an affiliated college and the procedure to be followed by the Syndicate in granting such affiliation, including the period within which the Syndicate shall consider an application under sub-section (1) shall be prescribed by the Statutes:

Provided that the Chancellor may, by notification in the Gazette, for reasons to be specified in the notification, extend the period within which the Syndicate shall consider any application under sub section (1), whether such period has already expired or not, by such further period, not exceeding one year, as may be specified in such notification.

[Provided further that where an application for affiliation in a new course in an affiliated College could not be considered by the Syndicate within the time prescribed by the statutes on the ground that the application was not sent by the Educational Agency in time and that the period could not also be extended under the preceding proviso, the Chancellor may, in public interest, by notification in the Gazette, direct that the syndicate shall consider the application within such period as may be specified in the notification not exceeding one year from the date of commencement of the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1989]¹

1. Added by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act 17 of 1989)

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of sub-section (2), such Statutes may provide for the pattern of staff scales of pay and terms and conditions of service of members of the staff and admission and selection of students for courses and examinations.

[59. Appointment of teachers in private colleges:-

[(1) Appointments to the posts eligible to receive salary from the Government shall be made only against posts sanctioned by the Government or by such officers as may be authorised by the Government]¹

[(1A)]² Appointments to the lowest grade of teacher in each department of a private college shall be made by the educational agency by direct recruitment on the basis of merit.

(2) Appointments of principals shall be made by the educational agency by promotion from among the teachers of the college or of all the colleges, as the case may be, or by direct recruitment.

(3) Where the appointment of principal is made by promotion, the educational agency shall make the appointment on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness.

(4) Appointments to the posts, other than those referred to in [sub section (1 A)]³ and (2), shall be made by the educational agency by promotion from among the teachers of college or of all the colleges, as the case may be, on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness, or, if none among them is fit for promotion, by direct recruitment.

(5) For making appointment under this section by direct recruitment, the post shall be advertised in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) The educational agency shall not abolish a course of study in a private college without the prior approval of the University.

(7) Every appointment under section shall be made by a written order of the Manager in such form as may be prescribed by Statutes, communicated to the person to be appointed, with copy to the University.

(8) Every appointment under this section shall be reported to the University for approval.

1. Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2005 (Act 2 of 2005).

2. Renumbered by Act. 2 of 2005.

3. Substituted by Act 2 of 2005.

(9) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.]¹

60. *Qualification of teachers:-* (1) Teachers of college shall possess such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law or in any judgement, decree or order of any court or other authority any decision or order exempting any teacher from possessing the prescribed qualifications or approving the appointment of any teacher who did not possess the prescribed qualifications or allowing any teacher who did not possess the prescribed qualifications to continue in service, made by any authority or officer of the University of Kerala under the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been made by the authority competent to make such decision or order under this Act as if this Act had been in force at the time when such decision or order was made, and accordingly all such decisions and orders shall be, and shall be deemed always to have been, valid and in accordance with law.

61. *Probation.-* (1) Teachers of private colleges shall be on probation for a period of one year within a period of two years:

Provided that in exceptional cases, the period of probation may be extended by a period not exceeding one year, subject to the prior approval of the syndicate.

Explanation.- Probation undergone by a teacher before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be probation for the purposes of this sub-section, provided such probation is within a period of two years immediately before such commencement.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any contract or other document, any teacher working in a substantive vacancy at or after the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be on probation for the purpose of sub-section (1).

(3) The educational agency may, at any time before the prescribed period of probation, terminate the probation of the probationer for want of vacancy and discharge him from service if

1. Inserted by Act 12 of 1988

he was appointed by direct recruitment or revert him to his original appointment if the appointment to the new post was by transfer or promotion.

4) Any probationer discharged or reverted under sub section (3) shall be given preference in the matter of future appointment to the same post.

(5) On Satisfactory completion of probation, the educational agency, shall confirm the teacher in the post and if the vacancy is not a substantive vacancy the teacher shall be allowed to continue in the post for the duration of the vacancy.

(6) If, on the expiry of the prescribed period of probation, the educational agency decides that the teacher is not suitable for continuance in the post in which he is appointed, it shall discharge him from service or revert him to his original appointment, as the case may be, after giving him a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken in regard to him.

(7) Where the post held by the probationer is substantively vacant and before the expiry of one month from the prescribed period of probation he is not confirmed under sub-section (5) or is not discharged or reverted under sub-section (6) he shall be deemed to have been confirmed in that post.

(8) A probationer who is discharged or reverted under sub section (6) or who is discharged or reverted before the prescribed period of probation otherwise than on the ground of want of vacancy shall be entitled to appeal against the order of discharge or reversion to the Appellate Tribunal and the provisions of section 63 shall, mutatis mutandis apply to such appeals.

62. *Conditions of service of teachers of Private Colleges,-*
[(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any law or in any contract or other document, the conditions of service of teachers of private colleges, whether appointed before or after the commencement of this Act including conditions relating to pay, pension, provident fund, gratuity, insurance and age of retirement, shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.]¹

[(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made thereunder,-]²

1. Renumbered by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Inserted by Act 12 of 1988.

[(a) A person appointed as teacher in a private College in a temporary vacancy on or after the 14th day of March 1974 and continuing as such, shall be appointed as teacher in any permanent vacancy or any temporary vacancy of longer duration that may arise, after such appointment in the temporary vacancy, in the private college or, as the case may be, any of the private colleges under the management of the educational agency within the University area.]¹

[(b) a teacher relieved from a private College on or after the 14th day of March, 1974 due to the abolition of a course of study in that private College or the cessation of the period for which he was appointed or for any other reason except disciplinary action against him shall be given preference in the matter of future appointments in the private Colleges or, as the case may be, any of the private Colleges under the management of the educational agency with in the University area.]²

[(c) Any dispute arising or pending between the management of a private college and the teacher of that college in respect of any matter coming under clause (a) or (b) shall be decided in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes made thereunder.

Explanation-Where the number of claimants under clause (a) or clause (b) is more than the number of vacancies, the order of preference for appointment shall be in accordance with the date of first appointment of the claimants under the educational agency within the University area.]³

63. *Disciplinary powers of Educational Agency over teachers of Private Colleges.*- (1) The Educational Agency may at any time place a teacher of a Private College under suspension when any disciplinary proceedings is proposed to be taken against him or when such disciplinary proceedings are pending.

(2) A teacher of a Private College who is detained in custody whether on a criminal charge or otherwise for a period exceeding forty-eight hours shall be deemed to have been suspended with effect from the date of detention by an order of the Educational Agency and shall remain under suspension until further orders.

1. Substituted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act 17 of 1989)

2. Inserted by Act 12 of 1988.

3. Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1989 (Act 17 of 1989).

(3) When a teacher of a private College is suspended for a period exceeding fifteen days, the matter together with the reasons for the suspension, shall be reported to the Vice-Chancellor.

(4) Any disciplinary proceedings against a teacher of a private college by the educational agency shall be completed within a period of three months or within such further period as may be allowed by the Vice-Chancellor.

(5) No disciplinary action shall be taken against a teacher without giving him a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken against him.

(6) Any teacher aggrieved by an order imposing on him any of the following penalties, namely:-

(a) withholding of increment;

(b) recovery from pay of any pecuniary loss caused to the institution or the monetary value equivalent to the amount of increment ordered to be with held;

(c) reduction to a lower rank in the seniority list or to a lower grade or post; and

[(cc) removal from service

(ccc) compulsory retirement from service]¹

(d) dismissal from service,

may, within sixty days from the date on which a copy of such order is served on him, appeal to the Appellate Tribunal on any one or more of the following grounds, namely :-

(i) that there is want of good faith in passing the order;

(ii) that the order is intended to victimise the appellant;

(iii) that in passing the order, the educational agency has been guilty of a basic error or violation of the principles of natural Justice;

(iv) that the order is not based on any material or is perverse:

Provided that the Appellate Tribunal may admit an appeal presented after the expiration of the said period of sixty days if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not presenting the

1. Inserted by Act 12 of 1988

appeal within that period.

(7) On receipt of an appeal under sub-section (6) the Appellate Tribunal may, after giving the parties an opportunity of being heard, and after such further inquiry as may be necessary pass such order thereon as it may deem fit, including an order of reinstatement of the teacher concerned.

(8) Any order passed by the Appellate Tribunal under sub-section (7) may be executed through the Subordinate Judges Court having Jurisdiction over the area in which the private college is situated as if it were a decree passed by that court.

(9) Any person who objects to an order passed by the Appellate Tribunal under sub-section (7) may, within sixty days from the date on which a copy of such order is served on him, prefer a petition accompanied by court fee stamps of the value of ten rupees to the High Court on the ground that the Appellate Tribunal has either decided erroneously or failed to decide, any question of law.

(10) The provisions of section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1963 (Central Act 36 of 1963), shall be applicable to any proceedings under sub-section (9).

(11) The High Court shall, after giving the parties an opportunity of being heard, pass such order on the petition, as it deems fit.

(12) Where the High Court passes any order under sub-section (11), the Appellate Tribunal shall amend the order passed by it in conformity with the order of the High Court.

64. *Disciplinary Powers of Government over teachers of Private Colleges:-* (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or in the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations and subject to such rules as may be made by Government in this behalf, the Government or such officer not below the rank of Deputy Director of Collegiate Education, as may be authorised by the Government in this behalf, shall have power to take disciplinary proceedings against a teacher of a private college and to impose upon him all or any of the penalties specified by or under this Act:

Provided, that before exercising the powers under this sub-section, the Government or the authorised Officer, as the case

may be, shall intimate the manager regarding the circumstances requiring disciplinary action against the teacher concerned and give the manager a reasonable opportunity of taking disciplinary action and the Government or the authorised Officer, as the case may be, shall take disciplinary action against the teacher only if the manager fails to take appropriate disciplinary action.

(2) The Government or the officer authorised under sub-section (1), as the case may be, may suspend a teacher of a private college when any disciplinary proceeding is proposed to be taken against him under that sub-section or when such disciplinary proceedings are pending.

65. Past disputes relating to service conditions of teachers:- Notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force, or in any contract or in any judgement, decree or order of any court or other authority any dispute between the management of a private college and any teacher of that college relating to the conditions of service of such teacher pending at the commencement of this Act shall be decided under and in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes made thereunder.

66. Membership of Local Authorities, etc. - A teacher of a private college shall not be disqualified for continuing as such teacher merely on the ground that he has been elected or nominated as a member of a local authority or of the Legislative Assembly of the State or of Parliament.

67. Non-teaching staff of Private Colleges:- (1) The provisions of this Chapter shall, so far as may be, apply to the non-teaching staff of the private colleges.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1), the method of appointment, pay and other conditions of service of the non-teaching staff of private colleges shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

68. Transfer of teachers to other universities:- (1) Where an educational agency has colleges under the jurisdiction of the

[Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ and also under the jurisdiction of the Kerala University or the Calicut University, the educational agency shall within three months of the commencement of this Act or within such further period, not exceeding three months, as may be granted by the Government for sufficient reason, prepare a seniority list of the teachers of all such colleges.

(2) After the preparation of the list under sub-section (1), the educational agency shall give a right of option to the teachers as to the University under the jurisdiction of which he opts to remain and the teachers shall be allotted to each University area in accordance with such option:

Provided that where the number of teachers who have opted to work under the jurisdiction of the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ or the Kerala University or the Calicut University is more than the number required, allotment shall be made on the basis of seniority.

(3) Any teacher aggrieved by any entry in the list prepared under sub-section (1) or by the allotment under the sub-section (2) may appeal to the Government within sixty days from the date of communication of the list or order of allotment to him, and the decision of the Government there-on shall be final.

(4) Where a teacher is allotted to a University area under this section he shall not be transferred to a college affiliated to any other University.

(5) Nothing contained in this section shall apply in respect of principals of private colleges.

[68A *Inter University transfer of teacher by an educational agency* - Not with standing anything to the contrary contained in any law for the time being in force, where an educational agency has colleges under the jurisdiction of the Mahatma Gandhi University and also under the jurisdiction of another University in the State, a teacher appointed by such educational agency to a college within the jurisdiction of the another University, may be transferred to any college under the jurisdiction of the Mahatma Gandhi University, subject to

1. Substituted by Act 11 of 1988.

the following conditions, namely:-

- (i) transfer shall be made only on the written request of the teacher who has completed three years of service;
- (ii) transfer shall be made only once during the entire period of service of a teacher;
- (iii) transfer shall be made on the basis of the seniority of teachers;
- (iv) teacher transferred under the provisions of this section shall become junior most in the colleges under the educational agency in the University irrespective of his service in the University from which he was transferred;
- (v) transfer is to be made as and when vacancy arises in any of the colleges under the educational agency in the University, provided no home college option by any teacher against the said vacancy is pending; and
- (vi) teacher who is transferred under the provisions of this section shall be eligible for home college option and shall be treated as teacher of the University with all benefits that are enjoyed by the existing teachers, provided the services rendered by such teacher outside the University, shall not be considered as outside service while exercising home college option.

Explanation:- For the purpose of this section, “home college option” means the option made by a teacher regarding his home college in the University under the provisions of the Statutes made under this Act.]¹

69. *Constitution of Appellate Tribunal:-* (1) The Government shall constitute an Appellate Tribunal for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Appellate Tribunal shall be a judicial officer not below the rank of a District Judge nominated by the Chancellor in consultation with the High Court.

(3) The term of office of the Appellate Tribunal shall be three years from the date of its nomination.

1. Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2012 (Act 12 of 2012)

(4) The Appellate Tribunal shall have the power to make regulations consistent with the provisions of this Act with the previous sanction of the Government for regulating its procedure and disposal of its business.

(5) The regulations so made shall be published in the Gazette.

(6) The remuneration and other conditions of service of the Appellate Tribunal shall be such as may be prescribed by rules.

70. Bar of Jurisdiction of civil courts:- No civil court shall have jurisdiction to settle, decide or deal with any question or to determine any matter which is by or under this Act required to be settled, decided or dealt with or to be determined by any authority or person under this Act.

71. Private colleges to comply with provisions of Chapter within six months:- All private colleges existing in the University area immediately before the commencement of this Act and affiliated to the University shall, within a period of six months from such commencement, comply with the provisions of this Chapter.

72. Colleges not complying with provisions of this Act.-

(1) If the syndicate is satisfied that any private colleges has not complied with any provision contained in this Act or in the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, bye-laws, orders or rules, it may recommend to the Government for withholding discontinuing aid or grant or it may disaffiliate the college from the University:

Provided that before disaffiliating a college, the educational agency and the governing body or managing council, as the case may be, shall be given an opportunity of being heard.

(2) If, on a recommendation under sub-section (1), the Government are satisfied that any private college has not complied with any of the provisions of this Act or of the statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, bye-laws, orders or rules, they may, by order, direct that the college shall not be given any aid or grant from the Government:

Provided that before making any such order, the educational agency and the Governing body or managing council, as the case may be, shall be given an opportunity of being heard.

73. *Code of conduct for teachers of affiliated colleges:-*(1) The Government shall, in consultation with the university and the representatives of the teachers, frame a Code of Conduct to be observed by the teachers of Government and Private Colleges.

(2) Any teacher of a Government or Private College who contravenes any of the Provisions of the Code of Conduct shall be liable for disciplinary action which may involve the imposition of a major penalty.

[73 A. Special provisions in respect of un-aided colleges.- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Statutes, Ordinance, Regulations, rules, bye-laws or orders,-

(a) The scales of pay and other conditions of service of the teaching and non-teaching staff of un-aided colleges; and

(b) The admission and selection of, and the fees payable by, students in such colleges, shall be determined, from time to time, by the Government on the basis of the recommendations of a committee constituted by the Government consisting of-

(i) One of the Vice-chancellors of the Universities in the State nominated by Government;

(ii) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department (who shall be the convener of the committee); and

(iii) the Director of Collegiate Education]¹

74. [*Inspection.-* (1) The University may, at regular intervals as it deems necessary, and shall once in every five years, cause an inspection to be made such person or machinery, as may be prescribed by the Statutes, of the University, its buildings, laboratories, libraries,

1. Inserted by the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1995 (Act 9 of 1995)

museums, workshops and equipments and of other institutions maintained, recognised or approved by, or affiliated to, the University, and also of the work conducted by the University and also cause an enquiry to be made in respect of any matter connected with the University.

(2) A report of the inspection made under sub-section (1) shall be placed before the Syndicate for such action as may be necessary.

(3) The Syndicate shall report to the Government and the Chancellor the action, if any, which is proposed to be taken or has been taken upon the result of any inspection or enquiry under sub-section (1).]¹

75. Appointment of Commission to inquire into the working of University:- (1) The Government may at any time and shall, at the expiration of ten years from the commencement of this Act and thereafter at the expiration of every ten years, by order published in the Gazette, constitute a Commission which shall consist of a Chairman, and such other members not exceeding five as the Government may appoint and such order shall define the procedure to be followed by the Commission.

(2) The Commission constituted under sub-section (1) shall inquire into and report on-

(i) the working of the University during the period to which the inquiry relates;

(ii) the financial position of the University including the financial position of its colleges and departments;

(iii) any change to be made in the provisions of this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances, rules and bye-laws made thereunder with a view to bringing about improvements in the affairs of the University; and

(iv) such other matters as may be referred to it by the Government, and make such recommendations to the Government as it thinks fit.

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

(3) On receipt of the report and the recommendations of the Commission under sub-section (2), the Government shall forthwith refer such report and recommendations to the [Syndicate]¹ for consideration and report.

(4) Immediately after the [Syndicate]¹ has considered the report and recommendations of the Commission and submitted its report to the Government, the Government shall consider the report of the [Syndicate]¹ and pass such orders thereon as they think fit and shall also cause the same to be published in the Gazette.

(5) [The Syndicate]¹ shall be responsible for carrying into effect any orders passed by the Government under sub-section (4) within six months.

76. [xxxx]²

77. *Power of Government to make rules:-* (1) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act -for the purpose of exercising the powers and discharging the duties conferred or imposed on the Government by this Act.

(2) Every rule made under this section shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made, before the Legislative Assembly while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly make any modification in the rule, or decides that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so; however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

[78. *Reservation of appointments:-* In making appointments to the teaching and non-teaching posts, the University shall, *mutatis mutandis*, observe the provisions of clauses (a), (b) and (c) of rule 14 and rules 15, 16, 17 and 17A of the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958, as amended from time to time, and communal

1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

2. Omitted by the Act 12 of 1988

rotation shall be followed category-wise treating all the departments as one unit]¹

79. [xxxx]²

80. *Conditions of Service*:- (1) Save as otherwise provided by or under this Act every salaried officer and other teacher of the University shall be appointed by a written order.

(2) The written order referred to in sub-section (1) shall be lodged with the Registrar and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the officer or teacher concerned.

(3) Any dispute between any officer or teacher of the University and the University shall, on the request of the University or the officer or teacher concerned be referred to the Appellate Tribunal for decision, and thereupon, the provisions of sub-sections (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12) of section 63 and the regulations made by the Tribunal under section 69 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the decision of such dispute.

81. *Pension, Insurance and Provident Fund*.- With the previous approval of the Government, the University shall make appropriate provisions for the benefit of its officers, teachers and other servants under its control in matters of insurance, pension and provident fund and for such other benefits as it may deem fit in such manner as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

82. *Proceedings of the University and bodies not to be invalidated by vacancies*:- No act or proceedings of the Senate, the Syndicate, the Academic Council or other body constituted under this Act or the Statutes or the Ordinances shall be deemed to be invalid merely by the reason of any vacancy in the body doing or passing it, at the time any such act or proceeding is done or passed.

83. *Proceedings of the Senate, Syndicate and Academic Council*:- The Registrar shall forward to the Government within one month of the date of any meeting of the Senate or the Syndicate, or

1. Substituted by the University Laws (Second Amendment) Act 2014 (Act 26 of 2014)
2. Omitted by Act 12 of 1988

the Academic Council copies of the proceedings of such meetings.

84. *Dispute as to constitution of University Authority or body.*- If any question arises regarding the interpretation of any provision of this Act, or of any Statute, Ordinance, Regulation, rule, bye-law or order or as to whether a person has been duly elected or appointed as, or is entitled to be, a member of any authority or other body of the University, the matter may be referred to the Chancellor and shall be so referred to him if not less than twenty five members of the Senate so require, and the Chancellor shall, after taking such advice as he deems necessary decide the question and such decision shall be final.

85. *Report on affiliated Colleges.*- The Vice-Chancellor shall, at the end of every three years, from the commencement of this Act submit a report to the Government on the conditions of affiliated colleges.

86. *Protection of acts and orders.*- All acts and orders duly and in good faith done or passed by the University or any of its authorities, bodies or officers shall be final; and no suit shall be instituted against, or damage claimed from the University or its authorities, bodies or officers for anything done or purporting to be done in pursuance of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules, bye-laws and orders made thereunder.

87. *Institutions affiliated to University.*- (1) All colleges, existing in the University area immediately before the commencement of this Act. shall stand affiliated to the University.

(2) The Government may, at any time, transfer to the University any institution subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Government and the University as regards its future maintenance and control.

88. *Duty of teachers, etc., in connection with University examinations.*- (1) It shall be the duty of a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college or an officer, teacher or other employee of the University to do any work in connection with an examination conducted by the University which he is required

by the competent officer or authority of the University to do.

(2) If any teacher or member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college or any officer, teacher or other employee of the University refuses, without sufficient cause to the satisfaction of,

(a) in the case of a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college, an officer not below the rank of Deputy Director of Collegiate Education authorised by the Government in this behalf; and

(b) in the case of an officer, teacher or other employee of the University, the Vice-chancellor, to do any work in connection with an examination conducted by the University when required to do so by the competent Officer or authority of the University, he shall, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him forfeit his pay and allowances for a period of two months, commencing on the date of commencement of the examination.

Explanation:- Failure to comply with the requisition of the competent officer or authority of the University shall be deemed to be refusal for the purposes of this sub-section.

(3) An order of forfeiture under sub-section (2) shall be made,

(a) in the case of a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college, by the officer authorised under clause (a) of the said sub-section; and

(b) in the case of an officer, teacher or other employee of the University, by the Vice-Chancellor.

(4) No order of forfeiture shall be made under sub-section (3) without giving the person who may be affected thereby an opportunity of being heard.

(5) Any person aggrieved by an order referred to in sub-section (4) may, within sixty days from the date on which a copy of such order is served on him, appeal to the Appellate Tribunal, and the Appellate Tribunal may, after giving the parties an opportunity of being heard and after such further inquiry as may be necessary, pass such order thereon as it deems fit.

89. *Punishment for irregularities by teachers at examinations*:- Any teacher, of an affiliated college or a teacher of the University who-

(a) connives with, or assists, any candidate at an examination conducted by the University to do any malpractice at such examination; or

(b) delays the valuation and return of answer books of candidates at any such examination which have been given to him for valuation; shall without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him be liable for disciplinary action.

90. [xxxx]¹

91. *Appointment of first Vice-Chancellor*:- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section 10, the Chancellor shall appoint such person as he thinks fit to be the First Vice-Chancellor of the University for a period not exceeding three years. .

92. *Appointment of Registrar, Controller of Examinations and Finance Officer during initial period of two years*:- Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 12, 13 and 14, for a period of two years from the commencement of this Act, the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations and the Finance Officer shall be appointed by the Chancellor for the said period, on a salary to be fixed by him and on such other conditions as he thinks fit:

Provided that the power under this section shall not be exercised by the Chancellor after nomination of Syndicate under section 94.

93. *Appointment of the first University Staff*:- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Chancellor shall have power to appoint such officers and servants of the University as may be necessary for ensuring the working of the University.

94. *Nomination of first University authorities*:- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the first of all authorities of

1. Omitted by the University laws (Amendment) Act, 2005 (Act 2 of 2005)

all the University shall be nominated by the Chancellor for a period of [forty eight months]¹ from the date of nomination or till the constitution of those authorities in accordance with the provisions of this Act, whichever is earlier.

95. Colleges and other institutions within the jurisdiction of the University:- (1) All colleges and other educational institutions within the areas to which the jurisdiction of the University extends, which immediately before the commencement of this Act were recognised by or were affiliated to, the University of Kerala as institutions providing courses of study for admission to examinations of that University for degree, diplomas and other academic distinction shall be deemed to be institutions recognised by, or affiliated to, the [Mahatma Gandhi University]² under this Act and the provisions of this Act shall apply accordingly.

(2) Any student of any college within the area referred to in sub-section (1) and affiliated to the University of Kerala immediately before the commencement of this act shall be permitted to complete his course under the University of Kerala, and the [Mahatma Gandhi University]² shall provide for the instruction of such students in accordance with the course of study in the University of Kerala and shall comply with such directions as may be given to it by the University of Kerala in respect of those students.

96. Transfer of service of certain employees from the University of Kerala to the [Mahatma Gandhi University]:- (1) Any person in the employment of the University of Kerala may subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be specified by the Government in this behalf, opt to serve in connection with the affairs of the [Mahatma Gandhi University]².

(2) As soon as may be after the date of the commencement of this Act, the Government may, after consulting the Vice-Chancellors

1.Substituted by the Gandhiji University (Second amendment) Act, 1986 (Act 23 of 1986)

2.Substituted by Act 11 of 1988)

of the University of Kerala and the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ direct, by general or special order, that such of, the employees of the University of Kerala as are specified in such order shall stand allotted to serve in connection with the affairs of the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ with effect from such date as may be specified in such order.

(3) In making an order under sub-section (2), the persons who have opted under sub-section (1) to serve in connection with the affairs, of the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ shall be given preference.

(4) With effect from the date specified in an order under sub-section (2) the persons specified in such order and allotted to serve in connection with the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ shall become employees of the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ and shall cease to be employees, of the University of Kerala.

(5) Every person who becomes an employee of the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ under sub-section (4) shall, hold office under that University by the same tenure, at the same remuneration and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rights and privileges as to pension, gratuity, if any, and other matters as he would have held the same on the date specified in the order under sub-section (2), as if this Act had not been passed.

(6) The liability to pay pension and gratuity to the persons referred to in sub-section (2) shall be the liability of the [Mahatma Gandhi University].¹

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97. Transfer of accumulation in provident fund and other like funds:- (1) The sums to the credit of the Provident fund accounts of the persons referred to in sub-section (2) of section 96 as on the date specified in the order under that sub-section shall be transferred to the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ and the liability in respect of the said provident fund accounts shall be the liability of the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹

(2) There shall be paid to the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ out of the accumulation in the superannuation fund and other like

1. Substituted by Act 11 of 1988.

2. Omitted by the Act 11 of 1988

funds, if any, of the University of Kerala such amounts as have been credited to the superannuation fund and other like funds, if any, on behalf of the persons referred to in sub-section (2) of section 96.

(3) The amounts paid under sub-section (2) shall form part of the superannuation fund or other like funds, if any, that may be established by the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ for the benefit of its employees.

98. *Apportionment of funds and assets of the University of Kerala:-* A committee consisting of the Vice-chancellor of the University of Kerala, the Vice-Chancellor of the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ and the Secretary to the Government of Kerala, Finance Department shall examine the question of transfer of funds and assets, other than those referred to in sub-section (3) of section 99 from the University of Kerala to the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ and shall recommend to the Government the action to be taken in the matter, and the decision of the Government on such recommendation shall be final.

99. *Act 17 of 1974 not to apply.-* (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), shall, with effect from the date of the commencement of this Act cease to apply in respect of the areas to which the jurisdiction of the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹ extends.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), all Statutes and Ordinances made under the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) and in force on the date of the commencement of this Act shall, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act continue to be in force in respect of the areas referred to in sub-section (1) until they are replaced by the Statutes and Ordinances to be made under this Act.

(3) All property, whether movable or immovable, including lands, buildings, equipments, books and library and all rights of whatever kind owned by or vested in or held in trust immediately before the date of the commencement of this Act by the University of Kerala at the University Study Centres at Palai, Kottayam and Changanacherry

1. Substituted by Act 11 of 1988.

as well as all liabilities legally subsisting against the University of Kerala at these centres shall stand transferred to and vest in the [Mahatma Gandhi University]¹.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be held to prejudice or affect the application of section 4 and 23 of the Interpretation and General clauses Act, 1125 (VII of 1125).

100. *First Statutes and Ordinances*:- [(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the first Statutes and the first Ordinances of the University shall be made by the Government in consultation with the University Grants Commission, within a period of one year from the date of commencement of the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act 1988]².

(2) Every first Statute and every first Ordinance made under this section shall be laid as soon as it is made before the Legislative Assembly while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any modification in the first Statute or the first Ordinance, as the case may be, or decides that the first Statute or as the case may be, the first Ordinance should not be made, the first Statute or the first Ordinance as the case may be shall there upon have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however that no such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under the first Statute or the first Ordinance.

101. *Removal of difficulties*.- (1) If any difficulty arises as to the first constitution or reconstitution of any authority of the University or otherwise in giving effect to the provisions of this Act the Government may by order do anything not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act which appears to them necessary for the purpose, of removing the difficulty.

(2) Every order issued under sub-section (1) shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is issued, before the Legislative Assembly while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be

1. Substituted by Act 11 of 1988.

2. 1. Substituted by Act 12 of 1988.

comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any modification in the order or decides that the order should not be issued, the order shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that order.

102. *Repeal and saving.*- (1) Gandhiji University Ordinance, 1984 (92 of 1984) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

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103. *Autonomy Approval Committee*—(1) There shall be an Autonomy Approval Committee in Government consisting of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Minister-in-charge of the Higher Education Department, who shall be the Chairman;

(b) the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council;

(c) the Secretary to Government, Finance Department;

(d) the Vice-Chancellors of the University of Kerala, the University of Calicut, the Mahatma Gandhi University and the Kannur University;

(e) one representative of the Kerala State Higher Education Council nominated by the Government;

(f) the Law Secretary, Government of Kerala; and

(g) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.

(2) The Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Autonomy Approval

1. Inserted by the University Laws (Third Amendment) Act 2014 (Act 32 of 2014)

Committee and shall chair the meeting of the Committee in the absence of the Chairman.

(3) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department shall be the Member Secretary of the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall comply with the directions issued by the Autonomy Approval Committee in so far as it relates to the grant of academic autonomy.

(5) All directions of the Autonomy Approval Committee shall be issued in the form of Orders, Circulars or Letters of the Committee.

(6) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, delegate any or all of the powers and functions of the Autonomy Approval Committee to the University to be exercised by the Senate, Syndicate or Academic Council, as the case may be, or to the Kerala State Higher Education Council:

Provided that the Government may, at any time, by notification in the Gazette, withdraw such delegation granted.

104. *Powers and functions of the Autonomy Approval Committee.*—The Autonomy Approval Committee shall have the following powers and functions, namely:—

(i) to invite applications from the eligible colleges categorised as such under section 115 to apply for academic autonomy;

(ii) to prescribe criteria and conditions for admission of students and matters connected therewith, in conformity with and in addition to the criteria for autonomous colleges prescribed by the University Grants Commission, for preserving and ensuring high standards of quality of higher education;

(iii) to direct the University to forward the application of a college recommended by the Autonomy Approval Committee to the University Grants Commission for approval;

(iv) to enquire into any complaint or petition regarding the violation of the terms and conditions under which autonomy has been granted to a college;

(v) to consider the report of the Syndicate or the Academic Council on any matter pertaining to the breach or misuse of the standards set for autonomy by a college;

(vi) to rescind or alter the terms and conditions of academic autonomy granted to any college and to report the same to the University Grants Commission: Provided that no such decision shall be taken without giving the Principal, in the case of a Government College for which autonomy has been granted and to the representative of the Manager of the college, in the case of Autonomous Colleges that is not a Government College, an opportunity of being heard.

(vii) to direct the University to implement the order rescinding or altering the terms and conditions of academic autonomy granted to an autonomous college;

(viii) to hear appeals of the Autonomous Colleges;

(ix) to inspect or cause to inspect the records and the premises of any Autonomous College or any college that has applied for grant of academic autonomy for ascertaining any fact, or for any other purpose, relevant under this Chapter.

(x) to frame guidelines for the nomination of expert members to the Academic Council of an Autonomous College from outside the College;

(xi) to give directions to the University and Autonomous College for the effective implementation of the provisions of this chapter.

105. *Date of effect of grant of academic autonom.*- An affiliated college authorised under this Chapter to apply for academic autonomy to the University Grants Commission shall be deemed to be an Autonomous College of the University from the date on which it is granted autonomy by the University Grants Commission.

106. *Authorities of an Autonomous College.*- (1) The following shall be the authorities of an Autonomous College, namely:-

- (i) The Academic Council of an Autonomous College;
- (ii) The Board of Studies of an Autonomous College;
- (iii) The Governing Council.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations made under this Act, all matters including the invitations, processing and approval of application for grant of autonomy, the constitution of the authorities in an Autonomous College and their powers and the powers of the University over an Autonomous College shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

(3) If there is any dispute whether any provision in any existing Statute, Regulation and Ordinances of the University is inconsistent with or has the effect of overriding or contradicting any provision in this Chapter, the decision of Government shall be final.

107. *Academic Council of an Autonomous College.*—(1) There shall be an Academic Council for every Autonomous College.

(2) The Academic Council of an Autonomous College shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) The Principal, who shall be the Chairman of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College;

(b) All Heads of Departments in the college;

(c) Four teachers of the college representing different departments, not below the rank of an Associate Professor, to be nominated by the Director of Collegiate Education in the case of Government Colleges and the Principal in the case of a college other than a Government College;

(d) Not less than four experts from outside the college representing the areas such as Industry, Commerce, Law, Education, Medicine, Engineering, Administration, Finance etc., to be nominated by the Governing Council of the Autonomous College from a panel of six persons in accordance with the guidelines for the purpose framed by the Autonomy Approval Committee;

(e) Three nominees of the University who are academic experts not below the rank of an Associate Professor;

(f) One member from among the teachers of the college not below the rank of an Associate Professor nominated by the Principal, who shall be the Member Secretary of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College with the approval of the Director of Collegiate

Education.

(3) A member of the Academic Council of an Autonomous College shall hold office for a period of two years or when he is, at the time of nomination, a teacher of the college, till his date of retirement, whichever is earlier, and shall be eligible for renomination.

(4) The Principal of the Autonomous College shall convene a meeting of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College at least once in six months.

108. *Powers and functions of the Academic Council of an Autonomous College.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Academic Council of an Autonomous College shall have the following powers and functions, namely:—

(i) to scrutinize the proposals of Boards of Studies of an Autonomous College, with regard to the courses of study, academic regulations, curricula, syllabi and modifications thereof, instructional and evaluation arrangements, methods, procedures relevant thereto and to approve the same with or without modifications:

Provided that if the Academic Council of an Autonomous College differs on any proposal submitted by any Board of Studies of the Autonomous College, it may either reject the proposal giving reasons for the same or return the same to the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College with its remarks, for reconsideration:

Provided further that if the proposal is returned and the Board of studies re-submits the proposal to the Academic Council of the college with or without the proposed modifications, the Academic Council shall approve the proposal;

(ii) to make academic regulations regarding the admission of students to different programmes of study in the college subject to the criteria and conditions prescribed by the Autonomy Approval Committee which shall be in conformity with the rules and criteria for admission specified by the Government, as amended from time to time;

(iii) to make regulations for the conduct of examinations and initiate measures for improving quality of teaching, student evaluation

and student advisory programmes in the college;

(iv) to make and approve proposals for research and advancement, and dissemination of knowledge;

(v) to recommend to the Governing Council, any proposal for institution of new programmes of study;

(vi) to recommend to the Governing Council, regarding the institution of scholarships, studentships, fellowships, prizes and medals and to make Regulations for the award of the same;

(vii) to advise the Governing Council on the suggestions made by it with respect to academic affairs; and

(viii) to perform such other academic functions as may be assigned to it by the Governing Council.

109. *Board of Studies of an Autonomous College.*—(1) Every Autonomous College shall constitute a Board of Studies of its own for each subject of study or group of subjects in which the college conduct courses or intends to conduct courses:

Provided that the Governing Council of the Autonomous College shall, for this purpose, decide the subjects to be brought under a Board of Studies of the Autonomous College and the number of such Boards of Studies to be constituted.

(2) The Board of Studies of an Autonomous College shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) Head of the Department not below the rank of an Associate Professor, if he has a Ph.D., on the basis of seniority from among the Heads of Departments whose subjects are covered by that Board of Studies, who shall be the Chairman of the Board:

Provided that in the absence of such a Head of Department, a teacher not below the rank of an Associate Professor with Ph.D. in a subject covered by that Board of Studies, nominated by the Government in the case of Government Colleges and the Principal in the case of other colleges, shall be the Chairman of the Board:

Provided further that the Government or the Principal, as the case may be, shall, while nominating teachers give prime consideration

to the quality of academic work including research and publications of such teachers.

(b) not more than six teachers with Ph.D., nominated by the Principal in consultation with the Head of the Departments offering subjects covered by that Board of Studies, from different areas of specialisation, as identified by the Principal, in subjects covered by that Board of Studies: Provided that the Principal shall, while nominating teachers, give prime consideration to the quality of academic work including research and publications of such teachers;

(c) two experts in the subject from outside the college to be nominated by the Academic Council of the Autonomous College;

(d) one expert to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from a panel of six experts recommended by the Principal;

(e) one representative each from industry, corporate sector or allied area relating to placement;

(f) one meritorious alumnus who has completed a Post Graduate Programme of the University, to be nominated by the Principal;

(g) the Chairman of the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College may, with the approval of the Principal of the college, co-opt, from time to time, as special invitees to the meetings of the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College, for the purpose of academic consultation from the following categories, namely:—

(i) experts from outside the college whenever special courses of studies are to be designed;

(ii) other teachers of the college who are experts in the related discipline.

(3) The term of the members nominated to the Board of studies of an Autonomous College shall be two academic years:

Provided that the same person shall not be eligible for nomination beyond a period of four academic years.

(4) The Principal of the college shall draw up the schedule for meeting of the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College for different departments.

(5) The meeting may be held as and when necessary, but at least two such meetings shall be held in a year.

(6) One-third of the members of the Board of Studies shall constitute the quorum.

(7) In the temporary absence of the Chairman, the teacher next in seniority shall act as the Chairman and convene the meeting on the request of the Principal.

(8) Where it is necessary to deal with any academic matter that affects more than one Boards, the Principal may convene a joint meeting of two or more Boards of Studies of the Autonomous College, as he deems necessary, and such meeting shall be presided over by a Chairman elected in such joint meeting.

110. *Powers and functions of Board of Studies of an Autonomous College.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a Board of Studies of an Autonomous College shall have the following powers and functions, namely:—

(i) to prepare curriculum for various academic programmes keeping in view the objectives of the college, interest of the stake holders and national requirement, with the approval of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College:

Provided that the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College shall ensure that the proposal for the academic programme conforms substantially to the duration, number of credits, evaluation and grading system prescribed, if any, by the University for that academic programme:

Provided further that the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College shall ensure that the proposal will not have the effect of lowering the academic standards prescribed by the University:

Provided also that such proposal shall not be against national interest;

(ii) to recommend books wherein the prescribed subjects are suitably dealt with, for the reference of teachers and students and also to recommend text books as and when required;

(iii) to suggest methodologies for innovative teaching and evaluation techniques;

(iv) to suggest panel of names to the Academic Council of the Autonomous College for appointment of examiners; and

(v) to co-ordinate research, teaching, extension and other academic activities in the department or college.

111. *Constitution of the Governing Council.*—(1) The Government shall constitute a Governing Council for each Government Autonomous College for the purposes of this Act, to function as the executive body of the college.

(2) The Governing Council of a Government Autonomous College shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) an eminent person of repute having significant experience in academic related matters, who shall be the Chairman:

Provided that in the absence of the Chairman in any meeting, the Government may nominate an officer mentioned in item (b) to be the Chairman of the Governing Council in that meeting;

(b) an officer not below the rank of a Deputy Director of Collegiate Education or a Joint Secretary to Government in the Higher Education Department;

(c) three teachers with Ph.D. from different departments of the college, to be nominated by the Director of Collegiate Education, on rotation, for a period of two years on the basis of their seniority;

(d) one nominee of the University, not below the rank of a Professor, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(e) one nominee of the University Grants Commission;

(f) Principal of the College, who shall be the ex-officio Secretary to the Governing Council.

(3) The Managing Council of an Autonomous College other than a Government College shall constitute a Governing Council for each Autonomous College under its management, for the purposes of this Act, to function as the executive body of the college.

(4) The Governing Council of an Autonomous College that is not a Government College shall consist of the following members, namely:

(a) Manager or one nominee of the Manager, who shall be a senior and eminent person of repute having sufficient experience in academic related matters, who shall be the Chairman of the Governing Council;

(b) three senior teachers of that college from different departments not below the rank of an Associate Professor, to be nominated on rotation, by the Manager;

(c) one nominee of the University not below the rank of a Professor, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(d) one nominee of the University Grants Commission;

(e) one nominee of the Kerala State Higher Education Council, to be nominated by the Government;

(f) Principal of the college, who shall be the ex-officio Secretary to the Governing Council.

112. *Tenure of office of the Governing Council.*—The term of office of the nominated members of the Governing Council shall be for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-nomination for another term of two years: Provided that the same person shall not be eligible for nomination beyond a period of four years.

113. *Meetings of the Governing Council.*—(1) The Governing Council shall meet at least three times a year.

(2) The interval between successive meetings shall in no case exceed four months.

(3) Emergency meetings of the Governing Council may be convened with a notice of at least seven days, either on a written request of one-third of the members or on a direction from the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) One-third of the members who have been nominated at any point of time shall constitute the quorum for the meeting.

114. *Powers and functions of the Governing Council.*—

Subject to the provisions laid down by the bye-laws, if any, of the respective Autonomous College and the rules made by the State Government and the University, the Governing Council shall have the following powers, namely:—

(i) to submit to the University, the proposal for the institution of new programmes of study leading to the award of degrees and diplomas;

(ii) to conduct examinations for each course and publish the results;

(iii) to recommend, and forward the results of examinations, to the University for the award of degree or diploma, as the case may be;

(iv) to approve the issue of mark lists to the students;

(v) to fix the fees and other charges payable by the students of the Autonomous College with the concurrence of Government: Provided that in the case of aided courses or courses restructured from the aided courses, the fees shall be as determined by the Government;

(vi) to institute scholarships, fellowships, studentships, medals and certificates on the recommendations of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College;

(vii) to make regulations for sports, extra-curricular activities, proper maintenance and functioning of the playgrounds and hostels;

(viii) to exercise such other powers and perform such other functions and to constitute such Committees as it deem necessary for the proper development of the Autonomous College and to fulfil the objectives of autonomy.

115. *Procedure for granting autonomy.*—(1) The Autonomy Approval Committee shall, every year, invite applications from the eligible colleges categorised as such under sub-section (2) for recommending the granting of autonomy.

(2) The Autonomy Approval Committee shall specify the categories of colleges as eligible colleges for recommending for the

granting of autonomy, which may be Government College and Private College other than Un-aided College and such categories from which applications are invited, the criteria for eligibility for granting autonomy, the forms in which the application has to be submitted. The documents necessary with the application and other information as are deemed necessary by the Autonomy Approval Committee shall also be specified:

Provided that no such criterion shall have the effect of lowering the standards prescribed by the University Grants Commission for the grant of the status of autonomy.

(3) The Autonomy Approval Committee shall scrutinise the applications received from the eligible colleges and accept those from the colleges satisfying the criteria prescribed by the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) The Autonomy Approval Committee may constitute a committee either from among itself with experts in the field of higher education or a committee of experts as it deems fit, to inspect the facilities in the college and verify records of the college relevant to the grant of autonomy.

(5) The Committee constituted under sub-section (4) shall have the power to enter into the college premises and its building and the college shall be bound to facilitate such inspection and furnish all information and records pertinent to the enquiry, to the Committee.

(6) The Committee constituted by the Autonomy Approval Committee under this section may give instructions to the Principal of the college to rectify the defects in meeting the criteria of eligibility prescribed by the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(7) Where the Autonomy Approval Committee is satisfied itself that a college that has submitted application, meets the criteria prescribed for grant of autonomy, it shall forward its recommendation for the grant of autonomy to the college, to the Vice-Chancellor.

(8) On receipt of a recommendation under sub-section (7), the Vice-Chancellor shall cause the application for grant of autonomy to

be forwarded to the University Grants Commission, with the seal of the officer of the University, as prescribed by the Commission, within fifteen working days from the date of receipt of the intimation by the Vice-Chancellor.

116. *Conduct of examinations.*—(1) The Government in the case of Government Autonomous College and the Principal in the case of Autonomous Colleges which are not Government Colleges shall appoint a person not below the rank of an Associate Professor, with experience of not less than two years in a Department offering Post Graduate Course of study in a Government College or a college other than an Un-aided College, as the Controller of Examinations for the Autonomous College:

Provided that such a person shall not have been disqualified or punished for any breach of conduct or failure to perform any duty assigned in connection with the conduct of examinations by the University or any other Universities.

(2) All examinations leading to the award of degree or diploma issued by the University shall be conducted under the supervision of the Controller of Examinations.

(3) The Academic Council of an Autonomous College shall frame a Manual of Examinations for the conduct of examinations in the Autonomous College within three months from the grant of autonomy or six months before the conduct of the first set of examinations, whichever is earlier.

(4) The Manual of Examinations shall be based on the following matters, namely:—(a) the functions of conducting examinations and its supervision, evaluation of examinations and publication of results shall be specifically assigned to persons designated for the purpose and their roles shall also be specified;

(b) the independence of framing of questions, valuation and monitoring processes shall be maintained;

(c) there shall be adequate safeguards to ensure the integrity of the examination processes; and

(d) there shall be adequate penalties of such nature and subject

to such maximum penalty as may be prescribed by the Government, that may be provided for any individual responsible for the conduct of examinations in case of any breach of the provisions of the Manual of Examinations:

Provided that in framing the Manual of Examinations, an Autonomous College shall ensure that the safeguards in the Examination Manual of the University itself are mutatis mutandis incorporated in the Manual of Examinations for the conduct of examinations of the Autonomous College:

Provided further that the Manual of Examinations shall be submitted by an Autonomous College to the University for its remarks and modifications for improving the quality of the process of examinations and upon receiving such remarks, incorporate them in the Manual of Examinations to the extent possible and inform the University of the reasons for not being able to comply with any of the suggestions.

(5) The Manual of Examinations shall contain specific provisions for the redressal of grievances of students relating to examinations and assessments in conformity with the relevant regulations made and guidelines issued from time to time by the University and the University Grants Commission.

(6) On approval of the issue of the marklists by the Governing Council, the mark list shall be issued under the names and seal of the Principal of the Autonomous College and the Controller of Examinations of the Autonomous College, in a format consistent with that prescribed by the University.

117. *Award of Degrees.*(1) The University shall award degrees, diplomas, titles, certificates and other academic distinctions to the students evaluated and recommended by an Autonomous College after levying a reasonable fee as may be prescribed by the University for the same:

Provided that such degree, diploma, title or certificates shall be in a common format prescribed by statutes:

Provided further that the name of an Autonomous College shall

be mentioned in the Certificate conferring the degree, diploma, title, certificate and other academic distinctions, if such college requests for the same.

(2) The University shall issue the degree, diploma, title or certificates within forty-five working days of the receipt of recommendations from an Autonomous College.

118. *Powers of University over Autonomous Colleges.*—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Bye-laws and Rules made thereunder, the University shall have all other powers over the Autonomous Colleges as are applicable to any affiliated college of the University under this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and the Regulations made thereunder.

(2) Where the Governing Council of an Autonomous College has approved and recommended any academic programme to the University, the Vice-Chancellor shall cause the proposal to be placed before the relevant Board of Studies of the University for approval:

Provided that where there is no Board of Studies with respect to the academic programme proposed, the University shall constitute a Board of Studies or an Expert Committee for the purpose:

Provided further that the Expert Committee so appointed shall have adequate number of members to facilitate a fair and objective assessment of the Academic Programme submitted to the University.

(3) The Board of Studies or the Expert Committee, as the case may be, shall, within thirty working days from the date of receipt of the proposal, consider it for the Academic Programme referred to in sub-section (2) and approve, reject or return the same, with remarks, to the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that such rejection shall be on the ground that the proposal received from the Governing Council of an Autonomous College does not conform to the duration, number of credits, evaluation and grading system for that Academic Programme already prescribed by the University or where the Board of Studies or Expert Committee feels, for reasons to be recorded in writing, that the proposal of the

Governing Council of an Autonomous College will have the effect of lowering academic standards or it is against national interest:

Provided further that where the Autonomous College which submitted the proposal has not been informed of the decision within thirty working days from the date of submission of the proposal to the University, the proposal shall be deemed to have been approved by the University except where the proposal is against national interest.

(4) Where the Board of Studies or Expert Committee returns the proposal to the Vice-Chancellor with remarks pointing out the defects for transmitting the same to the Governing Council of an Autonomous College, the Governing Council may re-submit the proposal to the University with its remarks within thirty working days of receipt of such remarks.

(5) The Board of Studies shall, thereafter, within a period of thirty working days, either approve or reject the proposal and the Vice-Chancellor shall intimate the same to the Governing Council of the College through the Principal of the College:

Provided that where the Autonomous College re-submitting the proposal has not been informed of the decision within thirty working days from the date of re-submission of the proposal to the University, the proposal shall be deemed to have been approved by the University except where the proposal was rejected on the ground that it was against national interest.

(6) A copy of all such approvals or rejections shall be sent to the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(7) All such decisions to approve or reject the proposal shall be reported to the Academic Council of the Autonomous College:

Provided that the Academic Council of the Autonomous College may, if it differs with the decision, address the Chancellor for a review of the same.

(8) The Governing Council of an Autonomous College may appeal to the Autonomy Approval Committee against any order of rejection and the decision thereon of the Autonomy Approval Committee shall be final:

Provided that where the Autonomy Approval Committee deems it fit, it may appoint a panel of experts to advise the Autonomy Approval Committee in arriving at a decision on the appeal so preferred.

(9) The Syndicate of the University shall have powers to inspect to verify whether a college that has been granted autonomy by the University Grants Commission violates the conditions specified for the grant of such autonomy.

(10) For the purpose of sub-section (9), the Syndicate may constitute a Committee either from among itself with experts in the field or a committee of experts as it deems fit, to inspect the facilities in the college, verify records of the college relevant to the purpose of the above inspection:

Provided that such experts shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided further that such enquiry shall extend only to complaints or information in writing regarding the violation of the conditions of autonomy, poor academic and administrative practices that lower the quality of higher education or unethical practices in the matter of admissions, levying fees and conduct of examinations, adopted by the college for which autonomous status was granted.

(11) The Committee constituted under sub-section (10) shall not finalise any report without giving the representative of the college that has been granted autonomy, a fair and reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(12) The Syndicate shall, after consideration of the report of the said committee, recommend to the Autonomy Approval Committee through the Vice-Chancellor, the suspension or revocation of the autonomy granted to it.

(13) If any complaint or information in writing is received in Government with respect to an Autonomous College, the Government may after due consideration of the contents of the complaint and the importance of the same, refer it to the Autonomy Approval Committee:

Provided that such reference shall extend only to complaints or information received in writing, with respect to violation of the

conditions of autonomy, poor academic and administrative practices that lower quality of higher education or unethical practices in the matter of admissions, levying fees and conduct of examinations, adopted by the college for which autonomous status has been granted.

(14) On receipt of any report of the University containing its recommendations under sub-section (12) or on receipt of any reference from Government under sub-section (13), the Autonomy Approval Committee shall consider the report or reference, as the case may be:

Provided that the Autonomy Approval Committee may conduct an enquiry for which it can constitute a committee either from among itself or from among the field of experts as it deems fit.

(15) The Committee constituted under sub-section (10) shall have powers to inspect the facilities in the college and to verify records of the college relevant to the purpose of such enquiry.

(16) All Autonomous Colleges shall furnish records and provide information sought by the Committee for the purpose of such enquiry:

Provided that no such enquiry shall be completed without giving the Principal of the Autonomous College a fair and reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(17) Each Autonomous College shall submit a Manual of Examinations to the University within six months before the date of the first set of examinations that it proposes to conduct in the college and the University shall offer its remarks on the Manual within sixty working days of such submission. The remarks of the University shall be offered with the object of improving the safeguards in the conduct of the examinations and for ensuring the integrity of the examinations conducted by an Autonomous College. The Autonomous College shall incorporate all the necessary modifications consistent with the remarks of the University, in the Manual.

119. *Power of University to amend Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations etc.*—(1) The University shall have power to amend its Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Bye-laws and Rules to give effect to the provisions of this Chapter:

Provided that the grant of autonomy to colleges eligible under the provisions of this Chapter and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made thereunder shall not be withheld on account of the pendency of such amendments.

(2) In order to avoid difficulties in the case of an Autonomous College or college applying for the grant of autonomy, the Government shall have power to make rules for the removal of such difficulties that may arise in the implementation of the provisions of this Chapter in addition to the other powers of the Government to make rules under any other Chapter of this Ordinance and such rules shall be binding on the University and the Autonomous College or college applying for autonomy.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Academic Council of an Autonomous College and the Governing Council may make Regulations for the purposes mentioned in this Chapter with the approval of the University:

Provided that the procedure for making Regulations, prescribed in section 40 shall not be applicable for making such Regulations.

120. *Communications with Autonomous College.*—All correspondence between the Academic Council or Board of Studies of the University or the Autonomy Approval Committee with an Autonomous College or a college applying for autonomy under this Chapter, shall be made with the Principal of such College.

121. *Vacancies in the Committees, Councils or Boards under this Chapter not to invalidate any action.*— No decision of the Autonomy Approval Committee or of any Academic Council of an Autonomous College, Board of Studies of an Autonomous College or the Governing Council under this Chapter shall be rendered invalid on account of a vacancy in such Committee, Councils or Board not having been filled up.]

**AMENDMENTS
TO
MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY ACT 1985**

ANNEXURE 1
ACT 23 OF 1986
THE GANDHIJI UNIVERSITY(SECOND AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1986

An Act further to amend the Gandhiji University Act, 1985

Preamble.- WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Gandhiji University Act, 1985, for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. *Short title and commencement*.- (1) This Act may be called the Gandhiji University (Second Amendment) Act, 1986.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 13th day of June, 1986.

2. *Amendment of section 94*.- In section 94 of the Gandhiji University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the words “two years”, the words “forty eight months” shall be substituted.

3. *Repeal and saving*.- (1) The Gandhiji University (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 1986 (47 of 1986), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.

ANNEXURE II
ACT 13 OF 1987

THE GANDHIJI UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1987

An Act further to amend the Gandhiji University Act, 1985 and An Act for certain matters incidental there to.

Preamble.-WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Gandhiji University Act, 1985, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*- (I) This Act may be called the Gandhiji University (Amendment) Act, 1987.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of June, 1987.

2. *Amendment of section 10.* - In section 10 of the Gandhiji University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),-

(a) in sub-section (4), for the words, “a period of three months of its appointment” the words “a period of five months of its appointment or within such further period, not exceeding one month, as the Chancellor may specify in this behalf” shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (6), for the words, brackets and figure “specified in sub-section (4)”, the words, brackets and figure “specified in or under sub-section 4” shall be substituted;

(c) in sub-section (7) for the words, brackets and figure “specified in sub-section (4),” the words brackets and figure “specified in or under sub-section (4),” shall be substituted.

3. *Revival of the committee and validation.*- Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, or in any other law for the time being in force, the term of office of the members of the committee appointed by the Chancellor under section 10 of the principal Act by notification No. GS3-5895/86 dated the 3rd March, 1987 which expired on the 2nd day of June, 1987, shall with effect from the date of publication of this Act in the Gazette revive and accordingly anything done or to be done or any action taken or to be taken by the Chancellor or the said committee or any other person or authority in the purported exercise of the powers and functions conferred by or under the principal Act shall not be deemed to be invalid or ever to have been invalid merely on the ground that the term of office of the members of the committee aforesaid had expired on the said date.

ANNEXURE III
ACT 11 OF 1988
**THE GANDHIJI UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT AND
SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1988**

An Act further to amend the Gandhiji University Act, 1985.

Preamble.— WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Gandhiji University Act, 1985, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1 *Short title and commencement.*- (1) This Act may be called the Gandhiji University (Amendment and Special Provisions) Act, 1988.

(2) Section 9 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 15th day of October, 1985 and the remaining provisions shall be deemed to have come into force on the 28th day of January, 1988.

2. *Amendment of long title.*-In the long title to the Gandhiji University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the expression “Gandhiji University”, the expression “Mahatma Gandhi University” shall be substituted.

3. *Amendment of section 1.*- In sub-section (1) of section 1 of the principal Act, for the expression “the Gandhiji University Act” the expression “the Mahatma Gandhi University Act” shall be substituted.

4. *Amendment of section 2.*- In clause (31) of section 2 of the principal Act, for the expression “Gandhiji University” the expression “Mahatma Gandhi University” shall be substituted.

5 *Amendment of section 3.*- In sub-section (1) of section 3 of the principal Act, for the words “by the name of the Gandhiji University” the words “by the name of the Mahatma Gandhi University”, shall be substituted.

6. *Substitution of the expression “Mahatma Gandhi University” for the expression “Gandhiji University” in Act 12 of 1985.* Throughout the principal Act, except in the long title, sub-section (1) of section 1, clause (31) of section 2 and sub-section (1) of section 3, for the expression “Gandhiji University” wherever it occurs, the expression “Mahatma Gandhi University” shall be substituted.

7. *Construction of references to “Gandhiji University” “Gandhiji University Act” and “Gandhiji University Fund”:-* (1) References to “Gandhiji University” and “Gandhiji University Act” in any Act or in any rule, notification, proceeding, order, regulation, bye-law or other instrument made or issued under such Act or in any rule or order made or continued in force under the principal Act, shall be construed as references to “Mahatma Gandhi University” and “Mahatma Gandhi University Act” respectively.

(2) Any reference to “Gandhiji University Fund.” in the principal Act or in any rule or order made or continued in force under the principal Act, shall be construed as reference to “Mahatma Gandhi University Fund.”

8. *Legal proceedings.-* Where immediately before the commencement of this Act any legal proceedings are pending to which the “Gandhiji University” is a party, the “Mahatma Gandhi University” shall be deemed to be substituted for the “Gandhiji University” in those proceedings.

9. *Omission of section 96A.-* Section 96A of the principal Act shall be omitted.

10. *Repeal and saving:-* (1) The Gandhiji University (Amendment and Special Provisions) Ordinance, 1988 (5 of 1988); is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.

ANNEXURE IV
ACT 12 OF 1988
THE MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1988

An Act further to amend the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985.

Preamble.- WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. *Short title and commencement.-* (1) This Act may be called the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act, 1988.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 17th day of February, 1988.

2. *Amendment of section 2, -* In section 2 of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) (here in after referred to as the principal Act), clause 18 shall be omitted.

3. *Amendment of section 3, -* In sub-section (1) of section 3 of the principal Act, the words “the Pro-Chancellor” shall be omitted.

4. *Amendment of the Heading in Chapter III.-* In the Heading under Chapter III of the principal Act,, the words “PRO-CHANCE LLOR” shall be omitted.

5. *Amendment of section 7, -* in section 7 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), the words “at meetings of the Senate, and” shall be omitted.

6. *Omission of section 8, -* Section 8 of the principal Act shall be omitted,

7. *Amendment of section 9, -* In section 9 of the principal Act, after item (iv), the following item shall be inserted, namely :-

“(ivA) the Deans of Faculties”;

8. *Amendment of section 10, -*In section 10 of the principal Act,-

(a) for sub-section (9), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

“(9) No person shall hold office of the Vice-Chancellor beyond the age of sixty-five years”;-

(b) in sub-section (10), after the words “The Vice-Chancellor shall”, the words, figure and brackets “subject to sub-section (9)” shall be inserted;

(c) for sub-section (11), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

“(11) the remuneration payable to, and the other conditions of service of the Vice-chancellor shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.”

(d) in sub-section (13), the words “the Students’ Council” shall be omitted;

(e) in sub-section (17), the following words shall be inserted at the end, namely:-

“and that authority may, after considering the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor is of the view that such action shall not have been taken by him, refer the matter to the Chancellor whose decision there on shall be final.”

(f) in sub-section (24), the following words shall be inserted at the end, namely:-

“and in the event of temporary vacancies occurring in the offices of the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor or where the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor are temporarily absent, the senior most Professor in the University shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor.”

9. *Amendment of section 11.*- In section 11 of the principal Act,-

(a) in sub-section (1), after the words “a Pro-Vice-Chancellor”, the words “from among a panel of names submitted to him by the Vice-chancellor” shall be inserted:

(b) for sub-sections (4), (5) and (6), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(4) The appointment of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be co-terminus with that of the Vice-Chancellor.

(5) The salary and the other conditions of service of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations the powers and functions of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.”

10. *Amendment of section 12.*- In section 12 of the principal Act, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Syndicate shall appoint a person selected by the Government from among a panel containing the names of three persons furnished to the Government by a selection committee appointed by the Syndicate, consisting of three members headed by the Vice-Chancellor, as the Registrar of the University for such period and on such terms as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

11. *Amendment of section 13.*- In section 13 of the principal Act, for sub-section (I), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Syndicate shall appoint a person selected by the Government from among a panel containing the names of three persons furnished to the Government by a selection committee appointed by the Syndicate, consisting of three members headed by the Vice-chancellor, as Controller of Examinations of the University for such period and on such terms as may be prescribed by the Statutes.”

12. *Amendment of section 14.*- In section 14 of the principal Act, for sub-section (1), following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The syndicate shall appoint a person selected by the Government from among a panel containing the names of three persons furnished to the Government by a selection committee appointed by the Syndicate, consisting of three members headed by the Vice-Chancellor, as the Finance Officer of the University for such period and on such terms as may be prescribed by the Statutes.”

13. *Amendment of section 17.*- In section 17 of the principal Act, under the heading “Ex-officio Members”, item (2) shall be omitted. .

14. *Substitution of new section for section 19.*- For section 19 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:-

“19. *Powers and functions of the Senate.*- Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the Senate shall have the following powers, namely:-

(a) to review, from time to time, the broad policies and programmes of the University;

(b) to suggest measures for the improvement and development of the University;

(c) to consider and pass resolution on the annual report and the annual accounts of the University and the audit report on such accounts; and

(d) to advise the Chancellor in respect of any matter which may be referred to it for advice,”

15. *Amendment of section 20.*- In sub-section (2) section 20, the proviso shall be omitted.

16. *Amendment of section 21.*- In section 21 of the principal Act-

(a) under the heading “Ex-officio Members”, for items (d) and (e) the following items shall be substituted, namely:-

“(d) The Secretary to Government, Finance Department or an Officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him.

(e) The Director of Collegiate Education”;

(b) for the items under the heading “Other Members”, the following items shall be substituted, namely:-

“(a) Two eminent Educationists or Scientists nominated by the Government

(b) Three Deans of Faculties, nominated by the Chancellor, by rotation.

(c) Two principals of colleges affiliated to the University nominated by the Government.

(d) Three teachers of colleges nominated by the Government, of whom one shall be a member of a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe”.

17. *Amendment of section 22.*- In section 22 of the principal Act,-

(a) in sub-section (1),-

(1) for the word “election”, the word “nomination” shall be substituted;

(ii) in the first proviso, for the words “elected” and “electorate” the words “nominated” and “body” shall respectively be substituted;

(iii) the second proviso shall be omitted;

(iv) in the third proviso for the words “Provided also” and for the word “elected” the words “provided further” and the word “nominated” shall respectively be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (2), for the opening paragraph the following shall be substituted, namely;-

“Notwithstanding any thing contained in the first proviso to sub-section (1), a member of the Syndicate referred to in item (c) or in item (d) under the heading “Other Members” in section 21 shall not cease to be such member merely on the ground that-”.

18. *Amendment of section 23.*- In section 23 of the principal Act,-

(a) in clause (ii), for the word “Ordinances”, the words “Statutes and Ordinances” shall be substituted;

(b) clause (iii) shall be omitted;

(bb) in clause (ix), the second proviso shall be omitted;

(c) for clause (xii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(xii) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, studentships, bursaries, medals and prizes and to organise exhibitions;”

(d) for clause (xxiv), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:-

“(xxiv) to determine what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

(xxv) to cancel or amend by a majority of the total membership of the Syndicate and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, any Regulation passed by the Academic Council:

Provided that no Regulation shall be cancelled or amended by the Syndicate without giving the Academic Council an opportunity to state its opinion on the proposed cancellation or amendment;

(xxvi) to institute professorships, readerships, lecturerships and such other teaching or research posts as it may deem necessary;

Provided that no professorship, readership, lecturership or other teaching or research post shall be instituted by the Syndicate without the previous approval of the Government if it involves expenditure in excess of the budgetary provision;

(xxvii) to prescribe with the previous concurrence of the Government the terms and conditions of service of the employees of the University;

(xxviii) to regulate with the previous concurrence of the Government the emoluments and prescribe the duties and conditions of service of teachers and non-teaching staff of private colleges;

(xxix) to prepare the budget according to the provisions of the Statutes;

(xxx) to cancel any degree, diploma, title or any other, distinction granted to any person, in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;

(xxxi) to appoint committees and to delegate to them such functions as it may deem fit;

(xxxii) to make Statutes regulating the method of election to the authorities of the University, the procedure of the meetings of the Senate, the Syndicate and other authorities of the University and the quorum of members required for the transaction of business by the authorities of the University other than the Senate;

(xxxiii) to recommend to the Government the recognition of any local area within the University area as a University centre;

(xxxiv) to co-operate with other Universities and other authorities in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine;

(xxxv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances, the rules, the bye-laws and the orders”.

19. *Amendment of section 24.*-In sub-section (3) of section 24 of the principal Act,-

(a) item (j) shall be omitted;

(b) in item (m), for the words “elected by the principals of professional colleges from among themselves”, the words “nominated by the Government from the principals of professional colleges, by rotation according to seniority” shall be substituted;

(c) in item (n), for the words “elected by the principals of first grade colleges, other than colleges of oriental languages, from among themselves” the words “nominated by the Government from the principals of first grade colleges other than colleges of oriental languages, by rotation according to seniority” shall be substituted;

(d) for item (o), the following item shall be substituted, namely:-

“(o) two members (other than Deans of Faculties) nominated by the Government from the principals of junior colleges, by rotation according to seniority;”

(e) in item (p) for the word “Chancellor” the word “Government” shall be substituted;

(i) in item (q) the following item shall be substituted, namely:-

(q) one member each of “every subject of study (not being a Dean of Faculty or head of University Department or Principal) nominated by the Government by rotation according to seniority;

(g) in item (r) for the word “Chancellor” the word “Government” shall be substituted;

(h) in item (t) for the word “Chancellor” the word “Government” shall be substituted.

20. *Amendment of section 26.*— In sub-section (3) of section 26 of the principal Act,—

(a) for items (b) and (c), the following items shall be substituted, namely—

“(b) two members from each Board of Studies nominated by the Syndicate, who are teachers of the University and of the colleges or institutions by rotation;

(c) not less than five and not more than ten members nominated by the Syndicate from among teachers, by rotation;

(d) two members, to be nominated by the Syndicate who are from outside the University on the basis of their expert knowledge.”;

(b) in sub-section (6) the words “or election, as the case may be” shall be omitted.

21. *Amendment of section 28.*— In section 28 of the principal Act,—

(a) after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

“(IA) Each Board of Studies shall consist of—

(a) the Head of the Department as its Chairman;

(b) such number of members as may be prescribed by the Statutes, nominated by the Chancellor from among the teachers of the University and of the Colleges, by rotation;

(c) such number of members as may be prescribed by the Statutes, nominated by the Chancellor from among persons who are experts in the field of education.”;

(b) in sub-section (2), the words “constitution and” shall be omitted.

22. *Insertion of new section 28A.*- After section 28 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely: -

“28A. *Dean of students*,- (1) There shall be a Dean of students who shall be nominated by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor from among the students.

(2) The Dean of students shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of nomination and shall be eligible for renomination.

(3) The Dean of students shall have such functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.” .

23. *Amendment of section 29*.- In sub-section (2) of section 29, under the heading “Ex-Officio Members”,-

(a) for item (a), the following item shall be substituted, namely:-

“(a) A senior member from among the Faculties nominated by the Chancellor who shall be the Chairman of the Council.”;

(b) after item (g), the following item shall be added, namely:-

(h) The, Dean of students”;

24. *Amendment of section 30*.- In section 30 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the words “The Vice-Chancellor shall cause to be laid before the Senate”, the words “The Chairman of the Students’ Council shall cause to be laid before the Syndicate” shall be substituted.

25. *Amendment of section 31*.- In sub-section (2) of section 31 of the principal Act, for item (d), the following item shall be substituted, namely:-

“(d) three members elected by the members of the Syndicate from among themselves of whom two shall be Deans of Faculties”.

26. *Amendment of section 35*.- In section 35 of the principal Act,-(a) in clause (c), the words “the Syndicate” shall be omitted;

(b) after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :-

“(cc) the procedure for selection and method of appointment, conditions of service, powers and duties of teachers of the University and non-teaching staff.”;

(c) for clause (k), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:-

“(k) the procedure for disciplinary action against the employees and the manner of termination of service of such employees;

(1) the procedure for arbitration in case of dispute between employees or students of the University;

(m) the procedure for appeal to the Syndicate by any employee or student against the action of any officer or authority of the University;

(n) the constitution of grievance committee for the employees and students and the terms of references to be made to it by them;

(o) the principles governing seniority of service of employees;

(p) the participation of the students and research scholars in the affairs of the University;

(q) the establishment and abolition of Faculties, Department, hostel etc;

(r) the delegation of powers vested in the various authorities and officers of the University;

(s) the creation, composition and functions of any other body which is considered necessary for improving the academic life of the University;

(t) all other matters which by this Act are to be or may be, prescribed by Statutes.”.

27. *Amendment of section 36,-* In section 36 of the principal Act,-

(a) in sub-section (1),-

(i) for the word ‘Senate’ the word ‘Syndicate’ shall be substituted;

(ii) for the proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:-

“Provided that, in any such case, before a Statute is passed, the Syndicate shall obtain and consider the opinion of the Academic Council, where necessary on academic matters”.

(d) in sub-sections (2) to (8), for the words “Senate” and “Syndicate” wherever they occur, the words “Syndicate” and “Academic Council” shall respectively be substituted.

28. *Amendment of section 38,-* In section 38 of the principal Act,- ‘

(a) in sub-section (1), the words “but every Ordinance: so made and the repeal of any Ordinance shall be laid before the Senate during the next succeeding meeting “ shall be omitted;

(b) sub-section (2) shall be omitted;

(c) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

(3) “The procedure to be followed in making, amending: or repealing Ordinances shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”

(d) in sub-section (4), for the words “submitted to the Government who shall forward the same to the Chancellor with their views”, the words “made only with the prior approval of the Government” shall be substituted.

29. *Substitution of new section for section 40.-* For section 40 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:-

“40. *Procedure for making Regulations,-* (I) All Regulations under this Act, shall have effect from such date as the Academic Council may direct but every Regulation so made shall be laid before the Syndicate during its next succeeding meeting;

Provided that no such Regulation or repeal of a Regulation which involves expenditure shall be made by the Academic Council without the prior approval of the Government.

(2) If any Regulation or repeal of a Regulation is not laid before the Syndicate as required by sub-section (1) the Regulation shall lapse or, as the case may be, the Regulation repealed shall revive after the next succeeding meeting of the Syndicate”.

30. *Amendment of section 41.* -In section 41 of the principal Act,-

(a) to sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be added, namely;-

“Provided that such rules, bye-laws or orders, which involve expenditure, shall be made only with the prior approval of the Government.”;

(b) in sub-section (2), the words “but every such rule, bye-law or order shall be submitted to the Senate during its next succeeding meeting” shall be omitted;

(c) sub-section (3) shall be omitted.

31. *Amendment of the Heading in chapter VI.*- In the Heading under Chapter VI of the principal Act, the words “THE SYNDICATE” shall be omitted,

32- *Amendment of section 43.*-In section 43 of the principal Act, the word “*Syndicate*” and the words “the Syndicate” shall be omitted.

33. *Amendment of section 45.*- In section 45 of the principal Act,-

(a) in sub-section (2)-

(i) for the word “Senate”, the word “Vice-Chancellor” shall be substituted;-

(ii) the words “and for the same reason may withdraw any degree or diploma conferred on or granted by the University” shall be omitted;

(b) in sub-section (3), for the words “The Senate may” the words “The Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendations of the Syndicate” shall be substituted.

34. *Amendment of section 48.*- In section 48 of the principal Act,-

(a) in sub-section (1), for the word “Senate”, the word “Chancellor” shall be substituted;

(b) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted namely:-

“(2) The Chancellor shall consider the financial estimates and shall approve it either without alterations or with such alterations as he may deem fit”.

35. *Amendment of section 50.*- In sub-section (2) of section 50 of the principal Act, the words “and the Chancellor” shall be added at the end.

36. *Amendment of section 51.*- In sub-section (3) of section 51 of the principal Act, the words “and the Chancellor” shall be added at the end.

37. *Amendment of section 54.*- In section 54 of the principal Act,-(a) in sub-section (1),-

(i) after item (d), the following item shall be inserted, namely,-

“(dd) two persons nominated from permanent teachers by the University by rotation, of whom, one shall be from those having ten years of service or more and the other shall be from those having less than ten years of service;”

(ii) items (e), (f) and (g) shall be omitted; (b) in sub-section (2), after the word “Chairman,” the words “and the Principal shall be the Secretary” shall be inserted.

38. *Amendment of section 55.*- In section 55 of the principal Act in sub-section (1),—

(a) after item (d), the following item shall be inserted, namely:-

“(dd) two persons nominated from permanent teachers by the University, by rotation, of whom one shall be from those having ten years of service or more and the other shall be from those having less than ten years of service;”

(b) items (e), (f) and (g) shall be omitted.

39. *Insertion of section 59.*- In the principal Act, after section 58, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-

“59. *Appointment of teachers in private Colleges.*- (1) Appointments to the lowest grade of teacher in each department of a private college shall be made by the educational agency by direct recruitment on the basis of merit.

(2) Appointments of principals shall be made by the educational agency by promotion from among the teachers of the college or of all the colleges, as the case may be, or by direct recruitment.

(3) Where the appointment of principal is made by promotion, the educational agency shall make the appointment on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness,

(4) Appointments to the posts, other than those referred to in sub-sections (1) and (2), shall be made by the educational agency by promotion from among the teachers of the college or of all the colleges, as the case may be, on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness, or, if none among them is fit for promotion, by direct recruitment.

(5) For making appointment under this section by direct recruitment, the post shall be advertised in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) The educational agency shall not abolish a course of study in a private college without the prior approval of the University.

(7) Every appointment under this section shall be made by a written order of the Manager in such form as may be prescribed by Statutes, communicated to the person to be appointed, with copy to the University.

(8) Every appointment under this section shall be reported to the University for approval.

(9) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.”

40. *Amendment of section 62.*- Section 62 of the principal Act shall be renumbered as sub-section (1) of that section and after sub-section (I) as so renumbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely :-

“(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made thereunder, -

(a) a person appointed as teacher in a private college in a temporary vacancy and continuing as such shall be appointed as teacher in any permanent vacancy that may arise.

after such appointment in the temporary vacancy, in the private college or, as the case may be, any of the private colleges under the management of the educational agency within the University area;

(b) a teacher relieved from a private college on or after the 14th day of March, 1974 due to the abolition of a course of study in that private college or the cessation of the period for which he was appointed or for any other reason except disciplinary action against him shall be given preference in the matter of future appointments in the private college or, as the case may be, any of the private colleges under the management of the educational agency within the University area.”

40A. *Amendment of section 63.*- In the principal Act, in section 63, after clause (c) of sub-section (6), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:-, “(cc) removal from service;

(ccc) compulsory retirement from service.”

41. *Substitution of new section for section 74.*- For section 74 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely.-

“74 *Inspection.* - (1) The University may, at regular intervals as it deems necessary, and shall once in every five years, cause an inspection to be made by such person or machinery, as may be prescribed by the Statutes, of the University, its buildings, laboratories, libraries, museums, workshops and equipments and of other institutions maintained, recognised or approved by, or affiliated to, the University, and also of the work conducted by the University and also cause an enquiry to be made in respect of any matter connected with the University,

(2) A report of the inspection made under sub-section (1) Shall be placed before the Syndicate for such action as may be necessary.

(3) The Syndicate shall report to the Government and the Chancellor the action, if any, which is proposed to be taken or has been taken upon the result of any inspection or enquiry under sub-section (1).”

42. *Amendment of section 75.*- In section 75 of the Principal Act, for the word “Senate”, wherever it occurs, the word “Syndicate” shall be substituted.

43. *Omission of section 76.*- Section 76 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

44. *Omission of section 79.*- Section 79 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

45. *Amendment of section 100.*- In section 100 of the principal Act, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the first statutes and the first Ordinances of the University shall be made by Government in consultation with the University Grants/Commission, within a period of one year from the date of commencement of the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act, 1988.”

46. *Repeal and saving.*- (1)The Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Ordinance, 1988 (9 of 1988) and the Mahatma Gandhi University (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 1988 (11 of 1988), are hereby repealed:

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act. as amended by the said Ordinances shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.

ANNEXURE V

1988-ലെ 13-ാം ആക്റ്റ്

1988-ലെ ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല
(സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പിരിച്ചുവിടൽ) ആക്റ്റ്
ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും
പിരിച്ചുവിടുന്നതിന് വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള ഒരു ആക്റ്റ്

പീഠിക:- ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പിരിച്ചുവിടുകയും സെനറ്റിന്റേയും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റിന്റേയും അധികാരങ്ങളും ചുമതലകളും ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ വൈസ് ചാൻസിലറെ താൽക്കാലികമായി ഏല്പിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടത് ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ താല്പര്യത്തിനും പൊതു താല്പര്യത്തിനും ആവശ്യമാണെന്നു കരുതുന്നതിനാൽ; ഇന്ത്യൻ റിപ്പബ്ലിക്കിന്റെ മുപ്പത്തിഒമ്പതാം സംവത്സരത്തിൽ താഴെപ്പറയുംപ്രകാരം നിയമമുണ്ടാക്കുന്നു:-

1. ചുരുക്കപ്പേരും പ്രാരംഭവും :- (1) ഈ ആക്റ്റിന് 1988-ലെ ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല (സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പിരിച്ചുവിടൽ) ആക്റ്റ് എന്ന് പേർ പറയാം.

(2) ഇത് 1987 ഡിസംബർ 24-ാം തീയതി പ്രാബല്യത്തിൽ വന്നതായി കരുതേണ്ടതാണ്.

2. നിർവചനങ്ങൾ:- ഈ ആക്റ്റിൽ

(എ) “ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല” എന്നതിന് 1985-ലെ ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല ആക്റ്റ് (1985-ലെ 12) പ്രകാരം രൂപീകരിക്കപ്പെട്ട ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല എന്നർത്ഥമാകുന്നു.

(ബി) ‘സെനറ്റ്’, ‘സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റ്’ എന്നിവയ്ക്ക് ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ സെനറ്റ് എന്നും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റ് എന്നും അർത്ഥമാകുന്നു.

(സി) “വൈസ്ചാൻസിലർ” എന്നതിന് ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാലയുടെ വൈസ് ചാൻസിലർ എന്നർത്ഥമാകുന്നു.

3. സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പിരിച്ചുവിടൽ :- 1985-ലെ ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല ആക്റ്റിൽ (1985-ലെ 12), എന്തുതന്നെ അടങ്ങിയിരുന്നാലും ഈ ആക്റ്റ് ഹേതുവായി, ഈ ആക്റ്റിന്റെ പ്രാരംഭ തീയതിയും അന്നുമുതൽക്കും സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പിരിച്ചുവിടപ്പെട്ട നിലയിലായിരിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

4. പിരിച്ചുവിടലിന്റെ അനന്തരഫലങ്ങൾ:- 3-ാം വകുപ്പുപ്രകാരം സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പിരിച്ചുവിടുമ്പോൾ, സെനറ്റിലെയും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റിലേയും എല്ലാ അംഗങ്ങളും തങ്ങളുടെ ഔദ്യോഗിക സ്ഥാനങ്ങൾ ഒഴിഞ്ഞതായി കരുതേണ്ടതാണ്.

5. സെനറ്റിന്റേയും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റിന്റേയും അധികാരങ്ങളും ചുമതലകളും വൈസ്ചാൻസിലർ നിർവ്വഹിക്കണമെന്നു 3-ാം വകുപ്പനുസരിച്ച് സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പിരിച്ചുവിടപ്പെട്ടതിനും 6-ാം വകുപ്പനുസരിച്ച് സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പുനഃസംഘടിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനും ഇടയ്ക്കുള്ള കാലയളവിൽ, 1985-ലെ ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല ആക്റ്റിലെ (1985-ലെ 12), 19-ാം വകുപ്പ് (1)-ാം ഉപവകുപ്പിൽ വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള പ്രകാരം സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റിന്റെ നടപടി പുനഃപരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള സെനറ്റിന്റെ അധികാരം ഒഴികെ, സെനറ്റിനും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റിനും ഉള്ള എല്ലാമോ ഏതെങ്കിലുമോ അധികാരങ്ങളും ചുമതലകളും സർക്കാർ തീരുമാനിക്കുന്ന പരിധിവരെ, വൈസ്ചാൻസിലർക്ക് കഴിയുന്നത്ര വിനിയോഗിക്കുകയും നിർവ്വഹിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യാവുന്നതാണ്.

6. സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പുനഃസംഘടിപ്പിക്കൽ :- ഈ ആക്റ്റ് പ്രാബല്യത്തിൽ വരുന്ന തീയതി മുതൽ ഒരു വർഷത്തിനുള്ളിൽ 1985 ലെ ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല ആക്റ്റിലെ (1985-ലെ 12) വ്യവസ്ഥകൾക്കനുസൃതമായി സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പുനഃസംഘടിപ്പിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

7. വൈഷമ്യങ്ങൾ നീക്കം ചെയ്യൽ :- (1) ഈ ആക്റ്റിന്റെ വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്നതിൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും വൈഷമ്യങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായാൽ,

ഗവൺമെന്റിന് സന്ദർഭം ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതുപോലെ ഈ ആക്റ്റിലെ വ്യവസ്ഥകൾക്ക് വിരുദ്ധമല്ലാത്ത ഉത്തരവുമൂലം അങ്ങനെയുള്ള വൈഷമ്യം നീക്കം ചെയ്യാവുന്നതാണ്.

(2) (1) -ാം ഉപവകുപ്പ് പ്രകാരം ഉണ്ടാക്കിയ ഓരോ ഉത്തരവും ഗസറ്റിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തേണ്ടതും, അതുണ്ടാക്കിയതിനുശേഷം കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗം നിയമസഭയുടെ മുമ്പാകെ വയ്ക്കേണ്ടതും ആണ്.

8. റദ്ദാക്കലും ഒഴിവാക്കലും :- (1) 1987-ലെ ഗാന്ധിജി സർവ്വകലാശാല (സെനറ്റും സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റും പിരിച്ചുവിടൽ) ഓർഡിൻസ് (1987-ലെ 7), ഇതിനാൽ റദ്ദാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

(2) അപ്രകാരം റദ്ദാക്കിയിരുന്നാൽതന്നെയും പ്രസ്തുത ഓർഡിൻസ് പ്രകാരം ചെയ്ത ഏതെങ്കിലും കാര്യമോ എടുത്ത ഏതെങ്കിലും നടപടിയോ ഈ ആക്റ്റ് പ്രകാരം ചെയ്തതോ എടുത്തതോ ആയി കരുതേണ്ടതാണ്.

ANNEXURE VI
ACT 17 OF 1989
THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1989

An act further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975 and the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985.

Preamble- WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975 and the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, for the purposes herein after appearing.

BE it enacted in the Fortieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) Short title and commencement - (1) This Act may be called the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1989.
(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 6th day of May 1989.
2. Amendment of Act 17 of 1974 - In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) for sub-section (6) of Section 57, the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-
“(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made thereunder, -
(a) A Person appointed as teacher in a private college in a temporary vacancy on or after the 14th day of March 1974 and continuing as such, shall be appointed as teacher in any permanent vacancy or any temporary vacancy of longer duration that may arise, after such appointment in the temporary vacancy, in the Private college, or as the case may be, any of the private colleges under the management of the educational agency within the University area:

(b) A teacher relieved from a private college on or after the 14th day of March 1974 due to the abolition of a course of study in that private college or the cessation of the period for which he was appointed or for any other reason except disciplinary action against him, shall be given preference in the matter of future appointments in the private college or, as the case may be, any of the private colleges under the management of the educational agency within the University area.

(c) Any dispute arising or pending between the management of a private college and the teacher of that college in respect of any matter coming under clause (a) or (b), shall be decided in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes made thereunder.

Explanation - Where the number of claimants under clause (a) or clause (b) is more than the number of vacancies, the order of preference for appointment shall be in accordance with the date of first appointment of the claimants under the educational agency within the University area.”

3. Amendment of Act 5 of 1975 - In the Calicut University Act, 1975, (5 of 1975), for sub-section (6) of Section 57, the following sub-section shall be substituted namely:-

“(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made thereunder, -

(a) A person appointed as teacher in a private college in a temporary vacancy on or after the 14th day of March 1974, and continuing as such, shall be appointed as teacher in any permanent vacancy or any temporary vacancy of longer duration that may arise, after such appointment in the temporary vacancy, in the private college or, as the case may be, any of the private colleges under the management of the educational agency within the University area:

(b) A teacher relieved from a private college on or after the 14th day of March, 1974 due to the abolition of a course of study in that private college or the cessation of the period for which he was appointed or for any other reason except disciplinary action against him, shall be given preference in the matter of future appointments in the private college or, as the case may be, any of the private colleges under the management of the educational agency within the University area.

(c) Any dispute arising or pending between the management of a private college and the teacher of that college, in respect of any matter coming under clause (a) or (b) shall be decided in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes made thereunder.

Explanation - Where the number of claimants under clause (a) or clause (b) is more than the number of vacancies, the order of preference for appointment shall be in accordance with the date of first appointment of the claimants under the educational agency within the University area.”

4. Amendment of Act 12 of 1985 - In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985),

(1) In Section 27, after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted namely:-

“(IA)Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) Where a University Department has not been started under a faculty, the Dean of such faculty shall be nominated by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor, from among the Heads of Departments or Professors of other Universities in the State or affiliated Government colleges for professional courses, in the University area.”

- (ii) In Section 58, in sub-section (2), after the existing proviso, the following further proviso shall be added, namely:-
- “Provided further that where an application for affiliation in a new course in an affiliated college could not be considered by the Syndicate within the time prescribed by the Statutes on the ground that the application was not sent by the Educational Agency in time and that the period could not also be extended under the preceding proviso, the Chancellor may, public interest, by notification in the Gazette, direct that the Syndicate shall consider the application within such period as may be specified in the notification not exceeding one year from the date of commencement of the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1989.”
- (iii) In Section 62, in sub-section (2)-
- (a) For clause (a) the following clause shall be substituted, namely :-
- “(a) A person appointed as teacher in a private college in a temporary vacancy on or after the 14th day of March 1974, and continuing as such, shall be appointed as teacher in any permanent vacancy or any temporary vacancy of longer duration that may arise, after such appointment in the temporary vacancy, in the private college or, as the case may be, any of the private colleges under the management of the educational agency within the University area.”
- (b) After clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted namely:-
- (c) “Any dispute arising or pending between the management of a private college and the teacher of that college in respect of any matter coming under clause (a) or (b) shall be decided in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes made thereunder.

Explanation - Where the number of claimants under clause (a) or clause (b) is more than the number of vacancies, the order of preference for appointment shall be in accordance with the date of first appointment of the claimants under the educational agency within the University area.”

5. Repeal and Saving - (1) The University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 1989 (1 of 1989), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) or the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) or the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985): as amended by the said ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974 or the Calicut University Act, 1975 or the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 as the case may be, as amended by this Act.

ANNEXURE VII
THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1995
ACT 9 of 1995

An Act further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975 and the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985.

Preamble: - WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975 and the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

BE it enacted in the Forty Sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement: - (1) This Act may be called the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 1995.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 12th day of June, 1995.

2. Amendment of Act 17 of 1974:- In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974)

(1) In Section 2 after clause (28), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(28A) “Un-aided college” means a private college which is not entitled to any financial assistance from the Government or the University.”

(2) After Chapter VIII, the following chapter shall be inserted namely:-

**“CHAPTER VIII
UN-AIDED COLLEGES**

69. Special provisions in respect of un-aided colleges:-
Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules, bye-laws or orders,-
- (a) The scales of pay and other conditions of service of the teaching and non-teaching staff of un-aided colleges: and
 - (b) The admission and selection of, and the fees payable by, students in such colleges, shall be determined, from time to time by the Government on the basis of the recommendations of a Committee constituted by the Government consisting of-
 - (i) One of the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities in the State, nominated by the Government:
 - (ii) The secretary to Government, Higher Education Department (who shall be the convener of the Committee): and
 - (iii) The Director of Collegiate Education.,”
3. Amendment of Act 5 of 1975 - In the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975),- .
- (1) In S. 2, after clause (28), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-
“(28A) “un-aided college” means private college which is not entitled to any financial assistance from the Government or the University.”:
 - (2) After Chapter VIII, the following chapter shall be inserted namely:-

**“CHAPTER VIII A
UN-AIDED COLLEGES**

- 68A Special provisions in respect of un-aided colleges:-
Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules, bye-laws or orders,-
- (a) The scales of pay and other conditions of service of the teaching and non-teaching staff of un-aided colleges; and
 - (b) The admission and selection of and the fees payable by, students in such colleges, shall be determined, from time, to time by the Government on the basis of the recommendations of a Committee constituted by the Government consisting of-
 - (i) One of the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities in the State, nominated by the Government:
 - (ii) The secretary to Government, Higher Education Department (who shall be the convener of the Committee); and
 - (iii) The Director of Collegiate Education.”
4. Amendment of Act 12 of 1985 - In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985),-
- (1) In section 2, after clause (30), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(30A) “un-aided college” means a private college which is not entitled to any financial assistance from the Government or the University.”
 - (2) After Section 73, the following section shall be inserted namely:-

- “73 A. Special provisions in respect of un-aided colleges:-
Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the Statutes,
Ordinances, Regulations, rules, bye-laws or orders,-
- (a) The scales of pay and other conditions of service of the teaching and non-teaching staff of un-aided colleges; and
 - (b) The admission and selection of, and the fees payable by, students in such colleges, shall be determined, from time, to time by the Government on the basis of the recommendations of a Committee constituted by the Government consisting of-
 - (i) One of the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities in the State, nominated by the Government;
 - (ii) The secretary to Government, Higher Education Department (who shall be the convener of the Committee); and
 - (iii) The Director of Collegiate Education.”
5. Repeal and Saving - (1) The University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 1995 (14 of 1995) is hereby repealed.
- (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) or the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) or the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985), as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974 or the Calicut University Act, 1975 or the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 as the case may be, as amended by this Act.

ANNEXURE VIII
ACT 9 of 2001

THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2001

An Act further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975 and the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985.

Preamble: - WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975 and the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, for the purposes herein after appearing:

BE it enacted in the Fifty - Second Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement - (1) This Act may be called the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2001.
(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 14th day of September, 2001.
2. Amendment of Act 17 of 1974,- In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974),-
 - (a) In section 17,-
 - (i) After item (9) under the heading “Ex-Officio Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:-
“(9a) The secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.”;
 - (ii) After item (3) under the heading “Other Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:-

- “(4) Not more than four experts nominated by the Government from the fields of Information Technology and Bio-Technology.”;
- (b) In section 21,-
- (i) After item (e) under the heading “Ex-Officio Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:-
- “(f) The secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.”;
- (ii) After item (b) under the heading “Other Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely :-
- “(c) The members referred to in item (4) under the heading “Other Members” in section 17, nominated by Government.”;
- (c) In sub-section (1) of section 22, for the words “from the date of their election;” the words “from the date of their election or nomination, as the case may be,” shall be substituted.
3. Amendment of Act 5 of 1975 - In the Calicut University Act, 1975, (5 of 1975),-
- In section 17,-
- (i) After item (9) under the heading “Ex-Officio Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:-
- “(9a) The secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.”;

- (ii) After item (4) under the heading “Other Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:-
 - “(5) Not more than four experts nominated by the Government from the fields of Information Technology and Bio-Technology.”;
- (b) In section 21,-
 - (i) After item (e) under the heading “Ex-Officio Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:-
 - “(f) The Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.”
 - (ii) After item (b) under the heading “Other Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:-
 - “(c) The members referred to in item (5) under the heading “Other Members” in section 17, nominated by the Government.”
 - (c) In sub-section (1) of section 22 for the words “from the date of their election,” the words “from the date of their election or nomination, as the case may be,” shall be substituted.
- 4. Amendment of Act 12 of 1985 - In the Mahatma University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985),-
 - (a) In section 17,-
 - (i) After item (9) under the heading “Ex-Officio Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:-
 - “(9a) The Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.”;

- (ii) After item (3) under the heading “Other Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:-
 - “(4) Not more than four experts nominated by the Government from the fields of Information Technology and Bio-Technology.”;
 - (b) In section 21,-
 - (i) After item (e) under the heading “Ex-Officio Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely.
 - “(f) The Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.”;
 - (ii) After item (d) under the heading “Other Members”, the following item shall be inserted, namely:- .
 - “(e) The members referred to in item (4) under the heading “Other Members” in section 17, nominated by the Government”.
5. Repeal and Saving - (1) The University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2001 (35 of 2001), is hereby repealed.
- (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the Principal Act as amended by this Act.

ANNEXURE IX
ACT 2 OF 2005

THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2005

An Act further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Kannur University Act, 1996 and the Kannur University (Amendment) Act, 2001.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Kannur University Act, 1996 and the Kannur University (Amendment) Act, 2001, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Fifty-sixth year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) this Act may be called the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2005.
- (2). It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 6th day of January, 2005.
2. *Amendment of Act 17 of 1974.*—In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974),—
 - (a) in section 2, clause (20) shall be omitted;
 - (b) in section 5,—
 - (i) after item (i), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ia) to confer academic autonomy to an affiliated college, department of an affiliated college or university department;”;
 - (ii) after item (x) the following items shall be inserted, namely:—
 - (xa) to fix the minimum infrastructural facilities that shall be provided in an un-aided college;
 - (xb). to fix the qualification of teachers and non-teaching staff of an un-aided college;”;

- (c) in section 17, under the heading “ *Elected Members* ” item (2) shall be omitted;
 - (d) in section 22, for the third proviso under sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be substituted, namely;—
“Provided also that the term of the Syndicate shall be co-terminus with the term of the Senate.”
 - (e) in section 57,—
 - (i) sub-section (1) shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1 A) of that section and before sub-section (1 A) as so re-numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—
“(1) Appointments to the posts eligible to receive salary from the Government shall be made only against posts sanctioned by the Government or by such officers as may be authorised by the Government.”
 - (ii) in sub-section (4), for the words and figure “sub-section (1) ” the words and figure “sub-section (1A)” shall be substituted.
 - (f) Section 81 shall be omitted.
3. *Amendment of Act 5 of 1975—In the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), —*
- (a) in section 2, clause (20) shall be omitted;
 - (b) insertion 5,—
 - (i) after item (i),-the following item shall be inserted, namely:—
“(ia) to confer academic autonomy to an affiliated college, department of an affiliated college or university department;”
 - (ii) after item (x), the following items shall be inserted; namely:—
“(xa) to fix the minimum infrastructural facilities that shall be provided in an un-aided college;
 - (xb) to fix the qualification of teachers and non-teaching staff of an un-aided college;”;

- (c) in section 17, under the heading “*Elected Members*” item (2) shall be omitted;
- (d) in section 22, for the third proviso under sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:—
 “Provided also that the term of the Syndicate shall be co-terminus with the term of the Senate.” .
- (e) in section 57,—
 - (i) sub-section (1) shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1 A) of that section and before sub-section-(1 A) as so re-numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—
 “(i) Appointments to the posts eligible to receive salary from the Government shall be made only against posts sanctioned by the Government or by such officers as may be authorised by the Government.”
 - (ii) in sub-section (4), for the words and figure “sub-section (I)” the words and figure “sub-section (1A)” shall be substituted.
- (f) Section 80 shall be omitted.

4. *Amendment of Act 12 of 1985.*—In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985)—

- (a) in section 2, clause (22) shall be omitted;
- (b) in section 5,—
 - (i) after item (i), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—
 “(ia) to confer academic autonomy to an affiliated college, department of an affiliated college or university department;”;
 - (ii) after item (x), the following items shall be inserted, namely:—
 “(xa) to fix the minimum infrastructural facilities that shall be provided in an un-aided college;
 (xb) to fix the qualification of teachers and non-teaching staff of an un-aided college;”;

- (c) in section 17, under the heading "*Elected Members*", item 2 shall be omitted;
 - (d) in section 59,—
 - (i) sub-section (1) shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1 A) of that section and before sub-section (1A) as so re-numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—
 - “(1) Appointments to the posts eligible to receive salary from the Government shall be made only against posts sanctioned by the Government or by such officers as may be authorised by the Government.”
 - (ii) in sub-section (4), for the words and figure “sub-section (1)”, the words and § figure “sub-section (1A)” shall be substituted.
 - (e) Section 90 shall be omitted.
5. *Amendment of Act 22 of 1996.*—In the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996), —
- (a) in section 2, clause (xxi) shall be omitted;
 - (b) in section 5,—
 - (i) after item (i), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—
 - “(ia) to confer academic autonomy to an affiliated college, department of an affiliated college or university department;”;
 - (ii) after item (xi), the following items shall be inserted, namely:—
 - “(xia) to fix the minimum infrastructural facilities that shall be provided in an un-aided college;
 - (xib) to fix the qualification of teachers and non-teaching staff of an un-aided college”;
 - (c) in section 19, under the heading "*ElectedMembers*", item (ii) shall be omitted;

- (d) in section 62,— ,
 - (i) sub-section (1) shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1A) of that section and before sub-section (1 A), as so re-numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—
 - “(1). Appointments to the posts eligible to receive salary from the Government shall be made only against posts sanctioned by the Government .or by such officers as may be authorised by the Government.”
 - (ii) in sub-section (4), for the words and figure “sub-section (1)”, the words and figure “sub-section (1 A)” shall be substituted.
 - (e) Section 92 shall be omitted.
6. *Amendment of Act 14 of 2001.*—In section 18’ of the Kannur University (Amendment) Act, 2001 (14 of 2001), for sub-sections (2) and (3), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—
- “(2) The Senate and the Syndicate dissolved under sub-section (1) shall be reconstituted in accordance with the provisions of the principal Act as soon as may be after such dissolution;
 - (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, the Syndicate shall exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of the Senate except the power of review under sub-section (1) of section 21 till the reconstitution of the Senate.” .
7. *Special provision for alternate arrangements temporarily of the Senate and Syndicates of the Kerala and Calicut Universities.* (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) or in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) or in any statute, regulation, ordinance or rules made thereunder or in any judgment, decree or order of any Court, in the case of the Syndicates of the Kerala

and Calicut Universities, the term of office which expires on the date of commencement of this Act, the functions of the Senate and the Syndicate of the said Universities shall be exercised by a body nominated by the government under sub-section (2) for a period of six months or till the reconstitution of the Senate and Syndicate in accordance with the provisions of the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) and the Calicut University Act 1975 (5 of 1975), whichever is earlier.

(2) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, nominate an interim body to exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of the Senate and the Syndicate of the said Universities with the following members:—

1. Ex-officio members of the Syndicates;
2. Nominated members:

(i) A representative of the Legislative Assembly of the territorial limit of the concerned University.

(ii) Two teachers of the Government Colleges of which one shall be a person belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes.

(iii) A Principal of an aided college.

(iv) A teacher representative of the affiliated aided colleges.

(v) A teacher representative of the University.

(vi) The Chairman of the University Union.

8. *Repeal and saving*—(1) The University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2005 (2 of 2005) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Acts as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Acts as amended by this Act.

ANNEXURE - X

ACT 23 OF 2007 THE MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2007

An Act further to amend the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985.
Preamble.-WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 for the purposes hereinafter appearing: BE it enacted in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. *Short title and commencement.*-(1) This Act may be called the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Act, 2007.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 5th day of February, 2007.

2. *Amendment of section 21.*- In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985(12 of 1985) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 21, under the heading “*Other Members*”, after item (e), the following items shall be inserted, namely:-

“(f) One member of the Legislative Assembly, representing any of the Constituencies within the territorial jurisdiction of the University, nominated by the Government:

(g) An eminent jurist who is conversant with University Laws, nominated by the Government:

(h) An author or journalist of eminence, nominated by the Government:

(i) A research scholar or a post-graduate student of the University, nominated by the Government:

(j) The member nominated by the Executive Council of the Kerala State Higher Education Council from among its members.”.

3. *Repeal and saving.*-(1)The Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (48 of 2007) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

ANNEXURE - XI

ACT 12 OF 2012

THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2012

An Act further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 and the Kannur University Act, 1996.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 and the Kannur University Act, 1996 for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the University laws (Amendment) Act, 2012.

(2) Clauses (a) and (d) of section 2, section 3. clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (i) of section 4, clause (a), sub-clauses (v) of clause (c) and clause (d) of section 6 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 8th day of December, 2009, clauses (b) and (c) of section 2 and clause (i) of section 7 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 16th day of August, 2011, clauses (e), (f), (g) and (h) of section 4, clause (c) of section 5, clause (b) and sub-clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of clause (c) of section 6 and clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) of section 7 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of December, 2011, clauses (a), (b) and (d) of section 5 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 31st day of January, 2012 and the remaining provisions of this Act shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of Act 17 of 1974.*—In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974),—

(a) in sub-section (2) of section 11. for the words, “fifty six” the word “sixty” shall be substituted;

(b) in section 17. under the heading “Other Members”, for item (4), the following in section 17. under the heading “Other Members”, for item (4), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(4) Not more than five members nominated by the Government from the field of Higher Education of which one shall be a woman and one shall be from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes,”:

(c) in section 18, to sub-section (3), after the third proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided also that the members in the Senate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government under the heading “Other Members” shall hold their office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the case may be,”

(d) after section 64, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“64 A. *Inter University transfer of teacher by an educational agency.* - Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law for the time being in force, where an educational agency has colleges under the jurisdiction of the Kerala University and also under the jurisdiction of another University in the State, a teacher appointed by such educational agency to a college within the jurisdiction of another University, may be transferred to any college under the jurisdiction of the Kerala University, subject to the following conditions, namely:

(i) transfer shall be made only on the written request of the teacher who has completed three years of service;

(ii) transfer shall be made only once during the entire period of service of a teacher;

(iii) transfer shall be made on the basis of the seniority of teachers;

(iv) teacher transferred under the provisions of this section shall become junior most in the colleges under the educational agency in the University irrespective of his service in the University from which he was transferred;

(v) transfer is to be made as and when vacancy arises in any of the colleges under the educational agency in the University, provided no

home college option by any teacher against the said vacancy is pending; and

(vi) teacher who is transferred under the provisions of this section shall be eligible for home college option and shall be treated as teacher of the University with all benefits that are enjoyed by the existing teachers, provided the services rendered by such teacher outside the University shall not be considered as outside service while exercising home college option,

Explanation:—For the purpose of this section, “home college option” means the option made by a teacher regarding his home college in the University under the provisions of the Statutes made under this Act.”.

3. *Amendment of Act 5 of 1975*,—In the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975),

(a) in sub-section (2) of section 11, for the words, “fifty six” the word “sixty” shall be substituted;

(b) after section 64, the following section shall be inserted, namely
“64 A. *Inter University transfer of teacher by an educational agency.*—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law for the time being in force, where an educational agency has colleges under the jurisdiction of the Calicut University and also under the jurisdiction of another University in the State, a teacher appointed by such educational agency to a college within the jurisdiction of the another University, may be transferred to any college under the jurisdiction of the Calicut University, subject to the following conditions, namely:—

(i) transfer shall be made only on the written request of the teacher who has completed three years of service;

(ii) transfer shall be made only once during the entire period of service of a teacher;

(iii) transfer shall be made, on the basis of the seniority of teachers;

(iv) teacher transferred under the provisions of this section shall become junior most in the colleges under the educational agency in the University irrespective of his service in the University from which he was transferred;

(v) transfer is to be made as and when vacancy arises in any of the colleges under the educational agency in the University, provided no home college option by any teacher against the said vacancy is pending; and

(vi) teacher who is transferred under the provisions of this section shall be eligible for home college option and shall be treated as teacher of the University with all benefits that are enjoyed by the existing teachers, provided the services rendered by such teacher outside the University shall not be considered as outside service while exercising home college option.

Explanation:—For the purpose of this section, “home college option” means the option made by a teacher regarding his home college in the University under the provisions of the Statutes made under this Act.”.

4. *Amendment of Act 12 of 1985,—*In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985),

(a) in section 2, after clause (19), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(19A) “Pro-Chancellor” means the Pro-Chancellor of the University;”;

(b) in the heading under CHAPTER III, after the word “CHANCELLOR”,

the word “PRO-CHANCELLOR” shall be inserted;

(c) after section 7, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“8, *Pro-Chancellor:—*(1) The Minister for the time being administering the subject of education in the State shall be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor or during his inability to act, the Pro-Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of the Chancellor”;

(d) in sub-section (2) of section 11, for the words, “fifty six” the word “sixty” shall be substituted;

(e) in section 17,—

(i) under the heading ‘Ex-Officio Members’, after item (15), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(16) members of the Syndicate who are not members of the Senate.”;

(ii) under the heading “Other Members”, item (4) shall be omitted;

(f) in section 18, after sub-section (7) the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(8) The members of Senate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the case may be.”;

(g) In section 21. under the heading “Other Members”,—

(i) for item (a) the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

* “(a) Not more than eight members nominated by the Government from the field of Higher Education of whom one shall be a woman.”;

(ii) item (e) shall be omitted;

(iii) items (g) and (h) shall be omitted:

(h) In section 22, after sub-section (2) the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:

“(3) The members of the Syndicate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the case may be.”;

(i) after section 68, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“68A. *Inter University transfer of teacher by an educational agency.*—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any

law for the time being in force, where an educational agency has colleges under the jurisdiction of the Mahatma Gandhi University and also under the jurisdiction of another University in the State, a teacher appointed by such educational agency to a college within the jurisdiction of the another University, may be transferred to any college under the jurisdiction of the Mahatma Gandhi University, subject to the following conditions, namely. —

(i) transfer shall be made only on the written request of the teacher who has completed three years of service;

(ii) transfer shall be made only once during the entire period of service of a teacher;

(iii) transfer shall be made on the basis of the seniority of teachers;

(iv) teacher transferred under the provisions of this section shall become junior most in the colleges under the educational agency in the University irrespective of his service in the University from which he was transferred;

(v) transfer is to be made as and when vacancy arises in any of the colleges under the educational agency in the University, provided no home college option by any teacher against the said vacancy is pending; and

(vi) teacher who is transferred under the provisions of this section shall be eligible for home college option and shall be treated as teacher of the University with all benefits that are enjoyed by the existing teachers, provided the services rendered by such teacher outside the University, shall not be considered as outside service while exercising home college option.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section, “home college option” means the option made by a teacher regarding his home college in the University under the provisions of the Statutes made under this Act’.

5. *Amendment of Act 5 of 1994.*— In the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 19.94),—

(a) in section 2, after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely;—

“(ba) “Appellate Tribunal” means the Appellate Tribunal constituted under section 22A;”

(b) in Chapter IV, for the heading “AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY”, the heading “AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND Till: APPELLATE TRIBUNAL” shall be (substituted;

(c) in section 12, for the existing items, under the heading “Nominated Members”, the following items shall be substituted, namely:—

“(i) Four eminent scholars representing Sanskrit, Indology, Indian Philosophy and any of the Indian Languages, nominated by the Chancellor for a period of four years at a time;

(ii) Seven Educationalists or Eminent Academicians in the field of Higher Education, nominated by the Government, for a period of four years of whom three shall be teachers of the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit of whom one shall be from Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and one shall be a woman:

(iii) One Postgraduate student of the University/Colleges/Centers affiliated to the University having excellent academic merit, nominated by the Government, for a period of one year;

(iv) One Dean of Faculty, nominated by (he Chancellor by rotation;

(v) The member nominated by the Executive Council of the Kerala State Higher Education Council:

Provided that the members of the Syndicate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government under (he heading “Nominated Members” shall hold their office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the

ease may be.”;

(d) after section 22, the following section shall be inserted, namely;—

“22 A, *Constitution of (he Appellate Tribunal.*—(1) The Government

shall constitute an Appellate Tribunal for the purposes of this Act,

(2) The Appellate Tribunal shall consist, of a Judicial Officer not below the rank of a District Judge nominated by the Chancellor in consultation with the High Court.

(3) The term of *office* of the Appellate Tribunal shall be three years from the date of its nomination.

(4) The Appellate Tribunal shall have the power to make regulations consistent with the provisions of this Act. with the previous sanction of the Government, for regulating its procedure and for the disposal of its business.

(5) The regulations so made shall be published in the Gazette.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the jurisdiction and (he powers of the Appellate Tribunal shall be prescribed by the Statute;.”.

6. *Amendment of Act of 1996.* — In the Kannur University Act. 19% (22 of 1996),—

(a) in sub-section (2) of section 13, for the words “fifty six” the word “sixty” shall be substituted;

(b) in section 19, —

(i) under the heading “Ex-officio members”, after item (xv), the following item shall be inserted, namely: —

“(xvi) members of the Syndicate who are not members of the Senate”;

(ii) under the heading “Other members”, item (iv) shall be omitted;

(c) in section 23, under (he heading “Other Members”, — (i) item (a) shall be omitted; (ii) for item (d), the following item shall be substituted, namely: —

“(d) Three teachers nominated by the Government of whom one shall be (mm the University Department and two from the affiliated colleges of whom one shall be from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.”;

(iii) for item (e), the following item shall be substituted, namely: —

“(e) not more than six experts nominated by the Government, from the field of Higher Education of whom one shall be a woman.”;

(iv) for the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely: —

“Provided that the members of the Syndicate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government under the heading “Other Members” shall hold their office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the case may be.”;

(v) after item (f), the following item shall be inserted, namely: —

“(g) one member elected by the Senate from among the members in item (xi) under the heading ‘*Elected members*’ in section 19.”;

(d) after section 71, the following section shall be inserted, namely: —

“71 A. *Inter University transfer of teacher by an educational agency.*— Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law for the time being in force, where an educational agency has colleges under the jurisdiction of the Kannur University and also under the jurisdiction of another University in the State, a teacher appointed by such educational agency to a college within the jurisdiction of the another University, may be transferred to any college under the jurisdiction of the Kannur University, subject to the following conditions, namely: —

(i) transfer shall be made only on the written request of the teacher who has completed three years of service;

(ii) transfer shall be made only once during the entire period of service of a teacher;

(iii) transfer shall be made on the basis of the seniority of teachers;

(iv) teacher transferred under the provisions of this section shall become junior most in the colleges under the educational agency in the University irrespective of his service in the University from which he was transferred;

(v) transfer is to be made and when vacancy arises in any of the colleges under the educational agency in the University provided no home college option by any teacher against the said vacancy is pending; and

(vi) teacher who is transferred under the provisions of this section shall be eligible for home college option and shall be treated as teacher of the University with all benefits that are enjoyed by the existing teachers, provided the services rendered by such teacher outside the University shall not be considered as outside service while exercising home college option.

. — For the purpose of this section, “home college option” means the option made by a teacher regarding his home college in the University under the provisions of the Statutes made under this Act.”.

7. *Special provisions.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in,—

(i) the Kerala University Act, 1974, on the 16th day of August, 2011, the date of commencement of the Kerala University (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (46 of 2011), the existing members in office nominated under item (4) under the heading “Other Members” in section 17 of the Kerala University Act, 1974, shall be deemed to have vacated their office by virtue of the provisions of this Act;

(ii) the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, on the 1st day of December, 2011, the date of commencement of the Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (58 of 2011), the existing members in office nominated by the Government under item (4) under the heading “Other Members” in section 17 and nominated by the Government under items (a), (e), (g) and (h) under the heading “Other Members” in section 21, shall be deemed to have vacated their office by virtue of the provisions of this Act;

(iii) the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994, on the 1st day of December, 2011, the date of commencement of the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (56 of 2011), the members in office nominated by the Government under items (ii), (iii) and (v) as it existed prior to the commencement

of the said Ordinance, under the heading “Nominated Members” in section 12 of the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 shall be deemed to have vacated their office by virtue of the provisions of this Act;

(iv) the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) on the 1st day of December, 2011, the date of commencement of the Kannur University (Amendment) Ordinance, 2011 (57 of 2011), the existing members in office nominated under item (iv) under the heading “Other members” in section 19 and nominated under item (a), item (d) and item (e) under the heading “Other members” in section 23 of the Kannur University Act, 1996 shall be deemed to have vacated their office by virtue of the provisions of this Act,

8. *Repeal and saving*:- (1) The University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2012 (25 of 2012) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 and the Kannur University Act, 1996 as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the said Acts as amended by this Act

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The following Act of the Kerala State Legislature is hereby published for general information. The Bill as passed by the Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor of Kerala on the 20th day of July, 2014.

By order of the Governor,
C. REMANI,
Special Secretary (Law).

ACT 26 OF 2014

THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT, 2014

An Act further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 and the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 and the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005 for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the University Laws (Second Amendment) Act, 2014.

(2) Clause (a) of section 4 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 9th day of September, 2013, section 2, section 3, clause (b) of section 4 and sections 5 to 7 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 19th day of September, 2013 and the remaining sections shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of Act 17 of 1974.*—In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), in section 6, for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) In making appointments to the teaching and non-teaching posts, the University shall, *mutatis mutandis*, observe the provisions of clauses (a), (b) and (c) of rule 14 and the provisions of rules 15, 16, 17 and 17A of the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958, as amended from time to time, and communal rotation shall be followed category-wise treating all the departments as one unit.”.

3. *Amendment of Act 5 of 1975.*—In the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975),—

(a) in section 6, for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) In making appointments to the teaching and non-teaching posts, the University shall, *mutatis mutandis*, observe the provisions of clauses (a), (b) and (c) of rule 14 and the provisions of rules 15, 16, 17 and 17A of the

Kerala State and subordinate Services Rules, 1958, as amended from time to time, and communal rotation shall be followed category-wise treating all the departments as one unit.”;

(b) In section 17, under the heading “Other Members”, for item (5), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(5) Not more than six members nominated by the Government from the field of Higher Education, of which one shall be a woman and one shall be from the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes.”;

(c) in section 18, to sub-section (3), after the third proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

“Provided also that the members in the Senate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government under the heading “Other Members” shall hold their office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the case may be.”.

4. *Amendment of Act 12 of 1985.*—In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985),—

(a) in section 11, for sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment.”;

(b) for section 78, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“78. *Reservation of appointments.*—In making appointments to the teaching and non-teaching posts, the University shall, *mutatis mutandis*, observe the provisions of clauses (a), (b) and (c) of rule 14 and the provisions of rules 15, 16, 17 and 17A of the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958, as amended from time to time, and communal rotation shall be followed category-wise treating all the departments as one unit.”.

5. *Amendment of Act 5 of 1994.*—In the Srce Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994), for section 32, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“32. *Reservation of appointments.*—In making appointments to the teaching and non-teaching posts, the University shall, *mutatis mutandis*, observe the provisions of clauses (a), (b) and (c) of rule 14 and the provisions of rules 15, 16, 17 and 17A of the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958, as amended from time to time, and communal rotation shall be followed category-wise treating all the departments as one unit.”.

6. *Amendment of Act 27 of 2005.*—In the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005 (27 of 2005), in section 4, for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) In making appointments to the teaching and non-teaching posts, the University shall, *mutatis mutandis*, observe the provisions of clauses (a), (b) and (c) of rule 14 and the provisions of rules 15, 16, 17 and 17A of the Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958, as amended from time to time, and communal rotation shall be followed category-wise treating all the departments as one unit.”.

7. *Special Provision.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Calicut University Act, 1975, on the date of commencement of the Calicut University (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013 (48 of 2013), the existing members in office nominated under item (5) under the heading “Other Members” in section 17 of the Calicut University Act, 1975, shall be deemed to have vacated their office by virtue of the provisions of the said Ordinance.

8. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 (2 of 2014) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 and the Calicut University Act, 1975 and anything done or taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 and the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005 as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the said Acts respectively as amended by this Act.

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The following Act of the Kerala State Legislature is hereby published for general information. The Bill as passed by the Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor of Kerala on the 18th day of December, 2014.

By order of the Governor,

C. REMANI,
Special Secretary (Law).

ACT 32 OF 2014

**THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (THIRD AMENDMENT)
ACT, 2014**

An Act further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 and the Kannur University Act, 1996.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, and the Kannur University Act, 1996 for the purpose hereinafter appearing ;

BE it enacted in this Sixty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the University Laws (Third Amendment) Act, 2014.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 30th day of November, 2013.

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(1) Note : Section 2, 3 and 5 of the Act 32 of 2014 [The University Laws (Third Amendment) Act 2014] deals with the amendments made in the Kerala University Act 1974, University of Calicut Act 1975 and the Kannur University Act 1996 respectively. The above provisions have not been reproduced as seen in the notification and only Section 4 of the above amendment Act dealing with the Mahatma Gandhi University Act has been provided for information in this annexure.

4. *Amendment of Act 12 of 1985.*—In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985),—

(a) in section 2,—

(i) clause (l) shall be renumbered as clause (1A) of that section and before clause (1A) as so renumbered, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1) “academic autonomy” means a privilege of a college or University Department to conduct academic programmes, develop syllabus for the respective subjects, devise teaching, learning and evaluation methods, conduct examinations leading to the award of a degree, diploma, certificate and such other titles and distinctions by the University and publication of results in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, bye-laws and the rules made thereunder;”;

(ii) after clause (1A) as so renumbered, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1B) “Academic Council of an Autonomous College” means the Academic Council of an Autonomous College consisting of the members as provided under section 107;”;

(iii) after clause (4), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(4A) “Autonomy Approval Committee” means the Autonomy Approval Committee constituted under section 103;

(4B) “Autonomous College” means a college to which the status of autonomy is granted by the University Grants Commission with the concurrence of the State Government, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IX of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, bye-laws and rules made thereunder;”;

(iv) after clause (5), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(5A) “Board of Studies of an Autonomous College” means the Board of Studies of an Autonomous College constituted under section 109;”;

(v) after clause (10), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(10A) “Governing Council” means the Governing Council of an Autonomous College;”;

(vi) in clause (25), the words “and includes the Regulations of an Autonomous College and the rules made by the Government” shall be added at the end;

(vii) after clause (33), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(33A) “University Grants Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Central Act 3 of 1956);”;

(b) in section 5,—

(i) for clause (ia), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:—

“(ia) to confer academic autonomy to a University department;

(ib) to confer academic autonomy to an affiliated college or department of an affiliated college as provided for under Chapter IX of this Act;”;

(c) after Chapter VIII, the following Chapter shall be inserted, namely:—

“CHAPTER IX
AUTONOMOUS COLLEGES

103. *Autonomy Approval Committee.*—(1) There shall be an Autonomy Approval Committee in Government consisting of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Minister-in-charge of the Higher Education Department, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council;
- (c) the Secretary to Government, Finance Department;
- (d) the Vice-Chancellors of the University of Kerala, the University of Calicut, the Mahatma Gandhi University and the Kannur University;
- (e) one representative of the Kerala State Higher Education Council nominated by the Government;
- (f) the Law Secretary, Government of Kerala; and
- (g) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.

(2) The Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Autonomy Approval Committee and shall chair the meeting of the Committee in the absence of the Chairman.

(3) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department shall be the Member Secretary of the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall comply with the directions issued by the Autonomy Approval Committee in so far as it relates to the grant of academic autonomy.

(5) All directions of the Autonomy Approval Committee shall be issued in the form of Orders, Circulars or Letters of the Committee.

(6) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, delegate any or

all of the powers and functions of the Autonomy Approval Committee to the University to be exercised by the Senate, Syndicate or Academic Council, as the case may be, or to the Kerala State Higher Education Council:

Provided that the Government may, at any time, by notification in the Gazette, withdraw such delegation granted.

104. *Powers and functions of the Autonomy Approval Committee.*— The Autonomy Approval Committee shall have the following powers and functions, namely:—

(i) to invite applications from the eligible colleges categorised as such under section 115 to apply for academic autonomy;

(ii) to prescribe criteria and conditions for admission of students and matters connected therewith, in conformity with and in addition to the criteria for autonomous colleges prescribed by the University Grants Commission, for preserving and ensuring high standards of quality of higher education;

(iii) to direct the University to forward the application of a college recommended by the Autonomy Approval Committee to the University Grants Commission for approval;

(iv) to enquire into any complaint or petition regarding the violation of the terms and conditions under which autonomy has been granted to a college;

(v) to consider the report of the Syndicate or the Academic Council on any matter pertaining to the breach or misuse of the standards set for autonomy by a college;

(vi) to rescind or alter the terms and conditions of academic autonomy granted to any college and to report the same to the University Grants Commission:

Provided that no such decision shall be taken without giving the Principal, in the case of a Government College for which autonomy has been granted and to the representative of the Manager of the college, in the case of Autonomous Colleges that is not a Government College, an opportunity of being heard.

(vii) to direct the University to implement the order rescinding or altering the terms and conditions of academic autonomy granted to an autonomous college;

(viii) to hear appeals of the Autonomous Colleges;

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(ix) to inspect or cause to inspect the records and the premises of any Autonomous College or any college that has applied for grant of academic autonomy for ascertaining any fact, or for any other purpose, relevant under this Chapter.

(x) to frame guidelines for the nomination of expert members to the Academic Council of an Autonomous College from outside the College;

(xi) to give directions to the University and Autonomous College for the effective implementation of the provisions of this chapter.

105. *Date of effect of grant of academic autonomy.*—An affiliated college authorised under this Chapter to apply for academic autonomy to the University Grants Commission shall be deemed to be an Autonomous College of the University from the date on which it is granted autonomy by the University Grants Commission.

106. *Authorities of an Autonomous College.*—(1) The following shall be the authorities of an Autonomous College, namely:—

- (i) The Academic Council of an Autonomous College;
- (ii) The Board of Studies of an Autonomous College;
- (iii) The Governing Council.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations made under this Act, all matters including the invitations, processing and approval of application for grant of autonomy, the constitution of the authorities in an Autonomous College and their powers and the powers of the University over an Autonomous College shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

(3) If there is any dispute whether any provision in any existing Statute, Regulation and Ordinances of the University is inconsistent with or has the effect of overriding or contradicting any provision in this Chapter, the decision of Government shall be final.

107. *Academic Council of an Autonomous College.*—(1) There shall be an Academic Council for every Autonomous College.

(2) The Academic Council of an Autonomous College shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) The Principal, who shall be the Chairman of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College;

(b) All Heads of Departments in the college;

(c) Four teachers of the college representing different departments, not below the rank of an Associate Professor, to be nominated by the Director of Collegiate Education in the case of Government Colleges and the Principal in the case of a college other than a Government College;

(d) Not less than four experts from outside the college representing the areas such as Industry, Commerce, Law, Education, Medicine, Engineering, Administration, Finance etc., to be nominated by the Governing Council of the Autonomous College from a panel of six persons in accordance with the guidelines for the purpose framed by the Autonomy Approval Committee;

(e) Three nominees of the University who are academic experts not below the rank of an Associate Professor;

(f) One member from among the teachers of the college not below the rank of an Associate Professor nominated by the Principal, who shall be the Member Secretary of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College with the approval of the Director of Collegiate Education.

(3) A member of the Academic Council of an Autonomous College shall hold office for a period of two years or when he is, at the time of nomination, a teacher of the college, till his date of retirement, whichever is earlier, and shall be eligible for renomination.

(4) The Principal of the Autonomous College shall convene a meeting of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College at least once in six months.

108. *Powers and functions of the Academic Council of an Autonomous College.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Academic Council of an Autonomous College shall have the following powers and functions, namely:—

(i) to scrutinize the proposals of Boards of Studies of an Autonomous College, with regard to the courses of study, academic regulations, curricula, syllabi and modifications thereof, instructional and evaluation arrangements, methods, procedures relevant thereto and to approve the same with or without modifications:

Provided that if the Academic Council of an Autonomous College differs on any proposal submitted by any Board of Studies of the Autonomous College, it may either reject the proposal giving reasons for the same or return the same to the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College with its remarks, for reconsideration:

Provided further that if the proposal is returned and the Board of studies re-submits the proposal to the Academic Council of the college with or without the proposed modifications, the Academic Council shall approve the proposal;

(ii) to make academic regulations regarding the admission of students to different programmes of study in the college subject to the criteria and conditions prescribed by the Autonomy Approval Committee which shall be in conformity with the rules and criteria for admission specified by the Government, as amended from time to time;

(iii) to make regulations for the conduct of examinations and initiate measures for improving quality of teaching, student evaluation and student advisory programmes in the college;

(iv) to make and approve proposals for research and advancement, and dissemination of knowledge;

(v) to recommend to the Governing Council, any proposal for institution of new programmes of study;

(vi) to recommend to the Governing Council, regarding the institution of scholarships, studentships, fellowships, prizes and medals and to make Regulations for the award of the same;

(vii) to advise the Governing Council on the suggestions made by it with respect to academic affairs; and

(viii) to perform such other academic functions as may be assigned to it by the Governing Council.

109. *Board of Studies of an Autonomous College.*—(1) Every Autonomous College shall constitute a Board of Studies of its own for each subject of study or group of subjects in which the college conduct courses or intends to conduct courses:

Provided that the Governing Council of the Autonomous College shall, for this purpose, decide the subjects to be brought under a Board of Studies of the Autonomous College and the number of such Boards of Studies to be constituted.

(2) The Board of Studies of an Autonomous College shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) Head of the Department not below the rank of an Associate Professor, if he has a Ph.D., on the basis of seniority from among the Heads of Departments whose subjects are covered by that Board of Studies, who shall be the Chairman of the Board:

Provided that in the absence of such a Head of Department, a teacher not below the rank of an Associate Professor with Ph.D. in a subject covered by that Board of Studies, nominated by the Government in the case of Government Colleges and the Principal in the case of other colleges, shall be the Chairman of the Board:

Provided further that the Government or the Principal, as the case may be, shall, while nominating teachers give prime consideration to the quality of academic work including research and publications of such teachers.

(b) not more than six teachers with Ph.D., nominated by the Principal in consultation with the Head of the Departments offering subjects covered by that Board of Studies, from different areas of specialisation, as identified by the Principal, in subjects covered by that Board of Studies:

Provided that the Principal shall, while nominating teachers, give prime consideration to the quality of academic work including research and publications of such teachers;

(c) two experts in the subject from outside the college to be nominated by the Academic Council of the Autonomous College;

(d) one expert to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from a panel of six experts recommended by the Principal;

(e) one representative each from industry, corporate sector or allied area relating to placement;

(f) one meritorious alumnus who has completed a Post Graduate Programme of the University, to be nominated by the Principal;

(g) the Chairman of the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College may, with the approval of the Principal of the college, co-opt, from time to time, as special invitees to the meetings of the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College, for the purpose of academic consultation from the following categories, namely:—

(i) experts from outside the college whenever special courses of studies are to be designed;

(ii) other teachers of the college who are experts in the related discipline.

(3) The term of the members nominated to the Board of studies of an Autonomous College shall be two academic years:

Provided that the same person shall not be eligible for nomination beyond a period of four academic years.

(4) The Principal of the college shall draw up the schedule for meeting of the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College for different departments.

(5) The meeting may be held as and when necessary, but at least two such meetings shall be held in a year.

(6) One-third of the members of the Board of Studies shall constitute the quorum.

(7) In the temporary absence of the Chairman, the teacher next in seniority shall act as the Chairman and convene the meeting on the request of the Principal.

(8) Where it is necessary to deal with any academic matter that affects more than one Boards, the Principal may convene a joint meeting of two or more Board of Studies of the Autonomous College, as he deems necessary, and such meeting shall be presided over by a Chairman elected in such joint meeting.

110. *Powers and functions of Board of Studies of an Autonomous College.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a Board of Studies of an Autonomous College shall have the following powers and functions, namely:—

(i) to prepare curriculum for various academic programmes keeping in view the objectives of the college, interest of the stake holders and national requirement, with the approval of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College:

Provided that the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College shall ensure that the proposal for the academic programme conforms substantially to the duration, number of credits, evaluation and grading system prescribed, if any, by the University for that academic programme:

Provided further that the Board of Studies of the Autonomous College shall ensure that the proposal will not have the effect of lowering the academic standards prescribed by the University:

Provided also that such proposal shall not be against national interest;

(ii) to recommend books wherein the prescribed subjects are suitably dealt with, for the reference of teachers and students and also to recommend text books as and when required;

(iii) to suggest methodologies for innovative teaching and evaluation techniques;

(iv) to suggest panel of names to the Academic Council of the Autonomous College for appointment of examiners; and

(v) to co-ordinate research, teaching, extension and other academic activities in the department or college.

111. *Constitution of the Governing Council.*—(1) The Government shall constitute a Governing Council for each Government Autonomous College for the purposes of this Act, to function as the executive body of the college.

(2) The Governing Council of a Government Autonomous College shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) an eminent person of repute having significant experience in academic related matters, who shall be the Chairman:

Provided that in the absence of the Chairman in any meeting, the Government may nominate an officer mentioned in item (b) to be the Chairman of the Governing Council in that meeting;

(b) an officer not below the rank of a Deputy Director of Collegiate Education or a Joint Secretary to Government in the Higher Education Department;

(c) three teachers with Ph.D. from different departments of the college, to be nominated by the Director of Collegiate Education, on rotation, for a period of two years on the basis of their seniority;

(d) one nominee of the University, not below the rank of a Professor, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(e) one nominee of the University Grants Commission;

(f) Principal of the College, who shall be the *ex-officio* Secretary to the Governing Council.

(3) The Managing Council of an Autonomous College other than a Government College shall constitute a Governing Council for each Autonomous College under its management, for the purposes of this Act, to function as the executive body of the college.

(4) The Governing Council of an Autonomous College that is not a Government College shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) Manager or one nominee of the Manager, who shall be a senior and eminent person of repute having sufficient experience in academic related matters, who shall be the Chairman of the Governing Council;

(b) three senior teachers of that college from different departments not below the rank of an Associate Professor, to be nominated on rotation, by the Manager;

(c) one nominee of the University not below the rank of a Professor, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(d) one nominee of the University Grants Commission;

(e) one nominee of the Kerala State Higher Education Council, to be nominated by the Government;

(f) Principal of the college, who shall be the *ex-officio* Secretary to the Governing Council.

112. *Tenure of office of the Governing Council.*—The term of office of the nominated members of the Governing Council shall be for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-nomination for another term of two years:

Provided that the same person shall not be eligible for nomination beyond a period of four years.

113. *Meetings of the Governing Council.*—(1) The Governing Council shall meet at least three times a year.

(2) The interval between successive meetings shall in no case exceed four months.

(3) Emergency meetings of the Governing Council may be convened with a notice of at least seven days, either on a written request of one-third of the members or on a direction from the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) One-third of the members who have been nominated at any point of time shall constitute the quorum for the meeting.

114. *Powers and functions of the Governing Council.*—Subject to the provisions laid down by the bye-laws, if any, of the respective Autonomous College and the rules made by the State Government and the University, the Governing Council shall have the following powers, namely:—

(i) to submit to the University, the proposal for the institution of new programmes of study leading to the award of degrees and diplomas;

- (ii) to conduct examinations for each course and publish the results;
- (iii) to recommend, and forward the results of examinations, to the University for the award of degree or diploma, as the case may be;
- (iv) to approve the issue of marklists to the students;
- (v) to fix the fees and other charges payable by the students of the Autonomous College with the concurrence of Government:

Provided that in the case of aided courses or courses restructured from the aided courses, the fees shall be as determined by the Government;

(vi) to institute scholarships, fellowships, studentships, medals and certificates on the recommendations of the Academic Council of the Autonomous College;

(vii) to make regulations for sports, extra-curricular activities, proper maintenance and functioning of the playgrounds and hostels;

(viii) to exercise such other powers and perform such other functions and to constitute such Committees as it deem necessary for the proper development of the Autonomous College and to fulfil the objectives of autonomy.

115. *Procedure for granting autonomy.*—(1) The Autonomy Approval Committee shall, every year, invite applications from the eligible colleges categorised as such under sub-section (2) for recommending the granting of autonomy.

(2) The Autonomy Approval Committee shall specify the categories of colleges as eligible colleges for recommending for the granting of autonomy, which may be Government College and Private College other than Un-aided College and such categories from which applications are invited, the criteria for eligibility for granting autonomy, the forms in which the application has to be submitted. The documents necessary with the application and other information as are deemed necessary by the Autonomy Approval Committee shall also be specified:

Provided that no such criterion shall have the effect of lowering the standards prescribed by the University Grants Commission for the grant of the status of autonomy.

(3) The Autonomy Approval Committee shall scrutinise the applications received from the eligible colleges and accept those from the colleges satisfying the criteria prescribed by the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) The Autonomy Approval Committee may constitute a committee either from among itself with experts in the field of higher education or a committee of experts as it deems fit, to inspect the facilities in the college and verify records of the college relevant to the grant of autonomy.

(5) The Committee constituted under sub-section (4) shall have the power to enter into the college premises and its building and the college shall be bound to facilitate such inspection and furnish all information and records pertinent to the enquiry, to the Committee.

(6) The Committee constituted by the Autonomy Approval Committee under this section may give instructions to the Principal of the college to rectify the defects in meeting the criteria of eligibility prescribed by the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(7) Where the Autonomy Approval Committee is satisfied itself that a college that has submitted application, meets the criteria prescribed for grant of autonomy, it shall forward its recommendation for the grant of autonomy to the college, to the Vice-Chancellor.

(8) On receipt of a recommendation under sub-section (7), the Vice-Chancellor shall cause the application for grant of autonomy to be forwarded to the University Grants Commission, with the seal of the officer of the University, as prescribed by the Commission, within fifteen working days from the date of receipt of the intimation by the Vice-Chancellor.

116. *Conduct of examinations.*—(1) The Government in the case of Government Autonomous College and the Principal in the case of Autonomous Colleges which are not Government Colleges shall appoint a person not below the rank of an Associate Professor, with experience of not less than two years in a Department offering Post Graduate Course of study in a Government College or a college other than an Un-aided College, as the Controller of Examinations for the Autonomous College:

Provided that such a person shall not have been disqualified or punished for any breach of conduct or failure to perform any duty assigned in connection with the conduct of examinations by the University or any other Universities.

(2) All examinations leading to the award of degree or diploma issued by the University shall be conducted under the supervision of the Controller of Examinations.

(3) The Academic Council of an Autonomous College shall frame a Manual of Examinations for the conduct of examinations in the Autonomous College within three months from the grant of autonomy or six months before the conduct of the first set of examinations, whichever is earlier.

(4) The Manual of Examinations shall be based on the following matters, namely:—

(a) the functions of conducting examinations and its supervision, evaluation of examinations and publication of results shall be specifically assigned to persons designated for the purpose and their roles shall also be specified;

(b) the independence of framing of questions, valuation and monitoring processes shall be maintained;

(c) there shall be adequate safeguards to ensure the integrity of the examination processes; and

(d) there shall be adequate penalties of such nature and subject to such maximum penalty as may be prescribed by the Government, that may be provided for any individual responsible for the conduct of examinations in case of any breach of the provisions of the Manual of Examinations:

Provided that in framing the Manual of Examinations, an Autonomous College shall ensure that the safeguards in the Examination Manual of the University itself are *mutatis mutandis* incorporated in the Manual of Examinations for the conduct of examinations of the Autonomous College:

Provided further that the Manual of Examinations shall be submitted by an Autonomous College to the University for its remarks and modifications for improving the quality of the process of examinations and upon receiving such remarks, incorporate them in the Manual of Examinations to the extent possible and inform the University of the reasons for not being able to comply with any of the suggestions.

(5) The Manual of Examinations shall contain specific provisions for the redressal of grievances of students relating to examinations and assessments in conformity with the relevant regulations made and guidelines issued from time to time by the University and the University Grants Commission.

(6) On approval of the issue of the marklists by the Governing Council, the mark list shall be issued under the names and seal of the Principal of the Autonomous College and the Controller of Examinations of the Autonomous College, in a format consistent with that prescribed by the University.

117. *Award of Degrees.*—(1) The University shall award degrees, diplomas, titles, certificates and other academic distinctions to the students evaluated and recommended by an Autonomous College after levying a reasonable fee as may be prescribed by the University for the same:

Provided that such degree, diploma, title or certificates shall be in a common format prescribed by statutes:

Provided further that the name of an Autonomous College shall be mentioned in the Certificate conferring the degree, diploma, title, certificate and other academic distinctions, if such college requests for the same.

(2) The University shall issue the degree, diploma, title or certificates within forty-five working days of the receipt of recommendations from an Autonomous College.

118. *Powers of University over Autonomous Colleges.*—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Chapter and the provisions of the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Bye-laws and Rules made thereunder, the University shall have all other powers over the Autonomous Colleges as are applicable to any affiliated college of the University under this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and the Regulations made thereunder.

(2) Where the Governing Council of an Autonomous College has approved and recommended any academic programme to the University, the Vice-Chancellor shall cause the proposal to be placed before the relevant Board of Studies of the University for approval:

Provided that where there is no Board of Studies with respect to the academic programme proposed, the University shall constitute a Board of Studies or an Expert Committee for the purpose:

Provided further that the Expert Committee so appointed shall have adequate number of members to facilitate a fair and objective assessment of the Academic Programme submitted to the University.

(3) The Board of Studies or the Expert Committee, as the case may be, shall, within thirty working days from the date of receipt of the proposal, consider it for the Academic Programme referred to in sub-section (2) and approve, reject or return the same, with remarks, to the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that such rejection shall be on the ground that the proposal received from the Governing Council of an Autonomous College does not conform to the duration, number of credits, evaluation and grading system for that Academic Programme already prescribed by the University or where the

Board of Studies or Expert Committee feels, for reasons to be recorded in writing, that the proposal of the Governing Council of an Autonomous College will have the effect of lowering academic standards or it is against national interest:

Provided further that where the Autonomous College which submitted the proposal has not been informed of the decision within thirty working days from the date of submission of the proposal to the University, the proposal shall be deemed to have been approved by the University except where the proposal is against national interest.

(4) Where the Board of Studies or Expert Committee returns the proposal to the Vice-Chancellor with remarks pointing out the defects for transmitting the same to the Governing Council of an Autonomous College, the Governing Council may re-submit the proposal to the University with its remarks within thirty working days of receipt of such remarks.

(5) The Board of Studies shall, thereafter, within a period of thirty working days, either approve or reject the proposal and the Vice-Chancellor shall intimate the same to the Governing Council of the College through the Principal of the College:

Provided that where the Autonomous College re-submitting the proposal has not been informed of the decision within thirty working days from the date of re-submission of the proposal to the University, the proposal shall be deemed to have been approved by the University except where the proposal was rejected on the ground that it was against national interest.

(6) A copy of all such approvals or rejections shall be sent to the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(7) All such decisions to approve or reject the proposal shall be reported to the Academic Council of the Autonomous College:

Provided that the Academic Council of the Autonomous College may, if it differs with the decision, address the Chancellor for a review of the same.

(8) The Governing Council of a Autonomous College may appeal to the Autonomy Approval Committee against any order of rejection and the decision thereon of the Autonomy Approval Committee shall be final:

Provided that where the Autonomy Approval Committee deems it fit, it may appoint a panel of experts to advise the Autonomy Approval Committee in arriving at a decision on the appeal so preferred.

(9) The Syndicate of the University shall have powers to inspect to verify whether a college that has been granted autonomy by the University Grants Commission violates the conditions specified for the grant of such autonomy.

(10) For the purpose of sub-section (9), the Syndicate may constitute a Committee either from among itself with experts in the field or a committee of experts as it deems fit, to inspect the facilities in the college, verify records of the college relevant to the purpose of the above inspection:

Provided that such experts shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided further that such enquiry shall extend only to complaints or information in writing regarding the violation of the conditions of autonomy, poor academic and administrative practices that lower the quality of higher education or unethical practices in the matter of admissions, levying fees and conduct of examinations, adopted by the college for which autonomous status was granted.

(11) The Committee constituted under sub-section (10) shall not finalise any report without giving the representative of the college that has been granted autonomy, a fair and reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(12) The Syndicate shall, after consideration of the report of the said committee, recommend to the Autonomy Approval Committee through the Vice-Chancellor, the suspension or revocation of the autonomy granted to it.

(13) If any complaint or information in writing is received in Government with respect to an Autonomous College, the Government may, after due consideration of the contents of the complaint and the importance of the same, refer it to the Autonomy Approval Committee:

Provided that such reference shall extend only to complaints or information received in writing, with respect to violation of the conditions of autonomy, poor academic and administrative practices, that lower quality of higher education or unethical practices in the matter of admissions, levying fees and conduct of examinations, adopted by the college for which autonomous status has been granted.

(14) On receipt of any report of the University containing its recommendations under sub-section (12) or on receipt of any reference from Government under sub-section (13), the Autonomy Approval Committee shall consider the report or reference, as the case may be:

Provided that the Autonomy Approval Committee may conduct an enquiry for which it can constitute a committee either from among itself or from among the field of experts as it deems fit.

(15) The Committee constituted under sub-section (10) shall have powers to inspect the facilities in the college and to verify records of the college relevant to the purpose of such enquiry.

(16) All Autonomous Colleges shall furnish records and provide information sought by the Committee for the purpose of such enquiry:

Provided that no such enquiry shall be completed without giving the Principal of the Autonomous College a fair and reasonable opportunity of being heard.

(17) Each Autonomous College shall submit a Manual of Examinations to the University within six months before the date of the first set of examinations that it proposes to conduct in the college and the University shall offer its remarks on the Manual within sixty working days of such submission. The remarks of the University shall be offered with the object of improving the safeguards in the conduct of the examinations and for ensuring the integrity of the examinations conducted by an Autonomous College. The Autonomous College shall incorporate all the necessary modifications consistent with the remarks of the University, in the Manual.

119. *Power of University to amend Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations etc.—*

(1) The University shall have power to amend its Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Bye-laws and Rules to give effect to the provisions of this Chapter:

Provided that the grant of autonomy to colleges eligible under the provisions of this Chapter and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made thereunder shall not be withheld on account of the pendency of such amendments.

(2) In order to avoid difficulties in the case of an Autonomous College or college applying for the grant of autonomy, the Government shall have power to make rules for the removal of such difficulties that may arise in the implementation of the provisions of this Chapter in addition to the other powers of the Government to make rules under any other Chapter of this Ordinance and such rules shall be binding on the University and the Autonomous College or college applying for autonomy.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Academic Council of an Autonomous College and the Governing Council may make Regulations for the purposes mentioned in this Chapter with the approval of the University:

Provided that the procedure for making Regulations, prescribed in section 40 shall not be applicable for making such Regulations.

120. *Communications with Autonomous College.*—All correspondence between the Academic Council or Board of Studies of the University or the Autonomy Approval Committee with an Autonomous College or a college applying for autonomy under this Chapter, shall be made with the Principal of such College.

121. *Vacancies in the Committees, Councils or Boards under this Chapter not to invalidate any action.*— No decision of the Autonomy Approval Committee or of any Academic Council of an Autonomous College, Board of Studies of an Autonomous College or the Governing Council under this Chapter shall be rendered invalid on account of a vacancy in such Committee, Councils or Board not having been filled up.”.

6. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The University Laws (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 (18 of 2014) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 and the Kannur University Act, 1996 as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the said Acts respectively, as amended by this Act.

ANNEXURE XIV

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The following Act of the Kerala State Legislature is hereby published for general information. The Bill as passed by the Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 6th day of December, 2019.

By order of the Governor,
ARAVINTHA BABU. P. K.,
Law Secretary.

ACT 21 OF 2019
THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2019

An Act further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994, the Kannur University Act, 1996 and the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005.

Preamble.- WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985), the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994), the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) and the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005 (27 of 2005) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. *Short title and commencement.-* (1) This Act may be called the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 6th day of March, 2019.

2. *Amendment of Act 17 of 1974.-* In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974),-

(a) in section 12, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Registrar shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”;

(b) in section 13, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Controller of Examinations shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date

on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Controller of Examinations shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”;

(c) in section 14, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Finance Officer shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Finance Officer shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”.

3. *Amendment of Act 5 of 1975.*- In the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975),-

(a) in section 12, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

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(c) in section 14, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Finance Officer shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Finance Officer shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”

4. *Amendment of Act 12 of 1985.*- In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985),-

(a) in section 12, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Syndicate shall appoint a person selected by the Government from among a panel containing the names of three persons furnished to the Government by a Selection Committee appointed by the Syndicate, consisting of three members headed by the Vice-Chancellor, as the Registrar of the University for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Registrar shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”;

(b) in section 13, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Syndicate shall appoint a person selected by the Government from among a panel containing the names of three persons furnished to the Government by a Selection Committee appointed by the Syndicate, consisting of three members headed by the Vice-Chancellor, as the Controller of Examinations of the University for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Controller of Examinations shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”;

(c) in section 14, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Syndicate shall appoint a person selected by the Government from among a panel containing the names of three persons furnished to the Government by a Selection Committee appointed by the Syndicate, consisting of three members headed by the Vice-Chancellor, as the Finance Officer of the University for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Finance Officer shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”.

5. *Amendment of Act 5 of 1994.*- In the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994),-

(a) in section 23, after item (iii), the following items shall be inserted, namely:-

“(iiia) the Controller of Examinations;

(iiib) the Finance Officer;”;

(b) in section 28, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Registrar shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”;

(c) after section 28, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:-

“28 A. *The Controller of Examinations.*- (1) The Controller of Examinations shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(2) The person appointed as Controller of Examinations shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).

(3) The qualifications for, and the salary and allowances payable to the Controller of Examinations shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

28 B. The Finance Officer.- (1) The Finance Officer shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(2) The person appointed as Finance Officer shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).

(3) The qualifications for, and the salary and allowances payable to the Finance Officer shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

6. Amendment of Act 22 of 1996.- In the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996),-

(a) in section 14, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Registrar shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”;

(b) in section 15, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Controller of Examinations shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Controller of Examinations shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”;

(c) in section 16, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Finance Officer shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Syndicate for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(1A) The person appointed as Finance Officer shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”.

7. Amendment of Act 27 of 2005.- In the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005 (27 of 2005),-

(a) in section 28, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Registrar shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Executive Council for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(1A) The person appointed as Registrar shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”;

(b) in section 29, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Finance Officer shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Executive Council for a period of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(1A) The person appointed as Finance Officer shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”;

(c) in section 30, for sub-section (1), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Controller of Examinations shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Executive Council for a period of four years from the

date on which he enters upon his office or till he completes the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the regulations.

(1A) The person appointed as Controller of Examinations shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more period subject to the provisions in sub-section (1).”.

8. *Special provision regarding the existing Registrars, Controllers of Examinations and Finance Officers.*- Notwithstanding anything contained in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985), the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994), the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996), and the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005 (27 of 2005) and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Orders or Rules made thereunder on and from the date of commencement of this Act, the existing Registrars or Controllers of Examinations or Finance Officers, as the case may be, of the Universities constituted as per the above said Acts shall be deemed to have vacated their offices where they have completed a period of four years in their offices or have completed the age of fifty-six years, whichever is earlier. In the case of the Registrars or Controllers of Examinations or Finance Officers who have not completed a period of four years in office or fifty-six years of age shall continue to hold office up to a period of four years or fifty-six years of age whichever is earlier. In the case of the Registrars or Controllers of Examinations or Finance Officers appointed from other departments and who have completed a period of four years in their offices or have completed the age of fifty-six years and have vacated their offices by virtue of the provisions of this Act, the law relating to the service conditions applicable to their parent departments shall be made applicable.

9. *Repeal and saving.*- (1) The University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 (34 of 2019) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985), the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994), the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) and the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005 (27 of 2005) as amended

by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985), the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994), the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) and the National University of Advanced Legal Studies Act, 2005 (27 of 2005) respectively as amended by this Act.