



ANDHRA PRADESH HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATORY AND MONITORING COMMISSION

Government Of Andhra Pradesh



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Lr.No. 409 / APHERMC/ADMN/2025

Date: 10.06.2025

From
The Member Secretary & CEO
A.P Higher Education Regulatory and
Monitoring Commission (APHERMC)
Tadepalli, Guntur District-522501.

To
1. The Secretary to Chief Minister
Human Resources Development,
1st Block, 1st Floor, Interim Government
Complex, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Guntur District-522503.

2. The Secretary to the Government,
Higher Education Department, AP
Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati.

Respected Sir,

Sub: APHERMC – Private University - Subsidised/Concessional Fee recommendations for 35% Government Quota of Seats in every other programmes of study other than the Medical, Dental & Para Medical programmes in the **ADITYA UNIVERSITY (ADTPPU), Surampalem, East Godavari District**, in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the block period 2024-25 to 2026-27 - Implementing the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. in various Writ Petition – Request to issue orders - Reg.

- Ref:
1. APHERMC Act, 2019 (Act No.20 of 2019); APHERMC Rules, 2019; and APHERMC Regulations, 2020.
 2. A.P. Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016; A.P. Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017.
 3. Notification to regulate the Concessional fee structure for the programmes offered at the Private Universities, dated 16.11.2023.
 4. Personal Hearing Lr.No.466/ADMN/APHERMC/2024 dated 08.05.2024
 5. G.O.Ms.19, Higher Education (RM) Department, dated 10.07.2024
 6. Judgment of the Hon'ble Division Bench of the High Court in W.A. No.132 of 2025, dated 24.03.2025.
 7. Personal Hearing Lr.No.371/ADMN/APHERMC/2025 dated 19.05.2025
 8. 122nd Meeting minutes of the Commission dated 27.05.2025.

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In accordance with the above subject and references cited, I am directed to submit herewith the extract of the minutes of the 122nd meeting of the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (APHERMC) held on 27.05.2025, at the Commission's office, Tadepalli. The meeting considered, inter alia, the proposal for recommending subsidised/concessional fee structure for the 35% Government Quota seats for various programmes (excluding Medical, Dental & Para-Medical) offered by **ADITYA UNIVERSITY (ADTPPU), Surampalem, East Godavari District**, a Private University established under Act No.2 of 2024.

As per Section 2.(23), Section 32.(1) and Section 33-A.(3) of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016, read with Rule 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017, the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission is the Regulatory Authority to recommend Subsidised/concessional fee structure for the Government Quota of Seats. Furthermore, Section 32.(3) of the said Act states that the Commission shall function under the general control of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

The Commission has taken due cognizance of the judgment dated 24.03.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of the High Court in W.A.No.132 of 2025, whereby G.O.Ms.No.19, Higher Education (RM) Department, dated 10.07.2024 was set aside and the matter was remanded to the Commission for fresh consideration after affording an opportunity of hearing.

In compliance, the Commission issued a notice for a personal hearing scheduled on 27.05.2025. Despite the opportunity being extended, **ADITYA UNIVERSITY (ADTPPU), Surampalem, East Godavari District** did not avail it. Consequently, the Commission proceeded to determine the subsidised fee based on the available material and conventional norms adopted for similarly placed institutions.

The fee structure was finalised for the block period 2024-25 to 2026-27 in accordance with:

- The statutory framework under the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 and Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017.
- The notification issued by APHERMC dated 16.11.2023,
- Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in W.A.No.132 of 2025 dated 24.03.2025,
- Opportunity of personal hearing extended vide Lr.No.371/ADMN/APHERMC/2025, which the Private University did not avail.
- Precedents established by the then AFRC and APHERMC, and
- The necessity to ensure that fee structures are fair, affordable, and free from profiteering or commercialization.

The Commission therefore resolved to recommend the concessional fee structure for various programmes as outlined in **Annexure-III** of the minutes and requested that the same be notified under Section 7 of the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 r/w Rule 11 of the A.P. Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017.

Thanking you sir.

Yours faithfully,

MEMBER SECRETARY & CEO

Member Secretary & CEO
A.P. Higher Education
Regulatory & Monitoring Commission

Encl.:

1. Extract of Minutes of the 122nd meeting of APHERMC held on 27.05.2025.
2. Annexure- I: Notification of the APHERMC Dated 16.11.2023.
3. Annexure-II: Second Personal Hearing Lr.No.371/ADMN/APHERMC/ 2025 dated 19.05.2025.
4. Annexure-III: Fee recommendations for 35% Government Quota of Seats in every other programme of study other than the Medical, Dental & Para Medical programmes for the block period 2024-25 to 2026-27.
5. Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016.
6. Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017

Copy to:

1. PS to the Chairperson, Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission,
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EXTRACTED MINUTES OF 122ND MEETING OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATORY AND MONITORING COMMISSION (APHERMC) HELD ON 27.05.2025 AT 01:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1. Justice M. Venkata Ramana, Chairperson | In chair |
| 2. Prof. P.Vijaya Prakash, Vice Chairperson | Member |
| 3. Prof. D. Suryachandra Rao, Member Secretary & CEO | Convenor |
| 4. Prof. N. P. Eswara Reddy, Member (Academic Expert) | Member |
| 5. Prof. N. Ramanaiah, Member (Academic Expert) | Member |
| 6. CA Ravi Kiran K. S. R., Member (Finance) | ... Member |
| 7. P. Ramesh Kumar, IAS (Retd.) Member (Administration) | Member |

The Commission has taken into consideration the following facts/material in the process of regulating the fee structure for 35% Seats in every other programmes of study other than the Medical, Dental & Para-Medical programmes for the Aditya Private University in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the block period 2024-27.

1. Establishment of APHERMC:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh by enacting Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission Act, 2019 (Act 20 of 2019) w.e.f. 19.08.2019 (vide. G.O.Ms.No.41, Higher Education (U.E.) Department) has established the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (APHERMC), in the state of Andhra Pradesh. As per the Act, the Commission shall take all such steps as are necessary, for ensuring coordinated and integrated development of Higher Education and maintain high standards.

2. Powers of APHERMC in regulating fee in case of Private Universities:

The Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission is the Regulatory Authority defined under

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Section 2 (23) of Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 (A.P. Act No.3 of 2016).

Chapter-VI of Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 (A.P. Act No.3 of 2016) relates to regulation and accreditation of Private Universities. Sections 32 to 36 of this Act empower APHERMC fixing the fee for the Government Quota seats and grant accreditation to Private Universities following the prescribed procedure.

Regulation of fee towards seats allocated under Government Quota is in terms of the procedure prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.22, Higher Education (U.E) Department dt.18.05.2017 amended from time to time including G.O.Ms.No.51, Higher Education (U.E) Department dated 23.09.2021.

3. Prohibition of Capitation fee:

The Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No.5 of 1983) was enacted to provide for the regulation of admissions into educational institutions and to prohibit the collection of capitation fee. Section 4A of the said Act provides for the admission of foreign students and Non-Resident Indian students on payment of higher fee in accordance with the guidelines for the improvement of the institution and development of facilities and other related purposes. No educational institution shall collect any fee in excess of the fee notified.

4. Regulation of fee structure of Private Universities:

As per the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court from T.M.A. Pai Foundation Vs State of Karnataka [(2002) 8 SCC 481], Islamic Academy of Education Vs State of Karnataka [(2003) 6SCC 697], Inamdar & others Vs. State of Maharashtra [(2005) 6 SCC 537], onwards the settled law is that the fee structure for each institution must be regulated institution-wise in order to see that there is no commercialization or profiteering or collection of capitation fee.

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Education is a charitable service and accounting principles applicable are similar to not-for-profit or non-business organizations.

i. Private Universities Act:

Section 33-A of the A.P. Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 is as follows:

“....

33-A. *Notwithstanding anything to the contrary to section 33.-*

- (1) *The Government shall earmark Government Quota of fifty percentage (50%) seats with regard to Medical and Dental Courses and minimum thirty-five percentage (35%) of seats in every other course of study to be filled in accordance with the rules prescribed under the Act;*
- (2) *The Government Quota seats in any course of study offered by the Private University will be filled-up based on the merit among the qualified candidates in the concerned Common Entrance Test (CET) either conducted by the Central Government/State Government or its instrumentalities as prescribed in the rules;*
- (3) *The fee charged for the Government Quota Seats in any Course of the study offered by the Private University shall be determined by the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission;*

Provided that on conversion of an existing Institution to a Brownfield University, admission of students into the existing approved intake shall be regulated by the rules of admission and seat sharing as applicable to a College as defined under section 2(4-A) in the Principal Act amended from time to time;

Provided that the rules of admission to such Brownfield University in respect of any further additional intake, additional courses, new courses approved subsequent to conversion shall be as applicable to a Greenfield University.

...”

ii. Rules applicable in terms of Private Universities Act.

The Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017, amended from time to time (G.O.Ms.No.22, Higher Education

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Department dated 18.05.2017 and G.O.Ms.No.51, Higher Education Department dated 23.09.2021), sets out the allocation of seats under Government quota at 35% in the courses other than Medical, Dental and Para-Medical Programmes among the total seats offered by the Private Universities. These seats shall be offered at subsidised/concessional fee structure when the private universities propose, in terms of these rules. Such proposal shall be considered by APHERMC as Regulatory Authority under Section 2.(23) of the above Act.

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11. Fee Regulation for the Government Quota Seats of 35%:

(1).....

(2) *The Regulatory Authority shall decide whether the subsidized/concessional fees proposed by the Universities are justified and does not burdensome the students;*

(3) *The Regulatory Authority shall be at liberty to review, approve or alter the proposed fee for each course to be charged by the Universities, duly giving an opportunity of being heard before determining any fee or fees;*

(4) *The Regulatory Authority shall communicate the fee structure, as determined by it, to the Government for notification.*

(5) *The fee so determined shall be applicable to a candidate who is admitted to Universities in that academic year and shall not be altered till the completion of his/her course in the Universities in which he/she was originally admitted. The Universities shall not club and/or collect a fee which is more than the amount prescribed and notified by the Government for the duration of the course in any of the Academic year;*

...”

The college as defined U/s 2 (4-A) of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016, has the fee structure for the block period 2023-26 already recommended to the Government by the Commission, which is yet to be notified expect that G.O.Ms.No.23, Higher Education (R.M) Department dated 18.07.2024, was issued pursuant to the directions of Hon'ble High Court in

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W.P.No.14755 of 2024 and in G.O.Ms.No.17, Higher Education (R.M) Department dated 07.07.2024 as per directions of the Hon'ble High Court in W.A.No.182 of 2024 and batch (the matter is sub-judice).

In terms of Proviso 2 of the Section 33-A(3) of the Act when read along with Rule 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017, the Commission is required to decide the subsidised/concessional fee in respect of further additional intake approved subsequent to conversion of the college into this Private University and which is determined accordingly.

5. Seat Allocation and Fee recommendation:

The Government Quota seats in any course of study offered by the Private University will be filled up based on the merit among the qualified candidates in the concerned Common Entrance Test (CET) either conducted by the Central Government/State Government or its instrumentalities (Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education) as prescribed in the rules.

As per Section 32(1), 33-A.(3) of the A.P. Private Universities Act, 2016 read with Rule 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017, the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission is the competent authority to recommend concessional fee structure for fifty percentage (50%) seats with regard to Medical, Dental and para medical Courses and thirty-five percentage (35%) of seats in every other course of study.

The proposed fee by the Private University is subject matter for regulation by the APHERMC to decide whether subsidized/concessional fee proposed by University is justified and did not burdensome the students. It is empowered to review, approve or alter the proposed fee for each course to be charged by the Universities, duly giving an opportunity of being heard before determining the fee. APHERMC as the Regulatory Authority shall communicate the fee structure determined, to the Government for notification for the seats allocated under Government Quota.

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6. BACKGROUND:

Aditya Private University (a Brownfield University) was established under *Act No.2 of 2024*, in accordance with the *Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016*.

The Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") issued a notification for recommending subsidized/concessional fees for **35% Government quota seats in all non-medical and non-dental courses**, and **50% Government quota seats in medical and dental courses** offered by private universities in the State.

In response to this notification, the Private universities submitted relevant data, and the Commission recommended the fee structure for Government quota seats to the Government, following due process.

Subsequently, Aditya Private University submitted a representation seeking fee recommendation for 35% Government quota seats. Being a newly established institution without financial records, the Commission recommended the minimum fee applicable for new universities.

The recommendation was accepted and notified by the Government through **G.O.Ms.No.19, Higher Education (RM) Department, dated 10.07.2024**.

Aggrieved by the said G.O., Aditya University filed **W.P.No.18563 of 2024** before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh. The Hon'ble Single Judge, by the order dated 06.01.2025, held:

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27. This Court agrees with the Regulatory Commission's argument that the tuition fee for this block period could not be fixed because there was insufficient data available, and that the fee was fixed in accordance with the information that was available. And the Rule 12 of The Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017 does not provide any personal hearing and basing on the decision of the Supreme Court in the Vasavi Engineering College Parent Association case (supra 3), this Court finds no justification for sending the matter back to the Regulatory Commission. As a result, the petitioner is not entitled for any relief for this block

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period, and the Commission is instructed to look into the matter for the next block period.

28. With the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, interlocutory applications pending, if any, in this Writ Petition, shall stand closed."

Dissatisfied with the order, the University preferred **W.A.No.132 of 2025** before the Hon'ble Division Bench of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh vide judgment dated 24.03.2025 in **W.A.No.132 of 2025** the following directions are issued:

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21. In view of the above, the writ appeal is allowed, setting aside the orders impugned. Consequently, G.O.Ms.No.19, Higher Education (RM) Department, dated 10.07.2024 so far as it relates to the petitioner is set aside and the matter is remitted back to the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory & Monitoring Commission for deciding the matter afresh after affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner institution as envisaged in the Rules."

7. APHERMC Notification:

The Commission has issued a notification dated 16.11.2023 for 50% Seats with regard to Medical, Dental and Para-medical programmes and 35% of Seats in every other programmes offered by the Private Universities in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the block period 2024-27, proposing to review and determine the fee structure for the block period 2024-25 to 2026-27. It applies to this University also. A copy of it is **Annexure-I**.

8. Data Processing:

The Aditya University offering various programmes are required to submit the relevant data including their audited financial statements for the years 2021-22, 2022-23 and estimated cost for the year 2023-24 in the prescribed Schedules No.1 to 31, following the Regulations and notification stated above. The Aditya University provided data relating to the college prior to its conversation in

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schedules from 1 to 31 for regulation of fee for the block period 2024-27.

Since the University is newly established w.e.f.01.03.2024 as per G.O.Ms.No.13, Higher Education (RM) Department dated 13.03.2024 in view of AP Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2024 (Act No.2 of 2024), the material provided by the institution since related to the college having its existence before it is converted to Brownfield University, it is of no avail.

9. Personal Hearing:

The Commission has issued notice requesting the Registrar of the Aditya University to attend the personal hearing on 27.05.2025 along with all the required documents affording a reasonable opportunity to defend their proposals fee for the ensuing block period with supporting documents.

This University requested an extension of time citing summer vacation being the reason. Vacation for the students or teachers cannot be the reason to adjourn the personal hearing since it was given intimation of the proposed hearing was given well in advance and that, its office was available to attend this necessity as is evident from the communications sent to the Commission. Such a request obviously could not stand requiring rejection. Thus, an opportunity is given in consonance with Rule 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017, before determining the fee/fees and following the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in the judgment in W.A.No.132 of 2025 dated 24.03.2025. But Aditya University did not attend the personal hearing though sufficient time has been given to them for appearing before the Commission and failed to avail the opportunity. The Commission, therefore is required to determine their request for fee for various courses, basing on the material available. **A copy of the notice is Annexure - II**

10. Proposed Fee Structure:

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The Commission keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court dated 24.03.2025 in W.A.No.132 of 2025, and the conventional practice in vogue, with reference to new institution/course/colleges etc., which is being followed steadfast by the Commission and which was also followed by the then AFRC and consistently notified by the Government whenever exercise of fee fixation for difference courses/disciplines/colleges/programmes is recommended by the Commission, the Commission has resolved and determined the least of the fees for other Private Universities in the State of AP and at Rs.60,000/- for B.Tech Programme, Rs.99,500 for M.Tech Programme, Rs.60,000/- for MBA/IMBA programme and at Rs.60,000/- for MCA Programme as shown in **Annexure-III** which is just and appropriate. The fees recommended and shown in **Annexure-III** for the programmes holds good for the block period 2024-25 to 2026-27.

11. The Commission resolved to recommend uploading the minutes relating to concessional/subsidised fee structure of Aditya University for the Block period 2024-25 to 2026-27 on the official website of the Commission.

Resolutions:

1. Considering all the facts and circumstances, upon hearing the Private University management, the Commission resolved to recommend the fee structure for the block period 2024-25 to 2026-27, shown in **Annexure-III** for the Private universities.
2. These Minutes/Proceedings are available on the website of Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission i.e., <https://aphermc.ap.gov.in/>
3. Further, it is resolved to recommend that the said fee structure as given in the **ANNEXURE-III**, for the Government Quota seats of 35% in every other programmes of study other than the Medical, Dental

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& Para-Medical programmes offered by the Aditya University be considered and notified by the Government under section 7 of Act 5 of 1983 r/w Rule 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017, for the block period 2024-25 and 2026-27 subject to the following directions:

- a) The aforesaid concessional/subsidized fee structure determined for the various courses of study in the Aditya University as mentioned in **ANNEXURE-III** for the Government Quota Seats of 35% does not include hostel, transport, mess charges, Registration fee, admission fee and refundable deposits of library and laboratory fee.
- b) The minimum fee mentioned in **ANNEXURE-III** shall be applicable, subject to the recommendation of the Commission and notification by the Government, for the similarly placed new programmes, if any, started by the any University during the block period 2024-25 to 2026-27.
- c) The same fee shall continue for the students admitted during the block period 2024-25 & 2026-27, till they complete the programme.
- d) The Aditya University shall not charge either directly or indirectly any other amount over and above the fee fixed for the Government Quota Seats of 35% mentioned in the **ANNEXURE-III**. If any other amount is charged under any other head or guise i.e., donations, the same would amount to charging of capitation fee and in that case the university shall be liable to be levied penalty under Rule 13 of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017 r/w the APHERMC Act, 2019 and the APHERMC Rules, 2019 made thereunder.
- e) In case of any deviation from these directions, the Commission will initiate serious penal action as per the provisions of the Private Universities Act, APHERMC Act and Rules made there under in accordance with Law.

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- f) The universities are cautioned to maintain proper accounts following lawful practices (Accrual/ Mercantile basis of Accounting) including processing payments and receipts through Banks and follow the Regulations as well as guidelines of the Commission in submitting data for evaluation and regulation of fee proposals henceforth. In default their respective fee proposals are liable to be rejected under Regulation 5 (B)(viii) of APHERMC Regulations and such instances shall not be forwarded to the Government for fixation of fee.
- g) In case of any deviation from these directions, the Commission will initiate serious penal action as per the provisions of the Act and Rules made there under;

Sd/-

Justice M. Venkata Ramana
Chairperson

Sd/-

Prof. P. Vijaya Prakash
Vice Chairperson

Sd/-

Prof. D. Suryachandra Rao,
Member Secretary & CEO

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Prof. N.Ramanaiah,
Member Academic

Sd/-


Prof. N.P. Eswara Reddy,
Member Academic

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Noti.No.01/ADMN/APHERMC/2023

NOTIFICATION

- Ref: 1. A.P. Private Universities Act, 2016 (Act No 3 of 2016) as amended time to time.
2. G.O.Ms.No.22, Higher Education (EC) Department, dated 18.05.2017 as amended by G.O.Ms.No.51, Higher Education (EC) Department, dated 23.09.2021.

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All the Private Universities in the State of Andhra Pradesh are called up on to submit the fee proposals for the programmes namely UG, PG etc., for the block period 2024-25 to 2026-27 for determinations of fee structure by A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission being the Regulatory Authority under Section 2 (12-A, 23) and Section 33-A of A.P. Private Universities Act, 2016.

The fee proposals shall be submitted from **18.11.2023** onwards. Processing charges shall be paid as displayed in the website; programme-wise data shall be submitted.

A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission will not determine/recommend any fee in the case of failure to submit the fee proposals or with incomplete data, that disables the Private Universities from collecting any fee from the students admitted towards Government Quota seats.

Guidelines/instructions mentioned in the annexures assist and help in filling up the data programme-wise.

Last date of submission of data online is **01.12.2023**.

Place: Tadepalli,

Date: 16.11.2023

Member Secretary (FAC)

A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and
Monitoring Commission

MEMBER SECRETARY (FAC)
(A.P. HIGHER EDUCATION REGULATORY
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Annexure - A

**ANDHRA PRADESH HIGHER EDUCATION
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Lr.No. 371 /ADMN/APHERMC/2025

Date:19.05.2025

From
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Monitoring Commission (APHERMC)
Tadepalli, Guntur District-522 501

To
The Registrar
ADTPPU - ADITYA UNIVERSITY -
SURAMPALEM - East Godavari
Andhra Pradesh.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: APHERMC – Regulation of Fee Structure for Various UG and PG Programmes Offered by **Aditya University, Surampalem, East Godavari District** – Government Quota of 50% Seats for Medical, Dental, and Para-medical Programmes, and 35% of Seats in all Other Programmes – Block Period 2024-25 to 2026-27 – Request to Attend Personal Hearing in Compliance with Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court Order in W.A. No. 132 of 2025 – Reg.

Ref:

1. APHERMC Notification.No.01/ADMN/APHERMC/2023, dated 16.11.2023.
2. APHERMC Act, 2019; APHERMC Rules, 2019; and APHERMC Regulations, 2020.
3. AP Private Universities Act, 2016.
4. Lr.No.547/ADMN/APHERMC/2024, dated 04.07.2024, Recommendation of fee proposals APHERMC forwarded to Government for notification.
5. G.O.Ms.19, Higher Education (RM) Department, dated 10.07.2024.
6. Judgment of the Hon'ble Division Bench of the High Court in W.A. No.132 of 2025, dated 24.03.2025.

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With reference to the subject and the ref. cited above, the Commission hereby directs you to appear for the **Personal Hearing** scheduled on **27.05.2025 at 11:00 A.M.**, at Sree Mahendra Enclave, NRI (C-Block), NH-16, Tadepalli, Guntur District – 522501, in compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court passed in Writ Appeal No. 132 of 2025, dated 24.03.2025 (vide. 6th ref.).

This opportunity is being provided once again in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court.

RamB 19/5/25 Chitanyu.B 19/5/2025

MEMBER SECRETARY & CEO

Member Secretary & CEO
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Regulatory & Monitoring Commission

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ANNEXURE - III

Fee Structure for 35% of Government Quota of seats (programme wise) in ADITYA UNIVERSITY (ADTPPU), Surampalem, East Godavari District, for the block period 2024-25 to 2026-27 as per U/S 33-A, Proviso 2 of A.P. Private Universities, Act, 2016.		
S.No.	Programme Name	Per Student Per Year Fee (Rs.)
1.	B.Tech.	60000
2.	M.Tech.	99500
3.	MCA	60000
4.	MBA/IMBA	60000

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**ANDHRA PRADESH ACTS, ORDINANCES AND
REGULATIONS Etc.,**

The following Act of the Andhra Pradesh Legislature received the assent of the Governor on the 8th January, 2016 and the said assent is hereby first published on the 11th January, 2016 in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette for general information:-

ACT No.3 of 2016

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH WITH OBJECTS TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY, RESEARCH ORIENTED AND INDUSTRY RELEVANT HIGHER EDUCATION LEADING TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND EQUITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO (GER) AND FOR THE MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Andhra Pradesh in the Sixty-sixth year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY

Short title,
extent and
Commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh.

- (3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

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

*Central Act
No.52 of 1987.* (1) “AICTE” means the All India Council for Technical Education established under section 3 of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987;

*Central Act
No.21 of 1860.* (2) “AIU” means the Association of Indian Universities Registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860;

(3) “BCI” means the Bar Council of India;

¹ [(3-A) “Brownfield University” means a university established under this Act by converting an existing College(s) that is, -

- (i) located in a geographically contiguous area in an extent of land not less than 50 acres; and
- (ii) engaged in teaching and research at ²[Undergraduate and Postgraduate] or Higher Levels in the state of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (iii) ³[possessing valid institutional Accreditation by NAAC with at least 3.2 CGPA for two cycles OR NBA accreditation for two-thirds of eligible programmes for two cycles OR NIRF rank among top 50 in any specific category/among top 100 in overall rankings for two years; and]
- (iv) Willing to invest in the existing college a minimum of Rs.250 crores furthermore in the course of three (3) years from the date of notification; and
- (v) ⁴[Possessing tie-up for Joint Certification of Degrees for all programmes of study, with at least one of the top 100 Universities in the latest rankings of world-renowned ranking frameworks (such as Times Higher Education or QS World University Rankings) as a pre-requisite; and]
- (vi) Willing to allot of students in Government Quota, as provided for under the Act:

¹ Sub. by the APPU Amendment Act No.7 of 2022 w.e.f. 12.01.2022.

² Sub. by the APPU Amendment Act No.40 of 2023 w.e.f. 06.01.2021

³ Sub. by the APPU Amendment Act No.40 of 2023 w.e.f. 06.01.2021

⁴ Sub. by the APPU Amendment Act No.40 of 2023 w.e.f. 06.01.2021

Provided that College(s) shall submit a proposal duly satisfying the above requisite conditions to be converted into Brownfield University:

Provided further that the Government shall at its sole discretion examine each proposal and give permission for such proposals which fulfil all the requirements under this Act and in accordance with the rules therein.]

(4) “Central Government” means the Government of India.

¹ [(4-A) “College” means self-financing college(s)/institution(s) of Higher Education affiliated to any State University;]

(5) “Constituent College or Institution” means and includes a college or institution of the Sponsoring body;

(6) “CSIR” means the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860;

(7) “DBT” means the Department of Biotechnology of the Central Government;

(8) “DST” means the Department of Science and Technology of the Central Government;

(9) ² [* * * * *]

(10) “Expert Committee” means a Committee of eminent persons notified by the Government to promote, facilitate and assist in establishment of new Private Universities in Andhra Pradesh constituted under section 8;

(11) “Fee” means collection of amounts made by the University from students for different purposes under different heads and which is nonrefundable;

(12) “Government” means the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

³ [(12-A) “Government Quota Seats” means the seats to be filled under Government Quota in accordance with the provisions of the Act;]

⁴ [(13) “Greenfield University” means a university established under this Act fresh for the first time ⁵[* *] without any consideration to any existing educational institution(s) or anything related to such institutions(s) and that is,-

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⁴ Sub. by the APPU Amendment Act No.7 of 2022 w.e.f. 12.01.2022.

⁵ Omitted by the APPU Amendment Act No.40 of 2023 w.e.f. 06.01.2021.

- (i) Located in a geographically contiguous area in an extent of land not less than 50 acres; and
- (ii) willing to invest a minimum of Rs.250 Crores for establishing a university and furthermore in the course of three years; and
- (iii) willing to allot students in Government Quota, as provided for under the Act ¹;
- ²[(iv) Possessing tie-up for Joint Certification of Degrees for all programmes of study, with at least one of the top 100 Universities in the latest rankings of world-renowned ranking frameworks (such as Times Higher Education or QS World University Rankings) as a pre-requisite.]

Provided that the Sponsoring Body intending to establish the University shall submit a proposal duly satisfying the above requisite conditions to be established as Greenfield University:

Provided further that the Government shall at its sole discretion examine each proposal and give permission for such proposals which fulfil all the requirements under this Act and in accordance with the rules therein;]

(14) “Higher Education” means study of a curriculum or course for the pursuit of knowledge beyond 10+2 level;

Central Act No.21 of 1860. (15) “ICAR” means the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860;

Central Act No.102 of 1956. (16) “MCI” means the Medical Council of India constituted under the Medical Council Act, 1956;

(17) “NAAC” means the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, an autonomous institution of the UGC;

Central Act No.73 of 1993. (18) “NCTE” means the National Council for Teacher Education established under the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993;

(19) “Notification” means a notification published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette and the word ‘notified’ shall be construed accordingly;

Central Act No.8 of 1948. (20) “PCI” means Pharmacy Council of India constituted under section 4 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948;

(21) “Prescribed” means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(22) “Private University” means a University established under section 3 of this Act and hereafter also referred to as University;

¹ Sub. by the APPU Amendment Act No.40 of 2023 w.e.f. 06.01.2021.

² Ins. by the APPU Amendment Act No.40 of 2023 w.e.f. 06.01.2021.

(23) ¹ [“Regulatory Authority” means the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission established under Section 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission Act, 2019 (Act No.20 of 2019);]

Act No.20 of 2019

(24) “Regulatory Body” means and includes a body such as UGC, AICTE, NCTE, MCI, PCI, NAAC, ICAR, DBT, DST, CSIR, BCI established by the Central Government or Government for maintenance of standard of higher education;

(25) “Regulations” means regulations made by any authority of the University under section 31;

(26) “Rules” means rules made under section 45;

(27) “Schedule” means the Schedule appended to this Act;

(28) “Specified” means specified by Ordinances, Statutes and Regulations under this Act;

(29) “Sponsoring body” in relation to a University established under this Act means,-

Central Act No.21 of 1860, Act No.35 of 2001 (i) a society “not for profit” registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001; or

Central Act No.2 of 1882. (ii) a public trust “not for profit” registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882; or
(iii) any other society or trust “not for profit” registered as above and formed by consortia of academic institution(s), industry and/or educational societies; or

Central Act No.13 of 2013 (iv) any company registered under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013; or

(v) any company other than the company mentioned in item (iv), with such limitations as specified by the Government from time to time.

(30) ² [“State University” means a university established under an Act of the Andhra Pradesh State Legislature other than the Private Universities established under Section 3 of the Act;]

(31) “Statutes” and “Ordinances” mean the Statutes and the Ordinances of the University made under this Act;

(32) “Student” means a student of the University and includes any person enrolled in the University for pursuing any course of study for a

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degree, diploma or other academic distinction duly instituted by the University, including a research degree;

(33) “Teacher” means a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, or any other person required to impart education or to guide research or render guidance in any other form to the students for pursuing a course of study of the University;

(34) “UGC” means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

*Central Act
No.3 of 1956.*

CHAPTER II

ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITY

*Establishment
of University.*

3. (1) The Government may permit the establishment of a University by inclusion of the name and location of the University, the name and address of the Sponsoring body and details of its registration in the Schedule;
- (2) The location of the University shall be within the State of Andhra Pradesh and shall be notified by the Government;
- (3) ¹[The University may be a Greenfield or Brownfield and unitary in nature and shall not have power to affiliate and/or recognize any college or institution;]
- (4) The University shall normally be permitted to have one campus to start with:
Provided that the Government may, under exceptional circumstances such as starting of few specialized courses close by the industrial clusters, if it deems fit, permit two additional campuses centers subject to adherence to quality levels and satisfactory accreditation standards as may be specified;
Provided further that the Government may permit to open additional campuses centers beyond the initial three campuses, if any, anywhere within the State of Andhra Pradesh subject to satisfactory running for a period of five years and an fulfilment of such infrastructure and other requirements as may be specified by Government;
- (5) The University will be free to and is encouraged to use technology extensively as a part of its curriculum in line with modern pedagogic concepts;
- (6) The University may be permitted by the Government to conduct distance education programmes after satisfactory running for a

¹ Subs. by the APPU Amendment Act No.20 of 2021 w.e.f. 06.08.2021.

period of five years and after satisfactory demonstration of quality levels and accreditation standards;

- (7) The Governing Body, the Board of Management, the Academic Council and the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar, the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer and such other officers or authorities, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership of the respective University specified in Schedule, hereby constitute a body corporate by the name of the said University;
- (8) Each such University shall be a body corporate by the name included in the Schedule and shall have perpetual succession and common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Act, to acquire and hold property, to contract and shall, by the said name, sue or be sued;
- (9) The Universities shall not claim, as a matter of right, any grant-in-aid or other financial assistance from Central Government or the Government;

Provided that this shall not prohibit any Private University from applying for research projects or any other prescribed academic projects which may or may not entail financial grants from the Central Government or the State Government or any other institution.

Goals and
objects and the
University.

4. The Goals and Objects of the University shall be as follows:-

- (a) to provide for instruction, teaching, learning and training in the University in the field of higher education and make provisions for research, advancement and dissemination of knowledge;
- (b) to establish and maintain a campus with international standards of education;
- (c) to create higher levels of intellectual abilities;
- (d) to create and maintain centers of excellence, for research and development and for sharing knowledge and its application;
- (e) to encourage and use the latest technology for education, research and training;
- (f) to develop state-of-art facilities for education, research and training;
- (g) to establish educational programmes for diplomas, degrees and postgraduate courses, doctorate degrees and post-doctoral programmes;

- (h) to collaborate with national and global institutions for offering programmes and creating capabilities for upgrading programmes;
- (i) to confer degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions on the basis of an approved method as established by the academic council of the University;
- (j) to ensure that the standards of the degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions are higher than those laid down by the Regulatory Bodies;
- (k) to establish appropriate linkages with industry & society so that the programmes so offered are relevant to industry & society at large; and
- (l) to pursue any other objectives as may be approved by the Government:

Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and save as provided in any Central Act, the University shall be eligible to undertake the functions of disseminating of knowledge only in the fields for which the Government has issued Letter of Intent or in the fields subsequently approved by the Government.

Powers and functions of the University.

5. The University shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions, namely:-

- (1) administer and manage the University;
- (2) establish, administer and manage the University's constituent colleges, schools, institutes and centers for research, education, training, extension and outreach;
- (3) provide an ecosystem for research, higher education including professional education, teaching, learning, training, extension and outreach in the approved fields of education;
- (4) conduct programmes and courses of study that are in the opinion of the University, necessary for the furtherance of its objects;
- (5) conduct innovative experiments in educational technologies, teaching and learning methods that improve the delivery of education and assist in achieving international standards of education;
- (6) offer joint programmes in collaboration with national and international institutions recognized by Regulatory Bodies;
- (7) hold examinations and confer degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions or titles on persons subject to such

condition as the University may determine and to withdraw or cancel any such degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions or titles in the manner specified by the Regulations;

- (8) confer honorary degrees or other distinctions in the manner provided by the Statutes;
- (9) establish a new constituent college, institution or center for furtherance of its objects;
- (10) collaborate with other national and international Universities, and acquire membership of bodies, authorities, or associations, in such manner and for such purpose as the University may determine by Statutes;
- (11) sponsor and undertake research and educational programmes in the approved fields of education and obtain the intellectual property rights for such research or any other research;
- (12) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, prizes, medals and other awards;
- (13) regulate the expenditure, manage the finances and maintain the accounts of the University;
- (14) fix, demand and receive or recover fees and such other charges as may be prescribed by the Statutes;
- (15) receive funds, movable and immovable properties, from business, industry, other sections of society, national and international;
- (16) to purchase or to take on lease or accept as gifts, bequests, legacies or otherwise any land or building or works which may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the University and on such terms and conditions as it may think fit and proper and to construct or alter and maintain any such building or works;
- (17) to sell, exchange, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any portion of the properties of the University, movable or immovable, with the prior permission of the Government, on such terms as it may think fit and consistent with the interest, activities and objects of the University;
- (18) to draw and accept, to make and endorse, to discount and negotiate promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques and other negotiable instruments;
- (19) to raise and borrow money on bond, mortgages, promissory notes or other obligations or securities founded or based upon all or any of the properties and assets of the University or without any securities with the prior permission of the Government and upon such terms and conditions as it may

think fit and to payout of the funds of the University, all expenses incidental to the raising of money, and to repay and redeem any money borrowed;

- (20) to invest the funds of the University in or upon such securities and transpose any investment from time to time with the prior permission of the Government in such manner as it may deem fit in the interest of the University;
- (21) to execute conveyances regarding transfers, mortgages, leases, licenses, agreements, and other conveyances in respect of property, movable or immovable including Government securities belonging to the University or to be acquired for the purpose of the University with the prior permission of the Government;
- (22) to admit students for the courses offered by the University in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances; to create academic, technical, administrative, ministerial and other posts prescribing qualifications by the Ordinances and to make appointments thereto;
- (23) to create academic, technical, administrative, ministerial and other posts prescribing qualifications by the Ordinances and to make appointments thereto;
- (24) to institute professorships, associate professorships, assistant professorships, readerships, lectureships, and any other teaching, academic or research posts and to prescribe by the Statutes, the qualifications for the persons to be appointed on such posts;
- (25) to appoint qualified persons as professors, associate professors, assistant professors, or as teachers and researchers or other officers of the University in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes;
- (26) to delegate all or any of its powers (except the power to make regulations) to any officer or authority of the University; and
- (27) to do all such acts and things as the University may consider necessary conducive or incidental to the attainment or enlargement of all or any of the objects.

Application for
establishment
of a University

6. Any Sponsoring body desirous of establishing a Private University shall make an application to the Government, containing, among other things, an outline of the purpose and vision of the proposed Private University, the proposal, and the Project Report in such manner, with such particulars and along with such fee as may be prescribed.

Project Report

7. In addition to the particulars as may be stated in section 6, the project report shall contain the following, namely:-

- (a) Details of the Sponsoring body along with the copies of its registration certificate, constitution and bye-laws;
- (b) Information regarding financial resources of the Sponsoring body along with audited financial statements for the last five years;
- (c) Name, location and headquarters of the proposed University;
- (d) Track record, experience and expertise of the Sponsoring Body in specific disciplines;
- (e) Plan for pre-commencement activities, including in academic & non-academic areas;
- (f) Projected detailed financial statements, and key operating ratios, detailed break-up of sources of revenues including student fees, ancillary income from student services such as student housing, and other professional income such as through consulting;
- (g) Proposed fee structure, and proposed minimum concessions or rebates in fee or free-ships and scholarships to the poor students from economically poor or socially backward families, including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes and physically challenged students;
- (h) System proposed to be followed for appointment of faculty and other employees in the University;
- (i) Details of facilities proposed to be created for sports and other extra-curricular activities;
- (j) Proposed approach & initial plan for academic & research excellence, including accreditations to be sought;
- (k) Other required details as may be notified from time to time.

The power of Government for constituting Expert Committee and factors to consider proposal

- 8.** (1) The Government shall constitute an Expert Committee consisting of such persons as may be prescribed, to examine the application received under sections 6 and 7;
- (2) The Expert Committee shall consider the proposal and the project report based on the information given under sections 6 and 7 and recommend or otherwise whether the proposal to set up a Private University is acceptable and whether the Sponsoring body is competent to set up and manage the University;

- (3) The Expert Committee shall consider each proposal and project report with reference to the following factors:
- (a) financial soundness and assets of the Sponsoring body and its ability to setup the infrastructure of the proposed University;
 - (b) background of the Sponsoring body such as experience in the field of education, its credibility and general reputation;
 - (c) potentiality of the programmes and courses to be offered which are not only of conventional nature but also in tune with the contemporary requirements of emerging branches of learning and relevant to various development sectors and to the society in general;
 - (d) appropriateness of the objectives of the proposed University against the overall goals & objectives of the State; and
 - (e) any other factor that the Expert Committee may deem appropriate.
- (4) The Expert Committee, while considering the proposal and the project report, may call for such other information from the Sponsoring body as it thinks proper for the purpose.
- (5) The Expert Committee shall endeavor to present its recommendations to the Government within 60 days of its receipt of the application from the Government;

Additional
Measures

9.The Expert Committee may recommend to the Government appropriate additional measures for Private Universities, from time to time.

Letter of
intent

10.(1) After receipt of the recommendations of the Expert Committee under section 8, the Government shall, as far as possible within a period of 30 days, take a decision on accepting, rejecting, or seeking modifications in the proposal and project report;

Provided that Government may consider the additional measures as recommended by the Expert Committee under section 9;

- (2) The Government shall inform the Sponsoring Body about its decision within 10 days of taking such decision, through a Letter of Intent, a Letter of Regret, or a letter seeking additional clarifications;
- (3) The Government, while issuing the Letter of Intent, shall require the Sponsoring body to fulfill such terms and conditions as recommended by the Expert Committee. If the letter from the

Government seeks additional clarifications, the Sponsoring Body may provide the same and that shall be considered as a re-submission of the Application;

- (4) The Sponsoring body shall fulfill the terms and conditions and report compliance to the Government within a period as prescribed from the date of issue of Letter of Intent.;

Provided that Government may further extend the term for a maximum period of one year not exceeding six months at a time if it is satisfied that the sponsoring body has taken substantial steps towards setting up of the University;

- (5) On receipt of compliance report, the Government shall, within a period of one month, request the Expert Committee, constituted under Section 8 or constitute another similar Committee, to verify the compliance report within a period of 30 days.

Establishment
of University
by amending
Schedule

11. If the Government is satisfied that the Sponsoring body has complied with the conditions of Letter of Intent and on the specific recommendations of the Expert Committee, it shall endeavor within a maximum period of seven months for inclusion of the name of the University in Schedule with details of its location(s) by ¹[duly amending the schedule of the Act through AP State Legislature].

11-A. (1) The Sponsoring Body for establishment of an institution under the Act, which got an LoI on or after the commencement of the Andhra Pradesh Act No.20 of 2021 (i.e., 06.08.2021), shall secure tie-up for Joint Certification of Degrees as required under the applicable Clause (13) or (3-A) of Section 2 of the Act.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this law or any other law for the time being in force, until the time such institution secures tie-up for Joint Certification of Degrees as required under the Act, they shall not function as a degree awarding Universities and they will be given “consent to pursue” status for securing tie-up for Joint Certification of Degrees and the institution.

(a) shall function as a College(s) by affiliating itself to a State University of the concerned jurisdiction for all of its programmes of study

(b) shall be regulated by the rules of admission and seat sharing etc., as applicable to a College affiliated to the State University.

(3) From the time the institution secures a tie-up for Joint Certification of Degrees as required under the Act, to the satisfaction of the Expert Committee constituted under Section 8 of the Act, it shall be notified by the Government as a University entitled to award its joint degrees

¹ Substituted by APPU Act, 2018 (Act No.18 of 2018)

Management
of certain
Institutions

- 12.** Subject to the provision of subsection (4) of section 3, the University may, as and when it deems fit and proper, establish and manage and additional campuses, centers for research, education, training, extension and outreach within the State of Andhra Pradesh.

University
open to all
Irrespective of
sex, religion,
class, creed or
opinion

- 13.** (1) No person shall be excluded from any office of the University or from membership of any of its authorities or from admission to any degree, diploma or other academic distinction or course of study on the ground of sex, race, creed, class, caste, place of birth religious belief or political or other opinion;

(2) It shall not be lawful for the University to impose on any person any test whatsoever relating to sex, race, creed, caste, class, place of birth, religious belief or political or other opinion in order to entitle him to be admitted as a student or to hold any officer or post in the University or to qualify for any degree, diploma or other academic distinction or to enjoy or exercise any privileges of the University or any benefaction thereof.

CHAPTER III

OFFICERS OF UNIVERSITY

Officers of
University

- 14.** The following shall be the officers of the University, namely:-
- (a) The Chancellor;
 - (b) The Vice Chancellor;
 - (c) The Registrar;
 - (d) The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer; and
 - (e) such other officers as may be declared by the Statutes to be the officers of the University.

Chancellor

- 15.** (1) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Sponsoring body from a panel of three names selected by a Search Committee, by following such procedure and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

Explanation: For the purposes of this Chapter, "Search Committee" shall mean a Search Committee constituted by the Sponsoring body and consisting of a minimum of three members nominated from the Board of Management.

- (2) The Chancellor shall be the head of the University.
- (3) The Chancellor shall preside at the meetings of the Governing Body and at the convocation of the University for conferring degrees, diplomas or other academic distinctions and in his absence by any other member of the Governing Body nominated by it.

- (4) The Chancellor shall have the following powers, namely,-
 - (a) to call for any information or record;
 - (b) to remove the Vice Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 16;
 - (c) such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
- (5) The term of the office of the Chancellor shall be as may be specified in the Statute.

Vice-
Chancellor

16. (1) The Vice Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor from out of a panel of three persons recommended by the Search Committee shall, and subject to the provisions of sub-section (6) hold office for a term of three years or up to the age of 70 years whichever is earlier;

Provided that after expiry of the term of three years, a person shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three years subject to the upper age limit of 70 years;

Provided further that a Vice Chancellor shall continue to hold office even after expiry of his term till a new Vice Chancellor takes charge of the office, but in any case this period shall not exceed one year;

Provided also that the Chancellor may appoint the first Vice-Chancellor for a period of one year or until a regular Vice-Chancellor is appointed under this section whichever is earlier;

(2) The Vice Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall exercise general superintendence and control over the affairs of the University and shall execute the decisions of various authorities of the University.

(3) Where, in the opinion of the Vice Chancellor, it is necessary to take immediate action on any matter for which powers are conferred on any other officer or authority by or under this Act, he may take such action as he deems necessary and shall at the earliest opportunity thereafter report his action to such officer or authority as would have in the ordinary course dealt with the matter:

Provided that if in the opinion of the concerned officer or authority such action should not have been taken by the Vice Chancellor then such case shall be referred to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final:

Provided further that where any such action taken by the Vice Chancellor affects any person in the service of the University, such person shall be entitled to prefer, within three months from the date on which such action is communicated to him, an appeal to the Governing Body and it may confirm or modify or reverse the action taken by the Vice Chancellor.

(4) Where, in the opinion of the Vice Chancellor, decision of any officer or authority of the University is not within the powers conferred by this Act or is likely to be prejudicial to the interest of the University, he shall request the concerned authority to revise its decision within fifteen days from the date of its decision and in case the authority refuses to revise such decision wholly or partly or fails to take any decision within fifteen days, then such matter shall be referred to the Chancellor and his decision thereon shall be final.

(5) The Vice Chancellor shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be specified by the Statutes or the Ordinances.

(6) If, at any time upon representation made or otherwise and after making such inquiry as may be deemed necessary, the situation so warrants and if the continuance of the Vice-Chancellor is not in the interests of the university, the Chancellor may, by an order in writing stating the reasons therein, ask the Vice-Chancellor to relinquish his office from such date as may be specified in the order:

Provided that before taking an action under this sub-section, the Vice Chancellor shall be given an opportunity of being heard, in person.

Registrar

- 17.** (1) The appointment of the Registrar shall be made by the Chancellor in such manner as may be specified by the Statutes;
- (2) All contracts shall be signed and all documents and records shall be authenticated by the Registrar on behalf of the University;
- (3) The Registrar shall be the Member-Secretary of the Governing Body, the Board of Management and the Academic Council but he shall not have a right to vote;
- (4) The Registrar shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be specified in the Statutes or the Ordinances.

Chief Finance
& Accounts
Officer

- 18.** (1) The appointment of the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall be made by the Chancellor in such manner as may be specified by the Statutes;
- (2) The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be specified in the Statutes or the Ordinances.

Other
Officers

- 19.** (1) The University may appoint such other officers as may be necessary for its functioning;
- (2) The manner of appointment of other officers of the University and their powers and functions shall be such as may be specified in the Statutes or the Ordinances.

CHAPTER IV

AUTHORITIES OF UNIVERSITY

Authorities of
the University

20. The following shall be the authorities of the University, namely:-

- (a) The Governing Body;
- (b) The Board of Management;
- (c) The Academic Council; and
- (d) such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be the authorities of the University.

Constitution,
Tenure, Powers,
Quorum, etc. of
the Governing
Body

21.(1) The Governing Body of the University shall consist of at least six members, including the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, and the remaining members to be nominated by the sponsoring body who shall be eminent people of standing; in the fields as may be specified:

Provided that it shall be the duty of sponsoring body, to maintain the gender parity, in nominating women members not less than one half of the total members in the composition of the Governing body.

(2) (a) Save as otherwise provided in this section, the term of nominated members of the Board shall be a minimum of three and a maximum of five years from the date of nomination:

Provided that each nominated member is eligible to hold the position for additional term not more than 10 years.

- (b) An ex-officio member shall continue so long as he holds the office by virtue of which he is such a member;
- (c) As nearly as one third of the nominated members, except the ex-officio member shall retire by rotation each year. In the first two instances, the Board may decide the procedure to identify the members who will retire;
- (d) A member may resign his office by informing in writing to the Chairperson, but he shall continue in office until his resignation has been accepted.

(3) The Governing Body shall be the overarching supervisory and statutory authority of the University. All the movable and immovable property of the University shall vest in the Governing Body;

(4) The Governing Body shall have the following powers, namely,-

- (a) to provide general superintendence and directions and to control functioning of the University by using all such powers as are provided by this Act;
- (b) to review the decisions of other authorities of the University in case they are not in conformity with the provisions of this Act;
- (c) to approve the budget and annual report of the University;

- (d) to lay down the extensive policies to be followed by the University;
 - (e) to recommend to the Sponsoring body about the voluntary liquidation of the University; and
 - (f) such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.
 - (g) to vest to the Board of Management or any other entity or official of the University such of its powers as it deems appropriate, along with the appropriate governance mechanism;
- (5) The Governing Body shall meet at least four times in a financial year with one meeting in each quarter;
- (6) A minimum of one-half of the members shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Governing Body;

Board of
Management

- 22.** (1) The Board of Management shall consist of a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 members, including the following persons,-
- (a) the Vice Chancellor;
 - (b) up to one-fourth members of the Board of Management to be nominated by the Sponsoring body;
 - (c) eminent persons from the fields of Management, Finance, Science & Technology or Public Administration, who are not the members of the Governing Body, to be nominated by the Sponsoring body;
 - (d) persons from amongst the Heads of Departments of the University, to be nominated by the Sponsoring body.

Provided that it shall be the duty of the sponsoring body, to maintain the gender parity in nominating women members in any case not less than one fourth and not more than one half of total members in the composition of the Board.

- (2) The Vice Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Management:

Provided that in the absence of the Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor may, at his discretion, nominate any other member of the Governing Body to be the Chairperson of the Board of Management.

- (3) The Powers and functions of the Board of Management shall be such as may be specified by the Statutes;
- (4) The Board of Management shall meet at least once in every two months;
- (5) A minimum of one-half of the members shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Board of Management;

- Academic Council **23.** (1) The Academic Council shall consist of the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar and such other members as may be specified by the Statutes;
- (2) The Vice Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Academic Council;
- (3) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the rules made thereunder, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University;
- (4) The quorum for meetings of the Academic Council shall be such as may be specified by the Statutes.

- Disqualifications **24.** (1) A person shall be disqualified from being a member of any of the authorities or bodies of the University, if,-
- (a) he is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court;
- (b) he is an undischarged insolvent;
- (c) he has been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude;
- (d) he is conducting or engaging himself in private coaching with or without pecuniary gain; or
- (e) he has been punished for indulging in or promoting unfair practice in the conduct of any examination, in any form, anywhere.

- Vacancies not to invalidate the constitution of, or the proceedings of any authority or body of University **25.** No act or proceedings of any authority of the University shall be invalid merely by reason of any vacancy in or defect in the constitution of any authority or body of the University.

- Constitution of committees **26.** The authorities of the University may constitute such committees with such terms of reference as may be necessary for specific tasks to be performed by such committees. The constitution of such committees, powers to be exercised and duties to be performed shall be such as may be specified by the Statutes.

CHAPTER V

STATUTES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

- First Statutes **27.** (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, and the rules made thereunder, the First Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

- (a) the constitution, powers and functions of the authorities and other bodies of the University as may be constituted from time to time;
 - (b) the terms and conditions of appointment of the Vice Chancellor, his powers and functions;
 - (c) the manner and terms and conditions of appointment of the Registrar and The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer, their powers and functions;
 - (d) the manner and terms and conditions of appointment of other officers and teachers and their powers and functions;
 - (e) the terms and conditions of service of employees of the University;
 - (f) the procedure for arbitration in cases of disputes between employees or students and the University;
 - (g) the conferment of honorary degrees;
 - (h) framing of policy for admissions, including regulation of reservation of seats;
 - (i) fees to be charged from students; and
 - (j) the provisions regarding exemption from payment of tuition fee and awarding scholarships and fellowships to the students.
- (2) The First Statutes of the University shall be made by the Governing Body and shall be submitted to the Government for its approval;
- (3) The Government shall consider the First Statutes, submitted by the University and shall approve it as far as possible within two months from the date of its receipt, with or without modifications, as it may deem necessary provided that the Government shall mention reasons for such modifications, if any;
- (4) The University shall communicate its agreement to the First Statutes as approved by the Government, and if it desires not to give effect to any or all the modifications made by the Government under sub-section (3), it may give reasons therefore and after considering such reason, the Government may or may not accept the suggestions made by the University.
- (5) The Government shall publish the First Statutes, as finally approved by it, in the *Andhra Pradesh Gazette*, and thereafter it shall come into force from the date of such publication.

Subsequent
Statutes

28. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made there under, the subsequent Statutes of the University may provide for all or any of the following matter, namely,-

- (a) Creation of new authorities of the University;
 - (b) accounting policy and financial procedure;
 - (c) representation of teachers in the authorities of the University;
 - (d) Creation of new departments and abolition or restructuring of existing department;
 - (e) institution of medals and prizes;
 - (f) procedure for creation and abolition of posts;
 - (g) revision of fees;
 - (h) alteration of the number of seats in different disciplines; and
 - (i) all other matters which by or under the provisions of this Act require to be specified by the Statutes.
- (2) The Statutes of the University other than the First Statutes shall be made by the Board of Management with the approval of the Governing Body;
- (3) The Statutes made under sub-section (2) shall be submitted to the Government and it may approve or, if it considers necessary, give reasoned suggestions for modification as far as possible within two months from the date of receipt of the Statutes;
- (4) The Governing Body shall consider the modifications suggested by the Government and return the Statutes to it with its agreement to such changes or with its comments on the suggestions made by the Government;
- (5) The Government shall consider the comments of the Governing Body and may approve the Statutes with or without modifications and it shall be published by it in the *Andhra Pradesh Gazette*, and shall come into force from the date of such publication.

First Ordinances

29. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the rules and the Statutes made thereunder, the first Ordinances may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely,-

- (a) the admission of students to the University and their enrolment as such;
- (b) the courses of study to be laid down for degrees and diplomas of the University;

- (c) the award of degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions, the minimum qualifications for the same;
 - (d) the rules & procedures for award of fellowships, scholarships, stipends, medals and prizes;
 - (e) the conduct of examinations, including the terms of office and manner of appointment and the duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators;
 - (f) fees to be charged for the various courses, examinations, degrees or diplomas of the University;
 - (g) provision of various student facilities & services provided by the University including but not limited to student housing;
 - (h) Provision regarding disciplinary action against the students;
 - (i) the creation, composition and functions of any other body which is considered necessary for improving the academic standards of the University;
 - (j) the manner of co-operation and collaboration with other Universities and institutions of higher education;
 - (k) such other matters which are required to be provided by the Ordinance by or under this Act.
- (2) The First Ordinance of University shall be made by the Vice Chancellor which, after being approved by the Board of Management, shall be submitted to the Government for its approval;
- (3) The Government shall consider the First Ordinances submitted by the Vice Chancellor under sub-section (2) as far as possible within two months from the date of its receipt and may approve it or give reasoned suggestions for modifications therein;
- (4) The Vice Chancellor shall either modify the Ordinances incorporating the suggestion of the Government or give reasons for not incorporating any of the suggestions made by the Government and shall return the First Ordinances, after due consideration by the Board of Management, to the Government and on receipt of the same, it shall consider the comments of the Vice Chancellor and may approve the First Ordinances of the University with or without such modifications and it shall then be published by the Government in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, and it shall come into force from the date of such publication.

Subsequent Ordinances **30.** All Ordinances other than the First Ordinances shall be made by the Academic Council which after being approved by the Board of Management shall be submitted to the Government for its information and publication in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette.

Regulations **31.** The authorities of the University may, subject to the prior approval of the Board of Management make Regulations, consistent with this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the rules made thereunder, for the conduct of business of each such authority and committees constituted by each such authority.

CHAPTER VI

REGULATION AND ACCREDITATION OF UNIVERSITY

Regulation and Accreditation of University **32.**¹ [(1) The Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (APHERMC) constituted under Section 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission Act, 2019 (Act 20 of 2019) shall be the Regulatory Authority for the following purposes,-

(i) Fixing fee structure for Government Quota seats in Private Universities;

(ii) Grant accreditation to Private Universities in the manner as prescribed under the rules provided further that the parameters for accreditation shall not be in derogation of the existing regulations framed by various Central Authorities/Agencies such as UGC, AICTE, NCTE, MCI, PCI, NAAC, ICAR, DBT, DST, CSIR, BCI etc;]

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(3) The Regulatory Authority shall function under the general control of the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

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¹ Subs. by the APPU Amendment Act No.20 of 2021 w.e.f. 06.08.2021..

² Omitted by the APPU Amendment Act No.20 of 2021 w.e.f. 06.08.2021.

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⁴ Omitted by the APPU Amendment Act No.20 of 2021 w.e.f. 06.08.2021.

⁵ Omitted by the APPU Amendment Act No.20 of 2021 w.e.f. 06.08.2021.

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(11) It shall be the general duty of the Regulatory Authority ---

- (a) to take all such steps as it considers necessary for enabling maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in the private universities;
- (b) to provide the necessary guidance and supervision to the accrediting bodies;
- (c) notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force to ensure that private universities collect such fees and other charges which cover the cost of education imparted by them and also give a reasonable surplus or returns on investment capital to enable them to maintain assets and carry out further expansion or increase endowment & other funds for future growth and expansion of the University.
- (d) to ensure that a nurturing and facilitative ethos is created in the Universities that enables excellence in learning-teaching and research, while ensuring that there is no exploitation of any student from excessive collection of fee.
- (e) to take action pertaining to and pursuant upon liquidation of a private university including arrangement for completion of courses, conduct of examinations, award of degrees etc. by assigning the jobs to some other State University in such a manner that the interest of the students are not adversely affected and the expenditure made for these arrangements for the students along with the process of liquidation of the private university shall be made good from the money deposited in the endowment fund and/or general fund.

(12) When there is evidence that may necessitate inspection of the University, the Regulatory Authority shall have powers to do

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so at any time after giving sufficient prior notice of such inspection.

- (13) The findings of the Regulatory Authority shall be communicated to the University formally, with a request to rectify deficiencies or problems noted within an acceptable timeframe. At all times, the University shall have both the right to appeal to the Authority against conclusions on deficiencies or problems, as well as the responsibility to set them right expeditiously. A well-structured mechanism for appeals and their resolution shall be framed by the Authority, keeping in mind that an unnecessarily litigious environment should not be created, while working hard to enable the overall goal of the Government, viz, providing a high quality higher education framework for the State.
- (14) If the Regulatory Authority is not satisfied with the reply given and the remedial action by the University, it shall report to the Government for appropriate action.
- (15) The Government may issue directions on matters of policy to the Regulatory Authority which shall be binding.

Admissions and
Fee Structure

33. (1) The University shall have ¹[full autonomy subject to other provisions of this Act], along with full disclosure and transparency, on starting various academic programme, and the admissions process thereof, so long as it adheres fully to the admission norms that it has committed to in its approved project proposal.

(2) The University shall have ²[full autonomy subject to other provisions of this Act], along with full disclosure and transparency, on setting fees for the various programmes that it decides to offer. Fees shall be determined by each University through a Fee Fixation Committee which would consist of members drawn from Board of Management, Academic Council, as well as external members. The Fee Fixation Committee shall be headed by a member of the Board of Management.

Allocation of
Seats.

³[33-A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary to section 33.-

⁴[(1) (a) The Greenfield or Brownfield University shall earmark Government Quota of fifty percentage (50%) of seats in the Medical and Dental allied programmes of study and minimum

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³ Ins. by the APPU Amendment Act No.20 of 2021 w.e.f. 06.08.2021.

⁴ Ins. by the APPU Amendment Act No.40 of 2023 w.e.f. 06.01.2021.

thirty-five percentage (35%) of seats in every other programme of study and admit students in accordance with the rules as may be prescribed;

(b) For all programmes of study offered by the Greenfield or Brownfield institution established under the Act on or after 06.08.2021, until the time it secures tie-up for Joint Certification of Degrees as required under the Act, the rules of admission and seat sharing in the approved intake shall be regulated by the concerned rules of admission and seat sharing as applicable to a College as defined under Section 2(4-A) of the Act, as amended from time to time. Further, the seats provided for Government / Convenor Quota in all the programmes offered till then will continue to be under Government Quota even after securing tie-up for Joint Certification of Degrees.

Provided that in respect of any additional intake in the existing programmes subsequent to securing tie- up for Joint Certification of Degrees, the Greenfield or Brownfield University shall earmark fifty percentage (50%) of seats in the Medical and Dental allied programmes of study and minimum thirty-five percentage (35%) of seats in every other programme of study.]

(2) The Government Quota seats in any course of study offered by the Private University will be filled-up based on the merit among the qualified candidates in the concerned Common Entrance Test (CET) either conducted by the Central Government/State Government or its instrumentalities as prescribed in the rules;

(3) The fee charged for the Government Quota Seats in any Course of the study offered by the Private University shall be determined by the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission;

¹[Provided that on conversion of an existing Institution to a Brownfield University, admission of students into the existing approved intake shall be regulated by the rules of admission and seat sharing as applicable to a College as defined under section 2(4-A) in the Principal Act amended from time to time;

Provided that the rules of admission to such Brownfield University in respect of any further additional intake, additional courses, new courses approved subsequent to conversion shall be as applicable to a Greenfield University.]]

¹ Sub. by the APPU Amendment Act No.7 of 2022 w.e.f. 12.01.2022.

- Convocation **34.** The Convocations of the University for conferring degrees, diplomas or for any other purpose, may be held in every academic year in the manner as may be specified by the Statutes.
- Accreditation
University **35.** Within a period of five years from commencement of programmes, the University shall obtain such accreditation as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time. It shall also obtain certification/accreditation from such other Regulating Bodies which are connected with the courses taken up by the University. It shall inform the Government about the grade provided to the University. The University shall ensure renewal of such accreditation from time to time.
- University to
follow rules,
regulations,
norms, etc. of
regulating bodies **36.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall be bound to comply all the rules, regulations, norms, etc., of the Regulating Bodies and provide all such facilities and assistance to such Bodies as are required by them to discharge their duties and carry out their functions.

CHAPTER VII

FUNDS OF UNIVERSITY

- Endowment
Fund **37.** (1) The Sponsoring body shall establish an Endowment Fund for the University with an amount specified in the Letter of Intent.
- (2) The Endowment Fund shall be used as security deposit to ensure that the University complies with the provisions of this Act and functions as per provisions of this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations and the rules. The Government shall have the powers to order forfeiture, a part or whole of the Endowment Fund in case the University or the Sponsoring body contravenes the provisions of this Act or the Statutes, or the Ordinances, or the Regulations or the rules made thereunder. In such a case the forfeited amount shall be utilized for due compliance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes Ordinances, Regulations or the rules as the case may be:
- Provided that before issuing an order of forfeiture under this subsection, the Government shall afford an opportunity of representation to the University or the Sponsoring body as the case may be.

(3) The University if required may utilize 75% of the income from Endowment Fund for the development of infrastructure of the University and not to meet the recurring expenditure of the University. The balance and unutilized income shall be added to the Endowment Fund.

(4) The amount of Endowment Fund shall be invested in such highly secure & liquid instruments and kept invested until the dissolution of the University.

(5) The Governing Body shall be responsible and accountable for the safety & correct utilization of the Endowment Fund.

(6) The Governing Body shall ensure that the University prepares an audited report on the status and utilization of interest proceeds of the Endowment Fund annually, which may be sought by the Government from time to time.

Provided that the University which fails to maintain such a report may be enquired into as per section 44.

General Fund

38. Every University shall establish a fund, which shall be called the General Fund to which the following shall be credited, namely:-

- (a) fees and other charges received by the University;
- (b) for procurement & upkeep of the assets of the University;
- (c) any income received from consultancy and other work undertaken by the University in pursuance of its objectives;
- (d) trusts, bequests, donations, endowments and any other grants; and
- (e) all other sums received by the University.

Application of
General Fund

39. The General Fund shall be utilized for the following objects, namely:-

- (a) for the repayment of debts including interest charges thereto incurred by the University for the purposes of this Act and the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations and the rules made thereunder with the prior approval of the Governing Body;
- (b) for upkeep of the assets of the University;
- (c) for the payment of the fee for audit of the funds created under sections 37 and 38;
- (d) for meeting the expenses of any suit or proceedings by or against the University;

- (e) for the payment of salaries, allowances, Provident Fund contributions, gratuity and other benefits to officers, employees and members of the teaching and research staff;
- (f) for the payment of travelling and other allowances of the members of the Governing Body, the Board of Management, the Academic Council, other authorities and the members of any committee appointed by any of the authorities or the Chancellor or the Vice Chancellor;
- (g) for the payment of fellowships, freeships, scholarships, assistantships and other awards to the students belonging to economically weaker sections of the society or research associates, trainees or, as the case may be, to any student otherwise eligible for such awards under the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations or the Rules;
- (h) for the payment of any expenses incurred by the University in carrying out the provisions of this Act or the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations or the Rules;
- (i) for the payment of cost of capital, not exceeding the prime lending rate from time to time of the State Bank of India, incurred by the Sponsoring body for setting up the University and the investments made there for;
- (j) for the payment of charges and expenditure relating to the consultancy work undertaken by the University in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations or the rules made there under;
- (k) for the payment of any other expenses including service fee payable to any organization charged with the responsibility of providing any specific service, including the managerial services to the University, on behalf of the sponsoring body, as approved by the Board of Management to be an expense for the purposes of the University:

Provided that no expenditure shall be incurred by the University in excess of the limits for total recurring expenditure and total non-recurring expenditure for the year, as may be fixed by the Board of Management, without prior approval of the Board of Management.

CHAPTER VIII

ACCOUNTS, AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT

- Annual Report **40.** The Annual Report shall be prepared by the University every financial year which shall include among other matters, the steps taken by the University towards the fulfillment of its objectives and shall be submitted to the Government.

Explanation: Financial year for the purpose of this Chapter shall be from April 1st to March 31st of the following year.

- Annual Accounts and Audit **41.** (1) The Annual Accounts including balance sheet of the University shall be prepared by the University in a fair and transparent manner and the annual accounts shall be audited at least once in every year by the auditors appointed by the University for this purpose.
(2) A copy of the Annual Financial Statements together with the Audit Report shall be submitted to the Government every financial year.
(3) The Governing Board shall be responsible for accurate and detailed preparation of the Annual Financial Statements, and the timely submission of the same with the Annual Report.
(4) The advice of the Government, if any, arising out of the accounts and audit report of the University shall be placed before the Governing Body. The Governing Body shall issue such directions, as it may deem fit, and compliance shall be reported to the Government.

CHAPTER IX

WINDING UP OF UNIVERSITY

- Management of University on dissolution of Sponsoring Body, **42.** (1) If the Sponsoring body proposes to dissolve itself according to the provisions of law governing its constitution, it shall give at least six months prior notice to the Government.
(2) The Government shall, on receipt of such notice make such arrangements as may be necessary, for the administration of the University from the date of dissolution of the Sponsoring body till the completion of syllabus by the last batch of students admitted to the University.
(3) The Government may continue the functioning of the University by appointing an administrator in place of Sponsoring body, who shall be entrusted with the prescribed powers and functions.

(4) The Government on dissolution of the Sponsoring body after due consideration, may dissolve the University in such manner as may be prescribed.

Dissolution of
University

- 43.** (1) The Government, after due consideration, may dissolve the University in such manner as may be prescribed:
Provided that the dissolution of the University shall have effect only after the last batches of students of the regular courses have completed their courses and they have been awarded degrees, diplomas or awards, as the case may be.
Provided further that the Government may continue the functioning of the University by appointing an administrator in place of the Sponsoring body entrusted with powers and functions as per sub-section (3) of section 42.
- (2) On dissolution of the University all the assets and liabilities of the University shall vest in the sponsoring body in the manner as may be prescribed:
Provided that any specific concessions assigned by the Government to the University shall be resumed to the Government.

Special powers of
State Government
in certain
circumstances

- 44.** (1) Where the Government is of the opinion that the University has contravened any of the provisions of this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances or the Regulations or the rules made thereunder or has violated any of the directions issued by it under this Act or a situation of Financial mismanagement or maladministration has arisen in the University, it shall issue notice requiring the University to show cause within forty-five days as to why an administrator be not appointed.
- (2) On receipt of reply of the University on the notice issued under sub-section (1), if the Government is satisfied that there is a prima facie case of contravention of any of the provisions of this Act or the Statutes, the Ordinances or the Regulations or the rules made thereunder or violation of directions issued by it under this Act or there is financial mismanagement or maladministration, it shall make an order of such inquiry as it may consider necessary.
- (3) The Government shall, for the purposes of any such inquiry under sub-section (2), appoint an inquiry officer or officers to inquire into any of the allegations and to make report thereon.
- (4) The inquiry officer or officers appointed under sub-section shall have the same powers as are vested in a civil court under

the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908(Central Act No.5 of 1908) while trying a suit in respect of the following matters namely,-

- (a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;
 - (b) requiring the discovery and production of any such documents or any other material as may be predicable in evidence; and
 - (c) requisitioning any public record from any court or office.
- (5) On receipt of the inquiry report from the officer or officers appointed under sub-section(3), if the Government is satisfied that the University has contravened all or any of the provisions of this Act or the Statutes, or the Ordinances, or the Regulations or the rules made thereunder or has violated any of the directions issued by it under this Act or a situation of financial mismanagement and maladministration has arisen in the University which threatens the academic standards of the University, it may appoint an administrator.
- (6) The administrator appointed under sub-section (5) shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Governing Body and the Board of Management under this Act and shall administer the affairs of the University until the last batch of the students of the regular courses have completed their courses and they have been awarded with degrees, diplomas or awards as the case may be.
- (7) After having been awarded the degrees, diplomas or awards as the case may be, to the last batches of the students of the regular courses, or after transfer of all students to other institutions, if applicable, the administrator shall make a report to that effect to the Government.
- (8) On receipt of the report under sub-section (7), the Government after due consideration, may decide to continue the functioning of the University by vesting the powers of the Governing body in the prescribed manner to other societies having similar objects or the government may decide to dissolve the University in such manner as may be prescribed.

CHAPTER X MISCELLANEOUS

Powers of
Government to
make rules

- 45.** (1) The Government may, by notification, make rules to carry out all or any of the purposes of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters namely,-

- (a) the manner of making proposal and Project Report to establish University and the fees payable under section 6;
- (b) other particulars of the Project Report under section 7;
- (c) terms and conditions under sub-section (2) of Section 10;
- (d) other matters relating to Statutes and Ordinances under sub-section (1) of sections 27, 28 and 29;
- (e) matters relating to dissolution of the Sponsoring body under section 42;
- (f) matters relating to dissolution of the University under section 43 and section 44.

(3) Every rule made under this Act shall, immediately after it is made, be laid, before each House of the State Legislature, if it is in session and if it is not in session, in the session immediately following for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions and if, before the expiration of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following the Legislature of the State agrees in making any modification in the rule or in the annulment of the rule, the rule shall, from the date on which the modification or annulment is notified, have effect only in such modified form or shall stand annulled 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.

Power to remove
difficulties

- 46.** (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may, by order published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, make provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:
Provided that no such order shall be made under this section after the expiry of three years from the date of commencement of this Act.
- (2) Every order made under this section shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before the State Legislature.

SCHEDULE (See Section 3)

¹ [Sl.No. (1)]	Name and location (address) of the Private University (2)	Name & Address of the Sponsoring body (3)	Details of registration of the Sponsoring body (4)
1.	VIT-AP University Amaravati.	Vellore Institute of Technology- Andhra Pradesh (VIT-AP) No. 1-38, Palasamudram (Village and Mandal), Chittoor District - 517599 Andhra Pradesh.	07-08-2015
2.	SRM University, Amaravati.	SRM Trust No.3, Veerasamy Street, West Mambalam, Chennai – 600033, Tamilnadu.	24.01.2012
² [3.	Centurion University of Technology and Management (AP), Vizianagaram.	Centurion Education Management Trust (CEM Trust), Flat No.206, C- Block, KSR Green Valley, Madhavadhara, Visakhapatnam – 530018. Andhra Pradesh.	17.12.2008]
4.	KREA University, Sri City, Chittoor District	Institute of Financial Management and Research, 24, Kothari Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 034, Tamilnadu.	06-10-1970
5.	Great Lake International University, Sri City, Chittoor District.	Great Lakes Institute of Management (GLIM), 2 nd Floor, NPL Devi Building No.III, Kalki Krishnamurthy Salai (LB Road), Thiruvannamiyur, Chennai - 600041, Tamilnadu.	13-02-2004
6.	Saveetha Amaravati University.	Saveetha Amaravati University, Vaishnavi Complex, 3rd Floor, Opp: Executive Club, Near Dr. Ramesh Hospital Junction (Mec. Donalds), Vijayawada-520 008, Andhra Pradesh.	27-07-2015]
³ [7.	Veltech University, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh.	R.S. Trust Santi Sudha New No.38, old No.24 Arch Bishop Mathias Avenue, Chennai - 600028, Tamilnadu.	24.10.1997

¹ Ins. Entries in Serial No.1 to 6 in Column 1, 2, 3, 4 in Schedule by Act No.18 of 2018 w.e.f. 23.05.2017

² Amended as per A.P. Act No.10 of 2025 w.e.f.08.04.2025 (G.O.Ms.No.16, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated 08.04.2025).

³ Ins. Entries in Serial No.7 and 8 in Column 1, 2, 3, 4 in Schedule by Act No.06 of 2019 w.e.f. 23.05.2017

Sl.No. (1)	Name and location (address) of the Private University (2)	Name & Address of the Sponsoring body (3)	Details of registration of the Sponsoring body (4)
8.	Bharatiya Engineering Science and Technology innovation University, Anantapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh.	Gatti Valley Educational Foundation, B-1404, Nagarjuna Aster Park, Yelahanka New Town, Banagalore, Karnataka-560064.	13.04.2017]
¹ [9.	The Apollo University, Murukambattu, Chittoor (w.e.f. 02.11.2021)	Apollo Hospitals Education and Research Foundation, 1st floor, AIMS Building, Apollo Health City, Near Apollo Health Street, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500096.	08-06-1992
10.	Mohan Babu University, Rangampet, Chittoor District (w.e.f. 12.01.2022)	Sree Vidyanikethan Educational Trust (SVET), Sree Sainath Nagar, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh - 517102	11-07-1995]
² [11.	Annamacharya University, Rajampet, Annamayya District	Annamacharya Educational Trust, Thallapaka Panchayath, New Boyanapalli, Rajampet, Annamayya District	Reg.No.135/IV/97 Dated 13.08.1997
12.	Godavari Global University, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District.	Sri Koundinya Educational Society, Chaitanya Knowledge City, Rajamahendravaram	Reg.No.600/97 Dated 13.10.1997
13.	Aditya University, Surampalem, Kakinada District.	Aditya Academy, Srinagar, Kakinada, Kakinada District.	Reg.No.167/84 Dated 21.04.1984]
³ [14.	Vasireddy Venkatadri International Technological University, Nambur – 522508, Peddakakani Mangal, Guntur District.	Social Educational Trust, Nambur – 522508, Peddakakani Mandal, Guntur District.	Reg.No. 214/BKIV/2006 Dated 10.08.2006]

¹ Ins. Entries in Serial Nos.9 and 10 in Column 1, 2, 3, 4 in Schedule by Act No.40 of 2023

² Ins. Entries in Serial Nos.11, 12 and 13 in Column 1, 2, 3, 4 in Schedule by Act No.2 of 2024

³ Ins. Entry in Serial No.14 in Column 1, 2, 3, 4 in Schedule by Act No.11 of 2025 w.e.f. 08.04.2025

**THE ANDHRA PRADESH PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES (ESTABLISHMENT
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ABSTRACT

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HIGHER EDUCATION (EC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.22

Dated: 18-05-2017

Read:-

Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation)
Act, 2016 (Act No.3 of 2016)

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ORDER:

The following notification shall be published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazettee, Dated:19-05-2017:-

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 45 of the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 (Act No.3 of 2016), the Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement

- (1) These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment) Rules, 2017;
- (2) They shall extend to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (3) These rules shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the date of their publication in the official gazette.

2. Definitions

- (1) In these rules unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (a) “Act” means Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 (Act No. 3 of 2016);
 - (b) “Endowment Fund” means the fund established by the Sponsoring Body under section 37 of the said Act;
 - (c) “Expert Committee” means the Committee constituted under section 8 of the said Act;
 - (d) “Government” means Government of Andhra Pradesh;
 - (e) “Private University” means a University established under section 3 of the said Act and hereafter also referred to as University;
 - (f) “Search Committee” means the Committee constituted under section 15 of the said Act.

- (g) ¹“Brown Field University” means an existing College(s)/Institution (s) of Higher Education that is :-
- (i) located in a geographically contiguous area in an extent of land not less than 50 acres,
 - (ii) engaged in teaching and research at Under Graduate and Post Graduate or Higher Levels in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
 - (iii) Possessing NAAC Accreditation of 3.2 and above for two cycles and/or NBA Accreditation of two cycles;
 - (iv) Willingness to invest in the existing college a minimum of 250 crores furthermore in the course of three years;
 - (v) Possesses tie-up with top 100 Universities in the Global ranking for joint certification of degrees as pre-requisite; and
 - (vi) Willingness to allot 35% of the seats under Government Quota at subsidized rates to benefit the poor children of the state as directed by the State Government;
Colleges/institutions shall submit a proposal duly satisfying the above requisite conditions to be converted into private Brown field university;
- (h) “Green Field” means starting of a university fresh for the first time from scratch without any consideration to any existing educational institution(s) or anything related to such institution(s) namely –
- (i) located in a geographically contiguous area in an extent of land not less than 50 acres;
 - (ii) Willingness to invest a minimum of 250 crores for establishing a University and furthermore 90 crores in the course of three years; and
 - (iii) to allot 35% of the seats under Government Quota at subsidized rates to benefit the poor children of the state as directed by the State Government in all courses offered;
- (i) “Regulatory Authority” means the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission established under Section 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission Act, 2019 (Act No.20 of 2019).]
- (2) The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 (Act No.3 of 2016).

3. Application for establishment of a Private University

- (1) The Sponsoring Body intending to establish a University may apply in Form-1 appended to this order, along with the proposal and

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Detailed Project Report, to the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department;

- (2) The application shall be signed by the person authorized to authenticate instruments on behalf of the Sponsoring Body;
- (3) No application, referred to in clause (1) above, shall be entertained unless a fee of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten lakh) is paid by a crossed account payee Bank Draft / Pay Order in favour of the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education and payable at Vijayawada;
 “Provided that a portion of the fee amounting to Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five lakh) shall be refunded if the Government decides to reject the application under section 10 of the said Act and the balance shall be forfeited to the Government”;
- (4) The application shall be duly acknowledged by the Government;
- (5) The application referred to above shall be placed by the Government, for examination, before an Expert Committee constituted with the following members, namely:
 - (a) One academic administrator
 - (b) One expert in financial matters
 - (c) An eminent academician
 - (d) An eminent person from the field of research
 - (e) A renowned industrialist
- (6) The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, shall extend secretarial assistance and funds to the Expert Committee.

4. Time limit for fulfillment of conditions of Letter of Intent

The Sponsoring Body shall ordinarily fulfil all the terms and conditions specified in the Letter of Intent within a period of two years from its date of issue, unless extended further by the Government under the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 10 of the said Act.

5. Procedure for selection of Chancellor

- (1) The Sponsoring Body shall invite applications from persons desirous of being considered for appointment as Chancellor of the Private University;
- (2) The invitation for such application shall be through print and online advertisements in prominent national newspapers, and national and international academic journals, giving at least one month's time from the date of publication for submission of applications. The Sponsoring Body may also fire recruitment agencies for this purpose;
- (3) The Sponsoring Body shall place all the applications received by it before the Search Committee;
- (4) The Search Committee shall adopt a transparent process to evaluate the relative merits of the applicants and after duly recording the

process and parameters of such evaluation recommend a panel of three names in alphabetical order to the Sponsoring Body.

6. Submission of First Statutes and First Ordinance

The University shall submit its First Statutes to the Government for approval within a period of (90) days from the date of appointment of the Chancellor and the First Ordinance within a period of (60) days from the date of appointment of the Vice-Chancellor.

7. Establishment of Endowment Fund

- (1) The concerned Sponsoring Body shall establish an Endowment Fund in the name of the University within a period of one month from the date of inclusion of its name in the Schedule to the said Act;
- (2) The Endowment Fund shall be 1% of the Project Cost or Rs.15,00,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Crore), whichever is lower;
- (3) The Government shall have power to direct upward revision of the Endowment Fund from time to time, provided that any upward revision so ordered shall not exceed the amount required to neutralize the inflationary impact (measured through Wholesale Price Index);
- (4) The Endowment Fund shall be deposited in a nationalised bank or a major private bank approved by the Government from time to time in the form of a fixed deposit and shall be in the joint name of the University concerned and an officer specified by the Government for the purpose;
- (5) The Fund shall not be liquidated without the prior permission of the Government.

8. Dissolution of the Sponsoring Body and / or the University

- (1) Upon receipt of notice for dissolution of the Sponsoring Body, the administrator appointed under section 42 of the said Act shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Sponsoring Body under the Act;
- (2) The administrator so appointed shall administer the affairs of the University until the last batch of students of the regular courses have completed their courses and they have been awarded degrees, diplomas or awards as the case may be;
- (3) The Government may dissolve the University through an Act of the State Legislature for deletion of the entry relating to the University from the Schedule;
- (4) Upon dissolution of the University under sections 42, 43 or 44 of the said Act its assets including the Endowment Fund and the General Fund may be utilized for discharge of its liabilities.

¹[9. Allocation of Government Quota Seats: The Government Quota Seats shall be specified not exceeding 35% of the total seats in all courses offered by the Universities;

10. Admission of 35% Government Quota Seats:

- (1) The admission in respect of Government Quota Seats of 35% in all courses to be filled up by the candidates belonging to the State of Andhra Pradesh duly following the Presidential Order and rule of reservations prescribed by the Government from time to time based on-
 - (a) the merit among the qualified candidates through the concerned Common Entrance Tests (CETs) conducted by the Government or its agency.
 - or
 - (b) the merit list of the qualifying examination in respect of the courses offered by the Universities, wherein the subjects are not covered under a Common Entrance Test conducted by the Government or its agency.
- (2) The Regulatory Authority shall supervise and regulate the aspect of conduct of Entrance Tests/Admissions made by the Government or its agency with regard to the 35% Government Quota Seats and ensure that the admissions are done in a fair, transparent and non-exploitative manner. If the Regulatory Authority comes to the conclusion, after giving an opportunity of representation, that the admissions were not conducted in a fair, transparent and non-exploitative manner or were not conducted in accordance with relevant admission rules, it shall have the power to cancel such admissions and issue such orders as it may deem fit;
- (3) The original certificate shall be returned to the student admitted in the respective Universities after verification by retaining the copies of the certificates attested by a Gazetted Officer. During the course of study, if the University wants to verify the original certificates, the University shall in writing direct the concerned student to produce the original certificates which shall be returned within a period of one week from the date of deposit.

11. Fee Regulation for the Government Quota Seats of 35%:

- (1) The Regulatory Authority shall call for, from all Universities, its proposed subsidized/concessional fee structure well in advance before the date of issue of notification for admission for the

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academic year along with all the relevant documents and books of accounts for scrutiny;

- (2) The Regulatory Authority shall decide whether the subsidized/concessional fees proposed by the Universities are justified and does not burdensome the students;
- (3) The Regulatory Authority shall be at liberty to review, approve or alter the proposed fee for each course to be charged by the Universities, duly giving an opportunity of being heard before determining any fee or fees;
- (4) The Regulatory Authority shall communicate the fee structure, as determined by it, to the Government for notification.
- (5) The fee so determined shall be applicable to a candidate who is admitted to Universities in that academic year and shall not be altered till the completion of his/her course in the Universities in which he/she was originally admitted. The Universities shall not club and/or collect a fee which is more than the amount prescribed and notified by the Government for the duration of the course in any of the Academic year;

12. Guidelines to comply for determining the subsidized/concessional fee structure of the Government Quota Seats of 35% in the Universities:

- (1) The Regulatory Authority shall have the power to request the Universities to furnish information as deemed necessary for enabling it to regulate the conduct of admission(s) and/or fix the concessional fee in respect of each course in the universities
- (2) The Universities shall maintain GEO based Biometric attendance with CC Cameras, of the students and teaching staff and link it to the Government and the Regulatory Authority.
- (3) The Universities shall maintain harmonious and serene atmosphere, as per UGC guidelines for the safety and security of students. If any ragging or any untoward incident takes place in the campus of the Universities/hostels etc., the Regulatory Authority shall initiate appropriate action against the Universities.
- (4) For furnishing the fee proposal by the Universities, the Universities shall submit audited statements of income and expenditure, balance sheets and particulars of expenditure including salaries, infrastructure, hostel & mess facilities and such other information as the Regulatory Authority may prescribe along with the necessary supporting documents, ledgers and Bank statements in PDF files.

- (5) The fee proposals furnished by the Universities have to be evaluated based on the income and expenditure of the Universities as well as the societies/trusts under whose umbrella the said Universities are established.
- (6) The Universities shall submit all the required financial information as per the mercantile (accrual) system of accounting only.
- (7) The Universities shall submit the required information such as the details of the fee collections, income and expenditure statements, teaching and non-teaching staff salaries of all kinds, administrative and other expenses, statement of revenue grants received, utilization of amounts collected from all heads.
- (8) If no Permanent Account Number (PAN) / wrong Permanent Account Number (PAN) data of any employee is given, the expenditure to that extent will not be considered.
- (9) AADHAAR number has to be indicated in pay slips both for the teaching faculty and non-teaching staff.
- (10) Payment of salaries through account payee cheque/ electronic transfer shall only be considered for expenditure purpose in respect of teaching faculty and non-teaching staff. Cash payments shall not be considered.
- (11) The Audit report shall contain the signature of the auditor, his name, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) membership number along with the information of Permanent Account Number (PAN) of the auditor, online Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN) generated from Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), email id of the auditor, cell number of the auditor and if the auditor is a partner of the firm, the firm Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) registration number, Permanent Account Number (PAN) of the firm, email id of the firm and the contact number. The Universities shall submit IT return along with Form-10B/9A.
- (12) The Universities are required to maintain and submit programme wise statement of income and expenditure along with schedules.
- (13) All particulars should be uploaded online. The Universities shall provide a hard copy of the uploaded information duly signed by the auditor and the Head of the Universities /their authorized person, by remitting prescribed processing charges. The charges shall be credited to the Account of the Regulatory Authority as notified on the website of the Regulatory Authority.
- (14) If a society/ trust runs more than one University, the data/ information shall be furnished University wise.

- (15) Tax Deducted at Sources (TDS) returns filed in Form 24 Q and 26Q under Income Tax Act shall be submitted along with the proposal.
- (16) Expenditure shown, without corresponding income, shall be disallowed.

13. Penalties:

- (1) The Regulatory Authority may for contravention of the provisions of the Private Universities Act, Rules made hereunder or directions issued by the government or Regulatory Authorities, impose an appropriate penalty not exceeding 15 lakhs. Provided that no penalty shall be imposed on the University concerned without giving an opportunity of being heard.
- (2) If the Universities violates any of the conditions stipulated by the regulatory bodies or causes injustice to the students of the Universities, the University is liable for appropriate action after giving a reasonable opportunity of being heard.]