



SATPUDA EDUCATION SOCIETY, JALGAON JAMOD'S

Arts & Commerce College

Warwat Bakal Tq. Sangrampur Dist - Buldhana (M.S.)

NAAC Reaccredited with 'B' Grade

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Dr. Shriram Yerankar

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- President -

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Criterion V: Student Support and Progression

5.1. Student Support

5.1.5 The Institution has a transparent mechanism for timely redressal of student grievances including sexual harassment and ragging cases

Supporting Documents A

**Minutes of the Meeting of Student Redressal Committee,
Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee and Anti Ragging
Committee**

&

**Government Directions regarding Students' Grievance,
Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Anti Ragging**




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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the documents attached as supporting documents for Criterion V: Student Support and Progression are verified from the college record and found to be correct to the best of my knowledge.




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A- Minutes of the Meeting of Student Redressal Committee, Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee and Anti Ragging Committee.

To ensure proper functioning and to maintain discipline in the campus, the institute develops efficient mechanism of Grievance Redressal in the institute. There are three important committees were constituted before the commencement of every academic year. As per the directions given by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University Amravati, University grant commission and government of Maharashtra, the institute have constituted following committees,

1. Student Redressal Committee

2. Grievance Redressal Cell for Sexual Harassment against Women

3. Anti-Ragging Committee

The following documents have attached herewith this, containing guidelines for the constitution of above mentioned committees.

- UGC Regulation (grievance redressal) 2012 dated 23-29 March 2013
- UGC Regulation 2019
- Maharashtra Public University act 2016
- University letter No. 77/2012 dated 21-06-2012
- Director of Higher Education Pune Maharashtra/ preventive measures against Ragging /18/02/2014.




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Students Redressal Committee Meeting Details:

Arts & Commerce College, Warwat Bakal Ta, Sangrampur Dist. Buldana

Meeting Notice

Meeting/01/23

Date:21/04/2023


All the members of Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) are informed to attend a meeting on 22nd April, 2023 at 4.00 pm in the principal's chamber.

Agenda:

1. Review & Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting
2. Discussion on the grievances if any
3. Any other issues with the permission of chairman

The following Committees have been formed for the session 2022 - 2023 vide resolution no. 02 in the College Council Meeting held on 23/08/2022.

Members	Designation	Signature
Dr. S. S. Pawar	Chairman	
Mr. S. D. Deshmukh	Convener	
Mr. Gajanan Patil	Member	
Mr. Sunil Makode	Member	
Dr. M. S. Hingankar	Member	
Ku. Manisha Bhagat	Student Representative	
Mr. Saunabh Kuchekar	Student Representative	
Mr. Akshay Jawajal	Student Representative	


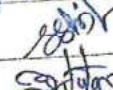
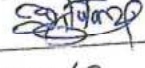
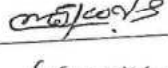
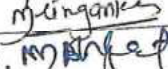

Dr. Subhash S. Pawar
Principal

Principal
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Minutes of the meeting of Grievance Redressal Committee held on 22nd April, 2023 at 4.00 pm in the Principal's chamber

The following members were present for the meeting-

Member	Designation	Signatures
Dr. S. S. Pawar	Chairman	
Mr. S. D. Deshmukh	Convener	
Mr. Gajanan Paikat	Member	
Mr. Sunil Makode	Member	
Dr. M. S. Hingankar	Member	
Ku. Manisha Bhagat	Student Representative	Ku. Manisha Bhagat
Mr. Saurabh Kuchekar	Student Representative	S. Kuchekar
Mr. Akshay Jawnjai	Student Representative	A. Jawanjai

Minutes of the Meeting:

Agenda points:

1. Review & Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting
2. Discussion on the grievances if any
3. Any other issues with the permission of chairman

Points Discussed:

Agenda No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed by the members unanimously.

Agenda No. 2: Discussion on the grievances if any


No Written grievances were reported but some of the issues were orally expressed by students which were addressed in possible appropriate way.

Agenda No. 4: Any other issues with the permission of chairman

There being no issue to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned with the permission of chairman.


Convener

Mr. S. D. Deshmukh


Chairman

Dr. S. S. Pawar

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Meeting Notice

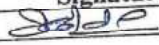


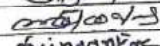
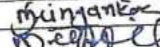
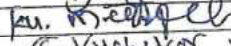
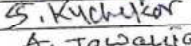
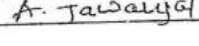
Date: 27/08/2022

All the members of Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) are informed to attend a meeting on 29th August, 2022 at 4.00 pm in the principal's chamber.

Agenda:

1. Review & Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting
2. Discussion on the mechanism of grievance submission policy
3. Events to be organized by GRC.
4. Any other issues with the permission of chairman

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Mr. Saurabh Kuchekar	Student Representative	
Mr. Akshay Jawnal	Student Representative	

Dr. Rajendra S. Korde
Principal



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Minutes of the meeting of Grievance Redressal Committee held on 29th August, 2022 at 4.00 pm
in the Principal's chamber

The following members were present for the meeting,

Member	Designation
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Mr. S. D. Deshmukh	Convener
Mr. Gajanan Paikat	Member
Mr. Sunil Makode	Member
Dr. M. S. Hingankar	Member
Ku. Manisha Bhagat	Student Representative
Mr. Saurabh Kuchekar	Student Representative
Mr. Akshay Jawnjai	Student Representative

Signatures

[Handwritten signatures of the members listed in the table above]

Minutes of the meeting:

Agenda points:

1. Review & Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting
2. Discussion on the mechanism of grievance submission policy
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Points Discussed:

Agenda No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed by the members unanimously.

Agenda No. 2: Discussion on the mechanism of grievance submission policy

The committee members discussed about the guidelines and regulations put forth by the UGC & university to establish a healthier grievance redressal mechanism in the institute. The committee unanimously resolved to display flex in the campus in which the members of the committee listed together with their contact number. During the discussion it is also decided that the grievance committee should make online grievance submission mechanism and it is primarily done by generating separate Email address of the grievance cell, where students and staff can submit their grievances.

Agenda No. 3: Events to be organized by GRC

The committee members discussed about awareness programs to be organized during the session about submission of grievance. It is unanimously decided that the class teachers should inform students about the mechanism of submission of grievances to the committee during their lectures and practical so as the students can put the complaints if any.

Agenda No. 4: Any other issues with the permission of chairman

There being no issue to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned with the permission of chairman.



Convener

Mr. S. D. Deshmukh

Chairman

Dr. R. S. Korde

Principal
Arts & Commerce College,
Warvat Bakal Dist. Buldana

Sexual Harassment Committee Meeting Details

Satpuda Education Society, Jalgaon (Jamod)'s
Arts & Commerce College, Warwat (Bakal)
Tq- Sangrampur Dist - Buldhana (444202)

Off. Principal
Dr. Rajendra S. Korde

President
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Date 07/10/2022

Outward No. 183 /2022

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL CELL FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT AGAINST WOMEN

Grievance Redressal cell for Sexual Harassment against Women' in Arts and Commerce College, Warwat Bakal, dist-Buldhana is constituted as per the University norms (University Letter No. 77/2012 dated 21/06/2012)

For the Session 2021-22 to 2022-23

1. DR. MEGHA SOLANKE	(Assistant Professor)	CHAIRPERSON
2. NITIN SATAV	(Management Representative)	MEMBER
3. DR.MADHURI HINGANKAR	(Female Teacher Representative)	MEMBER
4. DR.SUBHASH GURJAR	(Male Teacher Representative)	MEMBER
5. AJAY CHOPADE	(Non Teaching Representative)	MEMBER
6. ADV. SUVARNA GOTMARE	(Lady Lawyer)	MEMBER
7. MISS SONALI TAYADE	(Assistant Professor)	MEMBER
8. PAYAL SUNIL KANDARKAR	(Female Student)	MEMBER
9. NAVIN HARIBHAU TAYADE	(Male Student)	MEMBER


Principal
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Date 07/10/2022

Outward No. 183/2022

To,
Adv Suvama Gotmare
Civil Court, Sangrapur
Dist- Buldana

Subject: Nomination to be a member as a Lady Lawyer on ' GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL CELL FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT AGAINST WOMEN' at Arts and Commerce College, Warwat Bakal.

Ref: University Letter No. 77/2012 dated 21/06/2012

Respected Madam,

This gives me an immense pleasure to nominate you on the aforesaid committee constituted at our college for the session 2021-22 to 2022-23.

You are hereby requested to accept the nomination and co-ordinate us in order to safeguard the right of women at workplace.

Thanking You!

Enclosure:

1. List of Committee members.


Principal
Arts & Commerce College
Warwat (Bakal) Dist- Buldana

शैक्षणिक सत्र 2022-2023

महिला लैंगिक शैक्षणिक प्रविधक समिती सभा

25/07/2022 रोजी महाविद्यालयीन स्तरातील महिला लैंगिक शैक्षणिक प्रविधक समितीची सभा दुपारी 2.00 वाजता होव्यास आली. यावेळी खालील सदस्य उपस्थित होते:

- 1) प्राचार्य डॉ. रा. श्री. कोरेडे (अध्यक्ष)
- 2) श्री. नितिन सातव (संस्था प्रतिनिधी)
- 3) प्रा. डॉ. मेधा रं. सोबडे (समन्वयक)
- 4) उषा सुवर्णा जोनमारे (महिला वकील)
- 5) प्रा. डॉ. माधुरी सु. दिगणकर (महिला शिक्षक प्रतिनिधी)
- 6) प्रा. डॉ. सुभाष गुजर (पुरुष शिक्षक प्रतिनिधी)
- 7) श्री. अनजय रोपे (शिक्षण कर्मचारी प्रतिनिधी)
- 8) प्रा. सु. सोनवडे अ. लायेडे (विशेष प्रतिनिधी)
- 9) कु. पायल सु. कंधारकर (विद्यार्थिनी प्रतिनिधी)
- 10) नाविन ह. लायेडे (विद्यार्थी प्रतिनिधी)

दि 28/07/2022 च्या समितीच्या अध्यक्षाने दि 25/07/2022 रोजी महाविद्यालयात सभा होव्यात आली. सभेमध्ये खालील विषयावर चर्चा करण्यात आली.

सभेपुढे चर्चा येणे विषय

विषय क्रमांक 1. मागील सभेचे इतिहास वाचून काम करणे. सभे सभे मागील सभेचे इतिहास वाचून काम करण्यात आले.

विषय क्रमांक 2. वर्षभरात प्राप्त तक्रारीचे निराकरण करणे बाबत. 2021-2022 या शैक्षणिक वर्षात प्रत्येक अभ्यायकारक घटना घडली असल्यामुळे मासिक बैठकीत तक्रारी तक्रार उपलब्ध झाली नाही, असे समितीच्या वतीने जागृतात आले व प्रत्येक परिस्थिती महाविद्यालयात आसावी.

अने समुद्रे ठरविष्यात जाणे.

विना

समन्वयक

महिला लैंगिक एक
प्रतिबंधक समिती

शैक्षणिक सत्र 2022-2023

महिला लैंगिक छळ प्रतिबंधक समिति समा
दि 01/10/2022

दि 01/10/2022 सोमवार रोजी महाविद्यालयीय महिला लैंगिक छळ प्रतिबंधक समिति समा दुपारी ठीक १.०० वाजता महाविद्यालयानु आयोजित करण्यात आली. संमेलना खात्रिक चढस्य छयाश्चेत होत.

- १) प्राचार्य डॉ. रा. श्री. कोरेडे (आध्यक्ष) S. S. P.
- २) श्री. निविन सातव (संस्था प्रतिनिधी)
- ३) प्रा. डॉ. मेधा र. सोबडे (सामन्वयक) S. S. P.
- ४) उपा. सुवर्णा गोनमोर (महिला वरिष्ठ) S. S. P.
- ५) प्रा. डॉ. माधुरा सु. विगाणकर (महिला शिक्षण प्रतिनिधी) S. S. P.
- ६) प्रा. डॉ. युवाच बुजर (पुरुष शिक्षण प्रतिनिधी) S. S. P.
- ७) श्री. उजय चोपडे (विद्यार्थी कर्मचारी प्रतिनिधी) S. S. P.
- ८) प्रा. ड. सोनाली आ. तामडे (विशेष प्रतिनिधी) S. S. P.
- ९) सु. पयल सु. कुंडारकर (विद्यार्थीनी प्रतिनिधी) S. S. P.
- १०) निविन ड. तामडे (विद्यार्थी प्रतिनिधी) N. H. W. D.

दि. ०१/१०/२०२२ मंगळवार रोजीच्या महिला लैंगिक छळ प्रतिबंधक समितिच्या सुचनापत्राबुसार दि. ०१/१०/२०२२ रोजी महाविद्यालयानु समा होव्यात आली संमेलनचे खात्रिक विषयावर साविस्तर चर्चा करण्यात आली.

संक्षेपे चर्चला येणारे विषय

विषय क्र. १.

सांगितल संमेलने इतिवृत्त वाचून कथम कथे संक्षेपे सांगितल संमेलने इतिवृत्त वाचून ले शर्वाच्या संमेलने कथम करण्यात यावे.

विषय क्र. २.

अभोजन कल्याण जीव, माकरिण) वृत्तांत्य,
पोलेस स्टेचान, समाज सुधारक जीव मार्ग करीन
उपलब्ध करून द्यावे -

Anti-ragging Committee Details:

दिनांक 01/01/22



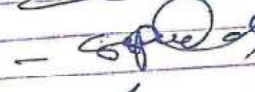

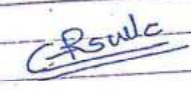
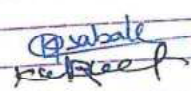
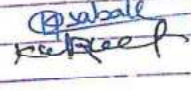
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दि.

Anti Ragging

रंगीना प्रतिबंधात्मक समितीची सभा

समितीतील सर्व सभासदानी खालील कुरणात घेते.
 सत्र 2022-23 ची रोजी रंगीना समितीची सभा
 दि. 3-8-2022 रोजी प्राचार्य कार्यालय यांच्या पत्रावर
 या क्षणकारण आशुजिने कोवुळी आहे. तरी
 समितीच्या सर्व सभासदानी व सभेला वेळोवेळ उपस्थित
 राहावे

- १- प्रा. डॉ. अरविंद कर्वे अध्यक्ष - 
- २- प्रा. डॉ. जे.एस. पैकर (समन्वयक) - 
- ३- प्रा. डॉ. एस.एस. पवार - 
- ४- प्रा. डॉ. एस. आर. गुर्जर - 
- ५- प्रा. डॉ. मेधा सोबडे - 
- ६- प्रा. खिले सावळे - 
- ७- कु. निधीना राजुन बनगा - 

- १- समिती समन्वय इतिहास वानुन कायम करणे
- २- इतर रंगीना संबंधीत आसकिये व निमेशासकिये
- ३- आचारविशालगत शिक्षार्थी, विद्यार्थ्यांनी रंगीना घेऊ नये
- ४- आचारविशालगत नियम तयार करणे
- ५- अध्यक्षीय पत्रवाचनेचे वेळोवेळ उपस्थित राहिल्या पत्रवाचने
- ६- यत्न करणे.

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SCHEDULE.

MAHARASHTRA ACT No. VI OF 2017¹

[THE MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES ACT, 2016.][#]

[This Act received the assent of the Governor on the 10th January 2017; assent first published in the *Maharashtra Government Gazette*, Part IV, on the 11th January 2017.]

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An Act to provide for academic autonomy and excellence, adequate representation through democratic process, transformation, strengthening and regulating higher education and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for academic autonomy to non-agricultural and non-medical universities in the State of Maharashtra and to make better provisions therefor;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Maharashtra had appointed committees under the Chairmanships of Dr. Arun Nigvekar, Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Dr. Ram Takwale and Late Mrs. Kumud Bansal with a view to consider and recommend on different aspects of higher education and learning and to suggest various measures to ensure such autonomy;

AND WHEREAS after considering the recommendations of the said committees the Government of Maharashtra considers it expedient to make a law to provide for academic autonomy and excellence, adequate representation through democratic process, transformation, strengthening and regulating higher education and to regulate the non-agricultural and non-medical universities in the State of Maharashtra in more effective manner, to provide for participation of universities in social and educational spheres, to establish Maharashtra State Commission for Higher Education and Development, to constitute various Boards, and to repeal the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994; it is hereby enacted in the Sixty-Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

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CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.

(2) It shall come into force on such date** as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, appoint.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(1) “academic services unit” means university science and instrumentation centre, academic staff college, computer centre, university printing press or any other unit providing specialized services for the promotion of any of the objectives of the university;

(2) “adjunct professor”, “adjunct associate professor” or “adjunct assistant professor” means a person from industry, trade, agriculture, commerce, social, cultural, academic or any other allied field who is so designated during the period of collaboration or association with the university;

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Definitions.

1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Maharashtra Government Gazette, 2016, Extra Part V-A, dated the 6th April, 2016, Page 118.

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Δ Maharashtra Ordinance No. 1 of 2018 was repealed by Mah. 27 of 2018.

* This indicates the date of commencement of Act.

** This Act came into force on 1st March 2017 vide G.N.H & TED, MPIJA-2015/(319/15)/ Uni-4/Part-2,MGG Part IV B, dated the 27th February 2017.

(3) “affiliated college” means a college which has been granted affiliation by the university;

(4) “authorities” means the authorities of the university as specified by or under this Act;

(5) “autonomy” means a privilege of the university conferred by the Statutes to permit a college, institution or a university department to conduct academic programmes and examinations, develop syllabus for the respective subjects and issue certificates of passing the examinations;

(6) “autonomous college”, “autonomous institution” or “autonomous department” means a college, institution or department to which autonomy is granted and is designated to be so by the Statutes;

(7) “bodies” means the bodies of the university formed by the respective authorities;

(8) “Chancellor” and “Vice-Chancellor” means, respectively, the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor of the university;

(9) “choice based credit system” means the curricular system that offers multiple interdisciplinary choices for students to select from the courses (core, elective or minor or soft skill courses) to accumulate credits as prescribed in Statutes;

(10) “cluster university” means the cluster university established under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Act;

(11) “collaboration” means collaborative academic activity of the university or college or institution with other universities, academic institutions including local, regional, national or international institutions, research institutions and organizations in the field of agriculture, industry, trade and commerce, sports, social, cultural, science, technology and any other field;

(12) “college” means a college affiliated to the university, situated in the university area or jurisdiction;

(13) “College Development Committee” means the College Development Committee constituted under section 97 of this Act;

(14) “Collegium of Heads of Department of Affiliated Colleges and recognized institutions” means an electoral college consisting of heads of departments from affiliated colleges and recognized institutions who shall elect from amongst themselves as members to the concerned authorities;

(15) “Collegium of Graduates of the University” means an electoral college consisting of registered graduates of the university, who shall elect from amongst themselves as members to the different authorities;

(16) “Collegium of Management Representatives” means an electoral college consisting of representatives of management committees of affiliated or autonomous colleges or institutions who shall elect from amongst themselves as members to the different authorities;

(17) “Collegium of Principals” means an electoral college consisting of fulltime approved Principals and Directors of recognized institutions who shall elect from amongst themselves as members to the different authorities;

(18) “Collegium of Teachers” means an electoral college consisting of fulltime approved teachers from affiliated and autonomous colleges and recognized institutions, who shall elect from amongst themselves as members to the different authorities;

(19) “Collegium of University Teachers” means an electoral college consisting of fulltime teachers from University Departments, University Institutions, and Conducted Colleges appointed by university who shall elect from amongst themselves as members to the different authorities;

(20) “Commission” means the Maharashtra State Commission for Higher Education and Development constituted under section 76 of this Act;

(21) “community college” means an institution providing skill-based academic programs as prescribed in the Statutes;

(22) “conducted college” means a college maintained and managed by the university;

(23) “De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*)” means tribes declared as such by the State Government, from time to time;

(24) “department” means a department teaching a particular subject or a group of subjects in a college or an institution as prescribed in the Statutes;

(25) “Director” means a head of an institution including a centre or a school of the university as designated by the Management Council or a head of a recognized institution;

(26) “Director of Higher Education” and “Director of Technical Education” means respectively Director of Higher Education, Maharashtra State and Director of Technical Education, Maharashtra State;

(27) “Empowered Autonomous College” means an autonomous college that is identified by the University Grants Commission as College with potential for Excellence or College Excellence, which has high level grade as specified by the Government by notification in the Official Gazette as has been given the status of Empowered Autonomous College by the Authority under the Statutes, with a power to grant degree of such College jointly with the affiliating University;

(28) “Empowered Autonomous Cluster Institutions” means a group of autonomous Colleges or institutions of the same management or educational society which includes the colleges or institutions, identified by the University Grants Commission as College with potential for excellence or College of excellence, which have high level grade as specified by the Government by-notification in the Official Gazette as has been given the status of Empowered Autonomous Cluster Institution by the Authority under the Statutes, and is empowered to grant a joint degree with the affiliating University;

(29) “Empowered Autonomous Skills Development College” means, a college which has been recognized by the university for conducting the skills development programmes as prescribed by the university as per the National, State Level policy regarding Skills Qualification and Education Framework and which is given the status of Empowered Autonomous Skills Development College by the university to which it is affiliated and is empowered to grant a joint degree, certificate, diploma and advanced diploma with the affiliating university;

(30) “fee” means tuition fees, other fees and charges, including developmental charges;

(31) “Head of the University Department”, “Head of the Institution” and “Head of the College Department” means respectively, a Head of the University Department, a head of the recognized institution and a head of the college department, as prescribed in the Statutes;

(32) “higher education” means the pursuit of knowledge beyond learning at the stage of higher secondary school education;

(33) “Hostel” means a place of residence for the students of the university or a college or an institution, provided, established, maintained, by the university or college or institution, as the case may be;

(34) “institution” means an academic institution of higher learning, not being a college, associated with and admitted to the privileges of the university;

(35) “inter-disciplinary studies” means the combined academic studies and research in different disciplines as prescribed by statutes;

(36) “Knowledge Resource Centre” means a library established by the university on the campus or sub-campuses of the university to hold in print, electronic and audio-video format material, monographs, reference volumes, text and review books, all types of journals and any other material in various format useful for education, research, extension services or for similar purposes;

(37) “management” means the trustees or the managing or governing body, by whatever name called, of any trust registered under the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, or any society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or a Company registered under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, under the management of which one or more colleges or recognized institutions or other institutions of higher learning, are conducted and admitted to the privileges of the university;

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Provided that, in relation to any college or institution established or maintained by the Central Government or the State Government or a local authority like a Zilla Parishad, Municipal Council or Municipal Corporation, it means, respectively, the Central Government or the State Government or Zilla Parishad or the Municipal Council or the Municipal Corporation, as the case may be;

(38) “multi-disciplinary studies” means the combined academic studies and research in different streams of a particular discipline as prescribed by Statutes;

(39) “Nomadic Tribes” means tribes wandering from place to place in search of their livelihood, as declared by the State Government, from time to time;

(40) “non-vacational academic staff” means such staff as the State Government may classify to be non-vacational academic staff and includes all such staff which is complimentary to academic staff but, shall not include the staff engaged purely in discharging administrative functions;

(41) “Other Backward Classes” means any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens as declared by the State Government and includes Other Backward Classes declared by the Government of India in relation to the State of Maharashtra;

(42) “post-graduate department” means a department in a college or institution of higher learning, research or specialized studies, recognized to be so by the university and imparting post-graduate instruction or guidance for research;

(43) “prescribed” means prescribed by Statutes or Ordinances or Regulations, as the case may be, made by or under this Act;

(44) “Principal” means a teacher who is duly approved as a Principal by the university;

(45) “Pro-Vice-Chancellor” means the academic and executive officer, next to the Vice-Chancellor having purview of the entire university;

(46) “recognized institution” means an institution of higher learning, research or specialized studies, other than a college, and recognized to be so by the university;

(47) “registered graduate” means a graduate of a university registered or deemed to be registered by or under this Act with one of the universities;

(48) “satellite centre” means an integral part of an affiliated or conducted college or recognized institution imparting academic programmes, co-curricular, research and extension activities in rural or tribal region, neighbouring the location of such college or institution, established with the object of reaching the unreached, on the terms and conditions specified by the State Government by an Order in the *Official Gazette*;

(49) “Schedule” means the Schedule to this Act;

(50) “Scheduled Castes” means such castes, races or tribes or parts of, or groups within, such castes, races or tribes as are deemed to be Scheduled Castes, in relation to the State of Maharashtra under article 341 of the Constitution of India;

(51) “Scheduled Tribes” means such tribes or tribal communities or parts of or groups within, such tribes or tribal communities as are deemed to be Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State of Maharashtra under article 342 of the Constitution of India residing in any part of the State of Maharashtra;

(52) “school” means a school of studies maintained by or recognized as such by the university or autonomous college, Empowered Autonomous College, Empowered Autonomous Cluster Institution;

(53) “Skills Knowledge Provider” means an institution which has been recognized by the university for conducting such courses as prescribed by the university as per the National, State Level policy regarding Skills Qualification Framework;

(54) “Special Backward Category” means socially and educationally backward classes of citizens declared as a Special Backward Category by the State Government;

(55) “State” means the State of Maharashtra;

(56) “State Government” or “Government” means the Government of Maharashtra;

(57) “Statutes”, “Ordinances” and “Regulations” means, respectively, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the university, made by or under this Act;

(58) “Student” means an individual who is admitted and registered for an academic programme of the University or affiliated, conducted, autonomous colleges and recognized institutions of the University;

(59) “Students Council” means the Students Council established under section 99 of the Act;

(60) “Sub-Campus” means a comprehensive inherent independent unit of the university for a predetermined geographical jurisdiction for decentralization of academic, administrative, research and extension activities of that jurisdiction, with the objective of improving efficiency and effectiveness;

(61) “teacher” means full-time approved professor, associate professor, assistant professor, reader, lecturer, librarian, principal, Director of an institution, Director of Knowledge Resource Centre, Director of Centre of Lifelong Learning and Extension, deputy or assistant librarian in the university, college librarian, Director or instructor of physical education in any university department, conducted, affiliated or autonomous college, autonomous institution or department or recognized institution of the university;

(62) “Tribunal” means the tribunal established under section 80 of the Act;

(63) “university” means any of the public universities mentioned in the Schedule and includes a cluster university within the meaning of sub-section (6) of section 3;

(64) “university area” means the area specified against the name of the university in the Schedule;

(65) “university department” means a department established and maintained by the university as prescribed by the Statutes;

(66) “University Grants Commission” means the University Grants Commission established under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956;

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(67) “university institution” means a centre, a school, or an institute established and maintained by the university as prescribed by the Statutes;

(68) “university teacher” means a full time teacher appointed by the university.

CHAPTER II
PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

3. (1) Each of the existing public universities specified in column (1) of Part I of the Schedule, with effect from the date of commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to be constituted under this Act for the same area specified in column (2) of the said part, for which it was constituted immediately before the date of commencement of this Act.

Incorporation
of
Universities.

(2) The State Government may, from time to time, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, constitute any new university under this Act by such name, for such area and with effect from such date, as may be specified by it, and insert necessary entries in Part II of the Schedule; and may for that purpose or any other purposes specified in that behalf diminish, increase or alter the area of any existing or new university, by suitably amending the Schedule, by the said notification, and thereupon the entries in column (2) of Part I, or in column (2) of Part II, as the case may be, of the Schedule, shall stand amended accordingly, and all educational institutions, whether colleges, institutions, autonomous or empowered autonomous colleges, empowered autonomous cluster institutions, post-graduate departments, schools on the sub-campuses, by whatever name called, within the area of the new university, which are affiliated to or recognized by the existing university shall, from the date aforesaid, stand affiliated to or recognized by the new university:

Provided that, no such notification shall be issued except on a resolution passed by both Houses of the State Legislature.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), if, in the exigency of circumstances the new university considers it expedient that certain privileges of the existing university to which such educational institutions as referred to in sub-section (2), were entitled immediately before the date specified under the said sub-section should be continued for a certain period, not exceeding a period of five years in the aggregate, after the date aforesaid, the new university may accordingly forward its recommendations to the State Government and on receipt of such recommendations the State Government may, if it is satisfied that such privileges should be so continued, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, provide that for such period, as may be specified in the notification, such privileges shall continue.

(4) The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, members of the Senate, Management Council and Academic Council for the time being holding office as such in each university are hereby constituted and declared to be a body corporate by the name specified therefor in the Schedule and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may by that name sue and be sued.

(5) Each university shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, to lease, sell or otherwise transfer or dispose of any movable or immovable property, which may vest in or be acquired by it for the purposes of the university, and to contract and do all other things necessary for the purposes of this Act:

Provided that, no such lease, sale or transfer of such property shall be made without the valuation made thereof by the approved valuer appointed by the university and without the prior consent of the State Government.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the State Government may, by notification in *Official Gazette*, constitute a cluster university comprising of a cluster of affiliated or autonomous colleges or institutions of a university. Such cluster university shall comprise of such university authorities and shall exercise such powers and perform such functions of university as may be specified in such notification:

Provided that, every such notification shall be laid as soon as may be, after it is issued, before each House of the State Legislature.

Objects of
University.

4. The objects of the university, in general, shall be to disseminate, create and preserve knowledge and understanding by teaching, research and development, skill development, training and education, extension and service and by effective demonstration and influence of its corporate life on society in general, and in particular, the objects shall be to,

(1) carry out its responsibility of creation, preservation and dissemination of knowledge;

(2) promote discipline and the spirit of intellectual inquiry and to dedicate itself as a fearless academic community to the sustained pursuit of excellence;

(3) encourage individuality and diversity within a climate of tolerance and mutual understanding;

(4) promote freedom, secularism, equality, social justice as enshrined in the Constitution of India, and to be catalyst in patriotic socio-economic transformation by promoting basic attitudes and values of essence to national development;

(5) promote the conducive environment for ensuring social harmony, coexistence, integral humanism and upliftment of the poorest of the poor;

(6) extend the benefits of knowledge and skills for development of individuals and society by associating the university closely with local, regional and national problems of development;

(7) carry out social responsibility as an informed and objective critic, to identify and cultivate talent, to train the right kind of leadership in all walks of life and to help younger generation to develop right attitudes, interests and values;

(8) promote equitable distribution of teaching, learning, training and other support services facilities of higher education;

(9) provide for efficient and responsive administration, scientific and technology management and develop organization of teaching, learning, training, research and extension;

(10) devise motivational systems to ensure that individual cognitive abilities are not constrained but rather the innovative spirit and desire to make true contribution and realize self-achievement is nurtured;

(11) promote acquisition of knowledge in a rapidly developing and changing society and to continually offer opportunities of upgrading knowledge, training and skills in the context of innovations, research and discovery in all fields of human endeavour by developing a higher educational network with use of modern communication media, information and communication technology and other emerging and future technologies appropriate for a learning society;

(12) promote national integration, fraternity and preserve cultural heritage and inculcate respect towards different religions and diverse cultures of India through the study of different religions, literature, history, science, art, civilizations and cultures;

(13) develop work culture and promote dignity of labour through applied components in the syllabi;

(14) build up financial self-sufficiency by undertaking academic teaching, training and allied programmes, research and development activities for public and private industries, Governmental organizations at local, regional, national and global level and resource generative services in a cost-effective manner;

(15) promote better interaction and co-ordination among different universities, institutions and colleges in the given university, other universities in the State, in the region, in the nation and at global level by all such means generally to improve the governance of the university and facility it provides for higher education;

(16) generate and promote a sense of self-respect and dignity amongst the weaker sections of the society;

(17) to promote gender equality and sensitivity in society;

(18) strive to promote competitive merit and excellence as the sole guiding criterion in all academic and other matters relating to students.

5. The university shall have the following powers and duties, namely:—

Powers and
duties of
University.

(1) to provide for instructions, extension, teaching, learning and training in such branches or subjects or disciplines and courses of study including a choice based credit system and any other system that may emerge in future, as the university may, from time to time, determine;

(2) to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge, and generally to cultivate and promote the arts (including fine arts and performing arts), humanities, social sciences, accounts and commerce, pure and applied sciences, technologies, managements, different forms of medicine, engineering, law, physical education and other branches of learning and culture and their multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary areas;

(3) to make provision to enable conducted and affiliated colleges and recognized institutions to undertake specialized studies;

(4) to make provisions for creation of autonomous, empowered autonomous and empowered autonomous cluster of institutions;

(5) to develop procedures and processes for recognition of private skills education providers and empowered autonomous skills development colleges;

(6) to organize, maintain and manage university departments, schools, institutions, laboratories, knowledge resource centers, learning resource centers, libraries, museums and equipment for teaching, learning, training, research and development or extension;

(7) to establish, maintain and manage departments, institutions of research, institutions of specialized studies or academic services unit;

(8) to establish, maintain and manage constituent, community and conducted colleges, institutions, hostels, health centers, auditoria and gymnasiums;

(9) to provide for establishment, on the university campus and Sub-Campuses, of autonomous institutions like multi-university and inter-university centers, research laboratories, modern instrumentation centers and like centers of learning, set up by the University Grants Commission, Central Government or the State Government, teaching or learning or training colleges or institutions at local, regional, national and global level, which may be used by a university or college or group of universities or colleges:

Provided that, in the case of any industry or any non-Government organization availing themselves of such facility of a university or such organizations providing the facility to a university, prior approval of the State Government shall be obtained by the university concerned;

(10) to provide for establishment of sub-campuses for serving a group of colleges, and also to provide for and maintain common resource centers in such sub-campuses in the form of post-graduate departments, multi-disciplinary or interdisciplinary schools, knowledge resource centers, libraries, laboratories, computer centers, and the like centers of learning and skills training, as per the guidelines laid down by the State Government or the University Grants Commission;

(11) to create posts of directors, principals, university teachers, non-vacation academic staff, non-teaching skilled, administrative, ministerial staff and other posts required by the university, from its funds and from the funds received from other funding agencies, prescribe their qualifications, experience and pay-scales, and make appointments thereto;

(12) to make appointments to the posts of directors, principals, university teachers, non-vacation academic staff, non-teaching skilled, administrative, ministerial staff and other posts sanctioned by the State Government as per the qualifications and experience specified by the State Government and the University Grants Commission;

(13) to appoint or recognize persons working in any other university or organization as adjunct professors, adjunct associate professors, adjunct assistant professors, visiting professors of the university for specified periods;

(14) to facilitate mobility of teachers within the university and to other universities with the consent of the teacher concerned;

(15) to prescribe the courses of instruction and studies for the various examinations leading to specific degrees and diplomas or certificates;

(16) to prescribe the courses of instruction and studies in choice based credit system for the various examinations leading to specific degrees, diplomas or certificates in a stand-alone format or joint format with other State or national or global universities;

(17) to make provision, wherever feasible, in the university departments, colleges, institutions, recognized institutions and schools, for survey and collection of statistics, data and other particulars relevant to various developmental activities including State and National plans, evaluation of the developmental schemes with the participation of the students as a part of their curricular activities;

(18) to supervise, control and regulate admission of students for various courses of study in university departments, schools, multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary schools, community, conducted and affiliated colleges, institutions and recognized institutions;

(19) to guide teaching in colleges by deputation of teachers from a pool of teachers of the university and supplement teaching in colleges for improving their standards;

(20) to institute degrees and post-graduate diplomas and post-higher secondary diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions on the basis of examinations or by other tests or otherwise;

(21) to hold examinations or evaluations and confer degrees and post-graduate diplomas and award post-higher secondary diplomas and certificates and other academic distinctions on persons who,—

(a) unless exempted therefrom in the manner prescribed, have pursued approved courses of study in the university, or in a college or in an institution or a recognized institution or a school and have passed the examinations and earned the required credits or marks or grades prescribed by the university; or

(b) have pursued approved courses of study in the university, or in a college or in an institution or a recognized institution or in an autonomous college or an autonomous recognized institution or in empowered autonomous college or empowered autonomous cluster institutions or a school and have passed the examinations and earned the required credits or marks or grades prescribed by the university; or

(c) have engaged in research under conditions provided by Ordinances and Regulations;

(22) to confer and award such degrees, diplomas and certificates to, and provide for such lectures, instructions and training for external students, and the students under correspondence and distance education, online and continuing education courses;

(23) to confer honorary degrees or other academic distinctions as prescribed by the Statutes;

(24) to lay down the conditions of affiliation of colleges and recognition of institutions taking into account the credibility of the management and the norms of academic performance of colleges, faculties and subjects, as may be laid down, from time to time, and satisfy itself by periodical assessment or otherwise, that those conditions are fulfilled;

(25) to admit to the privileges of the university, affiliated colleges and institutions not maintained by the university and withdraw all or any of those privileges, temporarily or permanently;

(26) to designate a university department, conducted college, an affiliated college, institution or school as an autonomous university department, conducted college, affiliated college or institution or school, as the case may be, in accordance with the guidelines, if any, laid down by the State Government or University Grants Commission;

(27) to designate a conducted college, an affiliated college, institution or school as an empowered conducted college, affiliated college or institution or school, in a stand-alone or cluster form, as the case may be, in accordance with the guidelines, if any, laid down by the State Government or University Grants Commission;

(28) to monitor and evaluate the academic performance of university departments, university institutions, conducted colleges and of affiliated colleges, autonomous or empowered colleges in a stand-alone or cluster form and recognized institutions for affiliation or recognition, as the case may be, and for periodical accreditations;

(29) to inspect, where necessary, all types of colleges or institutions and recognized institutions through suitable machinery established for the purpose, and take measures to ensure that proper standards of instruction, teaching, learning, training and research, and extension are maintained by them and adequate library, class rooms, laboratory, hostel, workshop and other academic facilities are provided for;

(30) to hold and to manage trusts and endowments and institute and to award fellowship, travelling fellowship, scholarship, studentship, medals and prizes for teachers and students of the university and colleges;

(31) to fix, demand and receive or recover such fees and other charges, as may be regulated by the Ordinances, from time to time;

(32) to constitute a fee fixation committee;

(33) to supervise, control and regulate the conduct and discipline of the students of the university, colleges, institutions, recognized institutions, schools and hostels;

(34) to provide for mobility of students from formal to non-formal stream and vice-versa, and also among the other universities in the State and outside the State;

(35) to provide facilities for revision or in-service courses for teachers of the university, colleges, schools and institutions;

(36) to make arrangements for promoting the healthy atmosphere, corporate life and welfare of the students of the university, colleges, schools and institutions;

(37) to make arrangements for promoting welfare of the employees of the university;

(38) to co-ordinate and regulate teaching, learning, training and research and extension in the colleges and recognized institutions;

(39) to provide for the training and education in the domain of quality, intensive workshops or learning exercises on enhancing quality and also mechanism for setting up of internal quality assurance for quality improvement of teachers and non-teaching employees;

(40) to provide for periodical assessment of the performance of teachers and non-teaching employees in the colleges, institutions and university in accordance with the norms prescribed by the University Grants Commission or the State Government;

(41) to regulate and provide for attendance of the teachers on the premises of the university or colleges or institutions during teaching hours and beyond teaching hours, as prescribed and to prohibit teachers from taking or conducting private tuitions or private coaching classes;

(42) to regulate and provide for attendance of the non-teaching employees on the premises of the university or colleges or institutions during working hours and beyond working hours, as prescribed;

(43) to enforce conduct and discipline rules for teachers and non-teaching employees prescribed by the State Government;

(44) to prescribe code of conduct for managements;

(45) to prescribe and enforce students charter;

(46) to establish, maintain and manage, whenever necessary,—

(a) Knowledge Resource Centre;

(b) university extension boards;

(c) information bureaus;

(d) employment guidance bureaus;

(e) Autonomous Evaluation Boards; and

(f) such other activities as may be necessary and possible to fulfill the objects of the university;

(47) to make provision for participation of students in,—

(a) the national service scheme;

(b) the national cadet corps;

(c) home guards and civil defense;

(d) the national sports organization;

(e) physical and military training;

(f) extra-mural teaching and research;

(g) programmes related to Lifelong Learning and Extension;

(h) any other programmes, services or activities directed towards cultural, economic and social betterment as may be necessary and possible, to fulfill the objects of the university;

(48) to provide for special training or coaching for competitive examinations, for recruitment to the public services, public sector undertakings and other competitive employment opportunities;

(49) to co-operate or collaborate with any other university, institution, authority or organization for research and advisory services and for such purposes to enter into appropriate arrangement with other universities, institutions, authorities, or organizations to conduct certain courses as the situation may demand;

(50) to rescind or suspend affiliation or recognition or empowered status granted to colleges or institutions or cluster of institutions;

(51) to borrow funds for the purposes of the university on the security of the property of the university, with the prior permission of the State Government;

(52) to explore the possibilities of augmenting the resources of the university by exploring or innovating activities such as research and development, consultancy, training programmes and providing services for different clients from industry, trade or any other non-government organizations;

(53) to transfer the management of an affiliated college, institution or autonomous college or empowered autonomous college or cluster of institutions in case where irregularities or commissions or omissions of criminal nature by the management of such college or institution or mismanagement of such college or institution are *prima-facie* evident, to any other management;

(54) to undertake academic collaboration programmes, research and advisory services with universities and institutions abroad, with prior approval of the State Government;

(55) to receive funds for collaboration programmes from foreign agencies, subject to rules and regulations of the Central Government and State Government in that behalf;

(56) to create development corpus out of surplus that the university may generate through its teaching, learning, training, research and development, consultancy, and any other academic and support activities and to invest it in a professional manner and use the interest generated through it for the growth and development of academic, research and development, academic and physical infrastructure development and any other infrastructure;

(57) to lay down for teachers and university teachers, such instructions or directions as, in the opinion of the university, may be necessary in academic matters;

(58) to undertake development programmes in higher education, research, consultancy based projects and training programmes for outside agencies, by charging fees, so as to generate resources;

(59) to make special provisions for the benefit of university education to be made available to classes and communities which are socially and educationally backward;

(60) to make special provisions for such benefits of university education to be made available for women students and differently-abled students as the university may think necessary;

(61) to make special provision for higher education in rural and tribal areas;

(62) to take appropriate measures in order to increase the gross enrolment ratio;

(63) to implement the national literacy and adult education program through teachers and students on voluntary basis in the university system and to evolve measures to give due weightage to the efforts and performance of the students in this area in addition to their normal academic performance, and also to evaluate the performance of the teachers in this area;

(64) to promote by itself, or in co-operation with other universities, the study of Marathi and the use of Marathi as a medium of instruction, study, research and examination, in adherence to the policies of the State Government;

(65) to promote by itself, or in co-operation with other universities or organizations, the study of foreign languages in general and Asian languages in particular;

(66) to evolve an operational scheme for ensuring accountability of teachers, non-vacation academic and non-teaching staff of the university, institutions and colleges;

(67) to provide for joint appointments in single grade of pay in more than one department or administrative section in the university, as also between university departments and between the university-public or university-private or university public-private partnership research laboratories or university-industry or university-other bodies;

(68) to create knowledge and disseminate it and foster high quality research which is contemporary, globally competitive and locally as well as regionally and nationally relevant;

(69) to have a learner-centric approach and perform the role of being a knowledge creator;

(70) to strengthen education at under-graduate, post-graduate level, enhance research and development culture and relevant degree programmes and cultivate desire for entrepreneurship;

(71) to create a comprehensive digital university framework for both, e-learning and e-administrative services;

(72) to exploit the power of 'learning by collaboration' and 'participation' with use of information and communication technology;

(73) to cultivate research parks, technology incubators and other engagement entities to translate university research to commercial domain and coordinated projects involving multiple faculty groups from several disciplines that address some important issues before the State;

(74) to identify skills to which students need to be exposed to, by taking into account the local needs, training facilities available, emerging needs and new employment opportunities;

(75) to provide an environment for the all-round development of youth by exposing them to the rich cultural heritage of the country and creating opportunities for development of skills in sports;

(76) to ensure introduction of choice based credit system with transferable credit points from four streams, namely, the academic stream, the technology stream, the professional and social stream and the personality and cultural development stream;

(77) to facilitate mobility of teachers to collaborating institutions such as industries, research and development laboratories, non-Government organizations, engaged in societal development, to enable translation of knowledge to viable real life applications and in turn enrich university programmes;

(78) to establish centers or institutions in foreign countries with the permission of the Central and the State Government;

(79) to establish vocational or skills based community colleges in partnership with industry;

(80) to implement recommendations report of the Commission within the time-frame given by it;

(81) to comply with and carry out any directives issued by the State Government, from time to time, with reference to above powers, duties and responsibilities of the university;

(82) to conduct academic audit of university departments, conducted colleges, affiliated colleges, institutions or schools, at regular intervals;

(83) to do all such other acts and things as may be necessary for, or incidental or conducive to, the attainment of all or any of its objects.

Jurisdiction
and
admission to
privileges of
University.

6. (1) The territorial limits, within which the powers conferred upon the university by this Act shall be exercised, shall comprise the whole of the university area as specified against the name of such university in the Schedule:

Provided that, the benefit of distance-education courses, correspondence courses, open university courses or external degree courses of any university may, with the prior permission of the State Government, extend and cover the entire area of the State outside the university area:

Provided further that, if a university desires to establish sub-campus or centre or institution in any foreign country, on its own or in collaboration with any other Indian or foreign university or institution, it may do so with the prior sanction of the Central and the State Government.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 3, no educational institution situated within the university area shall, except with the consent of the university and the sanction of the State Government, be associated in any way

with, or seek admission to any privilege of, any other university established by law with the exception of the state open university and Research or Project collaborations of university, colleges with any other university or colleges :

Provided that, if an educational institution, public or private, Indian or foreign, seeks to be associated with or be admitted to the privileges of a university, jurisdiction of which is not restricted to any State or area, such association or admission may be permitted by the State Government :

Provided further that, if a university, the jurisdiction of which is not restricted to any State or area, wishes to establish a centre or other unit of research in the university area on its own or in collaboration with any public or private Indian or foreign university or institution, it may do so with the sanction of the State Government and also with the sanction of the Central Government, if the collaboration is with the foreign university or institution.

(3) If an educational institution, public or private, Indian or foreign, associated with or admitted to the privileges of any other university established by law, seeks to be associated with, or be admitted to the privileges of a university, such association or admission may be permitted with the sanction of the State Government and consent of the university concerned.

(4) Save as otherwise, provided by or under this Act, any privilege enjoyed by any educational institution within the area of another university before the date on which this Act comes into force, shall not be withdrawn, without the sanction of the State Government.

(5) If a new district is created by the State Government, the area of such district shall be under the jurisdiction of such university, as may be declared by the State Government, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, for the purpose of admission to the privileges of such university.

7. (1) No citizen of India shall be excluded from any office of the university or from membership of any of its authorities, bodies or committees, or from appointment to any post, or from admission to any degree, diploma, certificate or other academic distinction or course of study on the ground only of sex, race, creed, class, caste, place of birth, religious belief or profession or political or other opinion :

University open to all irrespective of sex, race, creed, class, caste, place of birth, religion, or opinion.

Provided that, the university may maintain, accredit or recognize any college or institution exclusively for women, or reserved for women.

(2) The university shall adopt government policy and orders issued, from time to time, in regard to the reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*), Nomadic Tribes and Other Backward Classes for appointment to different posts of teachers and non-teaching employees and for the purpose of admission of students in the affiliated or conducted or community colleges, university departments, university institutions or recognized institutions.

(3) The university shall adopt with the general policy of the State Government in regard to the welfare of various categories of weaker sections of the society, minorities, women and persons with disability as directed by the State Government, from time to time.

Control of
State
Government
on
Universities.

8. (1) Without prior approval of the State Government, the university shall not,—

(a) create new posts of teachers, officers or other employees;

(b) revise the pay, allowances, post-retirement benefits and other benefits of its teachers, officers and other employees;

(c) grant any special pay, allowance or other extra remuneration of any description whatsoever, including ex-gratia payment or other benefits having financial implications, to any of its teachers, officers or other employees;

(d) divert any earmarked funds received for any purpose other than that for which it was received;

(e) transfer by sale or lease of immovable property ;

(f) incur expenditure on any development work from the funds received from the State Government or University Grants Commission or any person or body for the purposes other than the purposes for which the funds are received;

(g) take any decision regarding affiliated colleges resulting in increased financial liability, direct or indirect, for the State Government.

(2) The university shall be competent to incur expenditure, in consonance with the policies and directives of the State Government issued from time to time, from the funds received from,—

(a) various funding agencies without any share or contribution from the State Government;

(b) contributions received from individuals, industries, institutions, organizations or any person whosoever, to further the objectives of the university;

(c) contributions or fees for academic or other services offered by the university for aided and self-supporting academic programmes;

(d) development fund, or any other fund established by the university; for the purposes of,—

(i) creation of posts in various cadres;

(ii) granting pay, allowances and other benefits to the posts created through its own funds provided those posts are not held by such persons, who are holding the posts for which government contribution is received;

(iii) starting any academic programmes on self-supporting basis;

(iv) granting remunerations or incentives to its employees for performing any task assigned to them other than their regular duties and responsibilities;

(v) incurring expenditure on any development work and on welfare activities of its students and employees:

Provided that, there is no financial liability, direct or indirect, immediate or in future, on the State Government.

(3) The State Government may, in accordance with the provisions contained in this Act, for the purpose of securing and maintaining uniform standards in all universities in the State, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, prescribe a Standard Code providing for the classification, manner and mode of selection, appointment, induction and advance training, field exposure, deputation and reservation of post in favour of members of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*), .Nomadic Tribes, and Other Backward Classes, duties, workload, pay, allowances, post-retirement benefits, other benefits, conduct and disciplinary matters and other conditions of service of the officers, teachers and other employees of the universities and the teachers and other employees in the affiliated colleges and recognized institutions (other than those managed and maintained by the State Government, Central Government and the local authorities) and the provisions for absorption of teachers and employees in the university departments, affiliated or conducted colleges and institutions who are aided and rendered surplus. However, the unaided teachers and employees who are rendered surplus in university departments, affiliated or conducted colleges and institutions shall not be eligible, for absorption at the aided vacancies in university departments, affiliated or conducted colleges and institutions. Where such Code is prescribed, the provisions made in the Code shall prevail, and the provisions made in the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made under this Act, for matters included in the Code shall, to the extent to which they are inconsistent with the provisions of the Code, be invalid.

(4) Qualifications and experience for the purpose of appointment of non-teaching employees in the universities, affiliated colleges and recognized institutions (other than those managed and maintained by the State Government, Central Government and the local authorities) shall be as may be specified by the Government, by an order published in the *Official Gazette*.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, if the circumstances so require and the State Government considers it necessary to do so, it may appoint, on deputation, a suitable person possessing the requisite qualifications to perform the duties of the Registrar, Finance and Accounts Officer or the Director of the Board of Examinations and Evaluation, for a period of not more than one year at a time and not more than three years in the aggregate.

(6) The State Government through any officer not below the rank of Joint Director, Higher Education or Technical Education shall have right to cause inspection of any affiliated, conducted, or autonomous college recognized institution or university department.

(7) In case of failure of the university to exercise powers or perform duties specified in section 5, or where the university has not exercised such powers or performed such duties adequately, or where there has been a failure to comply with any order issued by the State Government, or under any other circumstances as the State Government may deem fit, the State Government may issue a directive to the university for proper exercise of such powers or performance of such duties or comply with the order; and it shall be the duty of the university to comply with such direction. In case the university fails to comply with the directives, the State Government shall call upon the University to give reasons in writing as to why

the directives were not complied with. If the State Government is not satisfied with the explanation, it may refer the matter to the Chancellor for taking necessary action under sub-section (3) of section 9.

(8) The State Government shall carry out test audit or full audit of the accounts of a university, college, school or institution, a regularly at such intervals as it may deem fit.

CHAPTER III OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Chancellor
and his
Powers.

9. (1) The Governor of Maharashtra shall be the Chancellor of every university and the Chancellor, by virtue of his office, shall be the Head of the university.

(2) The Chancellor, when present, shall preside over the Convocation of the university and may issue directions to the Vice-Chancellor to convene the meeting of any authority of the university for specific purposes, whenever necessary, and the Vice-Chancellor shall submit the minutes of such meeting to the Chancellor for his perusal.

(3) The Chancellor,—

(a) shall, on receiving a reference from the State Government under the proviso to sub-section (7) of section 8 in such matter; or

(b) may, in any matter *suo motu* or otherwise,

call for a report or an explanation or such information and record relating to such matter or any matter or affairs of the university, and shall, after considering such report or explanation, or information or record, issue such directions thereupon as may be deemed fit in the interest of the university or student or larger interest of the public, and his directions shall be final and shall be complied with by the university forthwith.

(4) The Chancellor may, after taking report in writing from the Vice-Chancellor, suspend or modify any resolution, order or proceeding of any authority, body, committee or officer which in his opinion, is not in conformity with this Act, Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations made thereunder, or is not in the interest of the university and the university, authority, body, committee and officer, shall comply with the same:

Provided that, before making any such order, the Chancellor shall call upon the university, authority, body, committee or, as the case may be, officer to show cause why such an order should not be made, and if any cause is shown, within the time fixed by the Chancellor, he shall consider the same and wherever he deems it necessary, after consulting the State Government, decide the action to be taken in the matter, and his decision shall be final.

(5) Where, in the opinion of the Chancellor, the conduct of any elected or nominated or appointed or co-opted member is detrimental to the smooth functioning of university or any authority or body or committee, he may, after giving such member an opportunity to offer his explanation in writing and after considering such explanation, if any, and satisfying himself that it is necessary so to do, disqualify such member or suspend him for such period, as he may deem fit.

(6) The Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred upon or vested in him by or under this Act.

10. The following shall be the other officers of the university, namely:—

- (1) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (2) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (3) the Registrar;
- (4) the Deans of Faculties;
- (5) the Director of Board of Examinations and Evaluation;
- (6) the Finance and Accounts Officer;
- (7) the Director of Sub-campus of the University;
- (8) the Director of Innovation, Incubation and Linkages;
- (9) the Director Knowledge Resource Center;
- (10) the Director of Lifelong Learning and Extension;
- (11) the Director of Students Development;
- (12) the Director of Sports and Physical Education;
- (13) the Director of National Service Scheme;
- (14) such other officers in the service of the university as may be prescribed by Statutes.

Other officers of University.

11. (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor who shall be the principal academic and executive officer of the university and *ex-officio* Chairperson of the Management Council, Academic Council, Board of Examinations and Evaluation, Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Finance and Accounts Committee, Board of National and International Linkages and the Board for Innovation, Incubation and Enterprise, Board of Information Technology, Board of Students' Development, Board of Sports and Physical Education and Board of Research and shall preside in the absence of the Chancellor at any convocation for conferring degrees and also at any meeting of Senate. His powers and duties shall be as provided in section 12.

Appointment of Vice-Chancellor.

(2) Save as otherwise provided, pay and allowances, terms and conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be determined by the State Government, from time to time.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor in the manner stated hereunder :—

(a) There shall be a committee consisting of the following members to recommend suitable names to the Chancellor for appointment of Vice-Chancellor, namely:—

- (i) a member nominated by the Chancellor, who shall be the retired Judge of the Supreme Court or retired Chief Justice of a High Court or an eminent scholar of national repute or a recipient of Padma Award in the field of education;

(ii) the Principal Secretary of Higher and Technical Education Department or any officer not below the rank of Principal Secretary to Government nominated by the State Government;

(iii) the Director or Head of an institute or organization of national repute established by an Act of Parliament, nominated by the Management Council and the Academic Council, jointly, in the manner specified by the State Government by an order published in the *Official Gazette*.

(b) The member nominated by the Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the committee.

(c) The members nominated on the committee shall be persons who are not connected with the university or any college or any recognized institution of the university.

(d) No meeting of the committee shall be held unless all the three members of the committee are present.

(e) The committee shall recommend a panel of not less than 5 suitable persons for the consideration of the Chancellor for being appointed as the Vice-Chancellor. The names of the persons so recommended shall be in alphabetical order without any preference being indicated. The report shall be accompanied by a detailed write-up on suitability of each person included in the panel.

(f) A person recommended by the committee for appointment as Vice-Chancellor shall,—

(i) be an eminent academician and an administrator of high caliber;

(ii) be able to provide leadership by his own example;

(iii) be able to provide vision; and have ability to translate the same into reality in the interest of students and society; and

(iv) possess such educational qualifications and experience as may be specified by the State Government, by an Order published in the *Official Gazette*, in consultation with the Chancellor.

(g) The eligibility conditions and the process for recommendation of names for appointment as Vice-Chancellor shall be given wide publicity to ensure the recommendation of most suitable candidates.

(4) The Chancellor may appoint one of the persons included in the panel to be the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that, if the Chancellor does not approve any of the persons so recommended, he may call for a fresh panel either from the same committee or after constitution of a new committee for the purpose, from such new committee.

(5) The process of preparing the panel of the suitable persons for being appointed as the Vice-Chancellor, shall begin at least six months before the probable date of occurrence of the vacancy of the Vice-Chancellor, and the process of appointment of the Vice-Chancellor shall be completed at least one month before the probable date of occurrence of the vacancy of the Vice-Chancellor.

(6) The person appointed as the Vice-Chancellor shall, subject to the terms and conditions of contract of service, hold office for a period of five years from the date on which he takes charge of his office or till he attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier and he shall not be eligible for re-appointment.

(7) The person appointed as the Vice-Chancellor shall hold a lien, if any, on the substantive post held by him prior to the appointment.

(8) In any of the following circumstances, the exigency whereof shall solely be judged by the Chancellor, namely :—

(i) where the committee appointed under clause (a) of sub-section (3) is unable to recommend any name within the time limit specified by the Chancellor;

(ii) where the vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-Chancellor because of death, resignation or otherwise, and it cannot be conveniently and expeditiously filled in, in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4);

(iii) where the vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor occurs temporarily because of leave, illness or other causes; or

(iv) where there is any other emergency;

the Chancellor may appoint any suitable person, to act as the Vice-Chancellor for a term not exceeding twelve months, in the aggregate as may be specified in his order :

Provided that, the person so appointed shall cease to hold such office on the date on which the person appointed as the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) assumes office or the Vice-Chancellor resumes office.

(9) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the university and shall receive pay and allowances, and other facilities as determined by the State Government. In addition, he shall be entitled to free furnished residence, a motor car including its maintenance, repairs and fuel required therefor, with the service of a chauffeur, free of charge.

(10) Such sumptuary allowance shall be placed at the disposal of the Vice-Chancellor, as the State Government may approve.

(11) If a person receiving an honorarium from the consolidated fund of the State, or if a principal of an affiliated college or a recognized institution or a university teacher is appointed as Vice-Chancellor, his terms and conditions of service shall not be altered to his disadvantage during his tenure as Vice-Chancellor.

(12) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-sections, the person referred to in sub-section (7) shall stand retired from his original post in accordance with the terms and conditions of service of that post.

(13) The Vice-Chancellor may, by writing under his signature addressed to the Chancellor, after giving one month's notice resign from his office and shall cease to hold his office on the acceptance of his resignation by the Chancellor or from the date of expiry of the said notice period, whichever is earlier.

(14) The Vice-Chancellor may be removed from his office if the Chancellor is satisfied that the incumbent,—

- (a) has become insane and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (b) has been convicted by a court for any offence involving moral turpitude; or
- (c) has become an undischarged insolvent and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (d) has been physically unfit and incapable of discharging functions due to protracted illness or physical disability; or
- (e) has willfully omitted or refused to carry out the provisions of this Act or has committed breach of any of the terms and conditions of the service or any other conditions, prescribed by the State Government under sub-section (2), or has abused the powers vested in him or if the continuance of the Vice-Chancellor in the office is detrimental to the interests of the university ; or
- (f) is a member of, or is otherwise associated with, any political party any organization which takes part in politics, or is taking part in, or subscribing in aid of, any political movement or activity.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this sub-clause, whether any party is a political party, or whether any organization takes part in politics or whether any movement or activity falls within the scope of this sub-clause, the decision of the Chancellor thereon shall be final :

Provided that, the Vice-Chancellor shall be given a reasonable opportunity to show cause by the Chancellor before taking recourse for his removal under sub-clauses (d), (e) and (f).

Powers
and duties
of Vice-
Chancellor.

12. (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal academic and executive officer of the university responsible for the development of academic programmes of the university. He shall oversee and monitor the administration of the academic programmes and general administration of the university to ensure efficiency and good order of the university.

(2) He shall be entitled to be present, with the right to speak, at any meeting of any other authority or body or committee of the university, but shall not be entitled to vote thereat, unless he is the Chairperson or member of that authority or body.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to convene meetings of any of the authorities, bodies or committees, as and when he considers it necessary to do so.

(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall ensure that directions issued by the Chancellor are strictly complied with or, as the case may be, implemented.

(5) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that the directives of the State Government, if any, and the provisions of this Act, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations are strictly observed and that the decisions of the authorities, bodies and committees which are not inconsistent with this Act, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations are properly implemented.

(6) The Vice-Chancellor may defer implementation of a decision taken or a resolution passed by any authority, body or committee of the university if, he is of the opinion that the same is not consistent with the directives of the State Government or with the provisions of the Act, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations or that such decision or resolution is not in the interest of the university and at the earliest opportunity refer it back to the authority, body or committee concerned for reconsideration in its next meeting with reasons to be recorded in writing. If differences persist, he shall within a week, giving reasons submit it to the Chancellor for decision and inform about having done so to the members of the authority, body or committee concerned. After receipt of the decision of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall take action as directed by the Chancellor and inform the authority, body or committee concerned, accordingly.

(7) If there are reasonable grounds for the Vice-Chancellor to believe that there is an emergency which requires immediate action to be taken, or if any action is required to be taken in the interest of the university, he shall take such action, as he thinks necessary, and shall at the earliest opportunity, report in writing the grounds for his belief that there was an emergency, and the action taken by him, to such authority or body as shall, in the ordinary course, have dealt with the matter. In the event of a difference arising between the Vice-Chancellor and the authority or body whether there was in fact an emergency, or on the action taken where such action does not affect any person in the service of the University, or on both, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision shall be final :

Provided 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 thirty days from the date on which he receives notice of such action, an appeal to the Management Council.

Explanation. - For the purposes of this sub-section, action taken by the Vice-Chancellor shall not include disciplinary action taken against any employee of the university.

(8) Where any matter is required to be regulated by the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations, but no Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations are made in that behalf or where there is an exigency to amend Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations, the Vice-Chancellor may, for the time being, regulate the matter by issuing such directions as he thinks necessary, and shall, at the earliest opportunity thereafter, place them before the Management Council or other authority or body concerned for approval. He shall, at the same time, place before such authority or body for consideration the draft of the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations, as the case may be, required to be made in that behalf :

Provided that, such direction shall have to be converted into Statute, Ordinance or Regulations as the case may be, within six months of issuing of such direction failing which such direction shall automatically lapse.

(9) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the appointing and disciplinary authority for the university teachers.

(10) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the appointing and disciplinary authority for officers of the university of the rank of Assistant Registrar and of the rank equivalent thereto and above.

(11) As the Chairperson of the authorities or bodies or committees of the university, the Vice-Chancellor shall be empowered to suspend member from the meeting of the authority, body or committee for persisting to obstruct or stall the proceedings or for indulging in behaviour unbecoming of a member, and shall report the matter accordingly, to the Chancellor.

(12) The Vice-Chancellor shall place before the Management Council a report of the work of the university periodically as provided under the Ordinances.

(13) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to, --

(a) accord recognition to institutions of higher learning, research specialized studies in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(b) accord recognition to autonomous colleges, empowered autonomous colleges or cluster of institutions and empowered skills development colleges in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(c) accord recognition to private skills education providers in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(d) accord recognition as qualified teachers to the experts from the field of application oriented industries or companies and domain specific experts in various professional skills, working as training experts in private skills education providers and empowered skills development colleges.

(e) approve the recommended panel of referees for thesis or dissertations for awarding post-graduate, doctorate and higher degrees.

(14) (a) The Vice-Chancellor shall have right to cause inspection to be made by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor or such person or persons or body of persons as he may direct, of the university, its buildings, laboratories, libraries, museums, workshops and equipment and of affiliated, conducted or autonomous college, empowered autonomous colleges or cluster of institutions, recognized or autonomous institutions, empowered skills development colleges or private skills education provider, hall or hostel maintained or recognized by the university, and of the examinations, teachings and other work conducted by or on behalf of the university, and to cause an inquiry to be made in a like manner regarding any matter connected with the administration or finance of the university, affiliated, conducted or community or autonomous college, empowered autonomous colleges or cluster of institutions, recognized or autonomous institutions, empowered skills development colleges or private skills education provider:

Provided that, the Vice-Chancellor shall, in the case of affiliated or autonomous college, empowered autonomous colleges or cluster of institutions, recognized or autonomous institutions, empowered skills development colleges or private skills education provider, give notice to the management of such affiliated or autonomous college, empowered autonomous colleges or cluster of institutions, recognized or autonomous institutions, empowered skills development colleges or private skills education provider of his intention to cause an inspection or an inquiry to be so made:

Provided further that, the management shall have the right to make such representation to the Vice-Chancellor as it thinks necessary before such inspection or inquiry is made;

(b) after considering such representation, if any, the Vice-Chancellor may cause such inspection or inquiry to be made or may drop the same;

(c) in the case of management when an inspection or inquiry has been caused to be made, the management, shall be entitled to appoint a representative, who shall have the right to be present and be heard at such inspection or inquiry;

(d) the Vice-Chancellor may, if the inspection or inquiry is made regarding any college or institution admitted to the privileges of the university, communicate to the management the result of such inspection or inquiry;

(e) the management shall communicate to the Vice-Chancellor such action, if any, as it proposes to take or has been taken by it;

(f) where the management, does not, within the time fixed by the Vice-Chancellor, take action to his satisfaction, the Vice-Chancellor shall be competent to impose a fine upon the management and direct the management to stop the fresh admissions to the colleges or institutions or to decide any other action to be taken in this behalf and the same shall be communicated to the management concerned for compliance.

(15) The Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the State Government report on the recommendation of the Management Council, regarding the temporary alternative arrangements, in the interest of students, to run the day to day academic and administrative activities, of the management of an affiliated college, institution or autonomous college or empowered autonomous college or cluster of institutions in case of dispute regarding the management of the affiliated college and where irregularities or commissions or omissions of criminal nature by the management of such college or institution or mismanagement of such college or institutions are, *prima facie*, evident to committee of inquiry appointed by the university and to make the necessary arrangements to run the day to day academic and administrative activities of such college till the dispute is statutorily resolved. The decision of the State Government in this behalf shall be final and binding.

(16) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred upon him by or under this Act.

13. (1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be the academic and executive officer next to the Vice-Chancellor having purview of the entire university.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a person who has held the post of professor, or principal of a college or an institution with not less than fifteen years teaching or research experience.

(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Deans, Board of Sub-campuses, Board of University Departments and Inter-Disciplinary Studies, Board of Post-Graduate Education in Colleges; and an ex-officio Chairperson of the Research and Recognition Committee.

(4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a full time salaried officer of the university and shall work directly under the superintendence, direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor.

(5) Save as otherwise provided, pay and allowances admissible to him as well as the terms and conditions of his service shall be such as may be determined by the State Government, from time to time.

(6) The Chancellor shall, in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor, appoint a Pro- Vice-Chancellor for the university.

(7) The term of Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be co-terminus with the term of office of the Vice-Chancellor or till he attains the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier.

(8) The provisions of sub-section (11) of section 11 shall, in regard to the conditions of service of Pro-Vice-Chancellor, *mutadis-mutandis*, apply.

(9) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall act as the chairperson of the authorities, bodies and committees, in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor.

(10) When the office of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor falls vacant or when the Pro-Vice-Chancellor is, by reason of illness or absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the Vice-Chancellor, may appoint a suitable person qualified to be appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor to officiate as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, till the Pro-Vice-Chancellor resumes office, or a new Pro-Vice-Chancellor assumes duty, as the case may be.

(11) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor may, by writing under his signature addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, after giving one month's notice resign from his office and shall cease to hold his office on the acceptance of his resignation by the Vice-Chancellor or from the date of expiry of the said notice period, whichever is earlier.

(12) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor may be removed from his office by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, if he is satisfied that the incumbent,—

- (a) has become insane and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (b) has been convicted by a court for any offence involving moral turpitude; or
- (c) has become an undischarged insolvent and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- (d) has been physically unfit and incapable of discharging functions due to protracted illness or physical disability; or
- (e) has willfully omitted or refused to carry out the provisions of this Act or has committed breach of any of the terms and conditions of service or any other conditions, prescribed by the State Government under sub-section (5) or has abused the powers vested in him or if, the continuance of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor in the office is detrimental to the interests of the university; or
- (f) is a member of, or is otherwise associated with, any political party or any organization which takes part in politics, or is taking part in, or subscribing in aid of, any political movement or activity.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this clause, whether any party is a political party, or whether any organization takes part in politics or whether any movement or activity falls within the scope of this clause, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor thereon shall be final :

Provided that, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be given a reasonable opportunity to show cause by the Vice-Chancellor before taking recourse for his removal under clauses (d), (e) and (f).

(13) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall,—

(a) be the principal academic planning and academic audit officer for the academic development programmes, including post-graduate teaching, research and extension programmes and collaborative programmes of the university;

(b) ensure that quality in education and central academic services is maintained by the university;

(c) be responsible for fostering intellectual interaction across the university and for ensuring that there is research and development and industry linkages;

(d) ensure that the long-term and short-term development plans of the university and its colleges in their academic programmes are duly processed and implemented through relevant authorities, bodies, committees and officers;

(e) monitor appointment of principals and teachers of affiliated colleges and institutions, autonomous colleges and institutions, empowered autonomous colleges, cluster of institutions and recognized institutions or post-graduate centers;

(f) accord approval to the appointments of principals and teachers of affiliated colleges and institutions, autonomous colleges and institutions, empowered autonomous colleges, cluster of institutions and recognized institutions or withdraw the same in accordance with the procedure as prescribed in the Ordinances;

(g) accord approvals to selection committees for appointment of teachers in the colleges as per the norms of the University Grants Commission and the State Government;

(h) recommend proposals to the Management Council for the establishment of conducted colleges, schools, departments, institutions of higher learning, research and specialized studies, knowledge resource centre, academic services units, libraries, laboratories and museums in the university;

(i) consider and recommend proposals to the Management Council for creation of the posts of directors, principals, university teachers, non-vacation academic staff, non-teaching employees and other posts required by the university, from the funds of the university and from the funds received from other funding agencies, and qualifications, experience and pay-scales for such posts;

(j) be the principal liaison officer with the external funding agencies for generating funds for the collaborative and development programmes of the university and monitor their proper utilization;

(k) be responsible for preparation of the comprehensive perspective plan, annual plan, and undertaking the systematic field survey within geographical jurisdiction under section 107;

(l) be responsible for establishing liaison for fostering and promoting collaboration between the university, colleges and national and international institutions and scientific, industrial and commercial organizations;

(m) be responsible for submission of an annual report on the progress achieved in different developmental and collaborative programmes to the Vice-Chancellor who shall place the same before the Management Council;

(n) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as prescribed under this Act or assigned to him, from time to time, by the Vice-Chancellor.

Registrar. 14. (1) The Registrar shall, be the Chief Administrative Officer of the university. He shall be a full-time salaried officer and shall work directly under the superintendence, direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The qualifications and experience for the purpose of selection of the Registrar shall be as laid down by the University Grants Commission and approved by the State Government.

(3) The Registrar shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of a selection committee constituted for the purpose under this Act.

(4) Appointment of the Registrar shall be for a term of five years or till he attains the age of superannuation whichever is earlier and he shall be eligible for re-appointment by selection on the recommendation of a selection committee constituted for the purpose, for only one more term of five years in the university in which he is serving.

(5) When the office of the Registrar falls vacant or the Registrar is, by reason of illness or absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office for a period not exceeding six months, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint a suitable person to officiate as the Registrar until the new Registrar assumes duty or the Registrar resumes duty, as the case may be.

(6) The Registrar shall,—

(a) act as a Member-Secretary of the Senate, Management Council, Academic Council and such other authorities, bodies and committees, as prescribed by or under this Act;

(b) be the appointing and the disciplinary authority of the employees of the university other than the teachers, non-vacation academic staff and officers of the rank of Assistant Registrar and other officers holding posts equivalent thereto or above. An appeal by a person aggrieved by the decision of the Registrar may be preferred within thirty days from the date of communication of such decision, to the Vice-Chancellor;

(c) be the custodian of the records, the common seal and such other property of the university as the Management Council may, commit to his charge;

(d) conduct elections to various authorities and bodies of the university as per the programme approved by the Vice-Chancellor;

(e) prepare and update the Handbook of the Statutes and Regulations approved by the authorities, bodies or committees, from time to time, and make them available to all members of the authorities and officers of the university;

(f) receive complaints and suggestions in regard to the improvement of administration and consider them for appropriate action;

(g) render necessary assistance for inspection of the university, its buildings, class rooms, laboratories, libraries, knowledge resource centre, museums, workshops and equipment is made by such person or persons or body of persons, as directed by the Vice-Chancellor;

(h) organise training and orientation of non-teaching employees in the university and affiliated colleges;

(i) have the power to enter into agreements, sign documents and authenticate records on behalf of the university, subject to the decision of the authorities of the university;

(j) place before the Management Council a report of the development activities of the university every six months;

(k) have the power to seek information in regard to any matter of the university, from the Deans, Finance and Accounts Officer and any other officer of the university for submission to the State Government and other external agencies;

(l) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties, as prescribed by or under this Act or assigned to him, by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, from time to time.

15. (1) There shall be a Dean for each faculty, who shall be a full time salaried officer.

Dean of
Faculty.

(2) The Dean shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendations of the selection committee for the purpose under this Act.

(3) The term of Dean shall be co-terminus with the term of office of the Vice-Chancellor or till he attains the age of superannuation, whichever is earlier:

Provided that, the new Vice-Chancellor may continue his services as a Dean till the new Dean is duly appointed:

Provided further that, in case vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-Chancellor because of death, resignation or otherwise, the dean shall continue to hold the post till the end of that academic year.

(4) The qualification and experience for the purpose of selection of the Dean shall be the qualification and experience of the Professor or principal having aggregate minimum teaching or research experience of not less than fifteen years.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor may nominate Associate Dean for the particular group of related board of studies, as may be required, for assistance, support and co-ordination and the minimum qualifications and experience for such nomination shall be at par with the post of Dean :

Provided that, the salary, allowances and other pecuniary benefits payable to the Associate Dean shall be met by the University out of its own resources and there shall not be any liability, direct or indirect, on the State Government for the said purpose.

Powers and
duties of
Dean.

16. The Dean shall,—

(a) be responsible for academic planning and academic audit of the programmes and implementation of academic policies approved by the Academic Council in respect of academic development, maintenance of quality of education including standards of teaching and research and training of teachers within his faculty. He shall work directly under the superintendence, direction and control of the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) be responsible for development and application of quality benchmarks or parameters for various academic and administrative activities of higher education;

(c) facilitate the creation of a learner-centric environment conducive for quality education;

(d) arrange for feedback responses from the students, the teachers, non-teaching staff, the parents and the other stakeholders on quality-related institutional processes;

(e) ensure appropriate actions, as are needed for maintenance of quality of teaching spelt out by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell;

(f) ensure that the teachers appraisal by students is carried out and the reports thereof are sent to the university authorities concerned;

(g) be responsible for dissemination of information on the various quality parameters of higher education, as may be defined by various national level bodies dealing with assessment and accreditation of quality in educational institutions;

(h) organize inter-institutional and intra-institutional workshops, seminars on quality related themes and promotion of quality circles;

(i) co-ordinate quality-related activities, including adoption and dissemination of good practices, development and maintenance of institutional database, through management information system for the purposes of maintaining or enhancing the institutional quality;

(j) be responsible for development of quality culture in higher education;

(k) prepare Annual Quality Assurance Report of programmes within his faculty, based on the quality parameters or assessment criteria, developed by the relevant quality assurance bodies, in the prescribed format;

(l) be responsible for bi-annual development of quality parameters and ranking of integral units of higher education based on the Annual Quality Assurance Report;

(m) interact with State Quality Assurance Cell in the pre-accreditation and post-accreditation quality assessment, sustenance and enhancement endeavours;

(n) recommend to the Management Council proposals for the institution of fellowship, travelling fellowship, scholarship, studentship, medals and prizes and making Regulations for their award;