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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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✓ The Chairman  
Vel's Institute of Science, Technology and  
Advanced Studies (VISTAS)  
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**Tamilnadu.**



30 JUL 2008

Subject: Deemed to be University status to Vel's Institute of Science, Technology and  
Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Pallavaram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Sir,

The Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, on the advice of University Grants Commission has declared Vel's Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), Pallavaram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu comprising of (i) Vel's College of Science, Chennai (ii) Vel's College of Pharmacy, Chennai and (iii) Vel's College of Physiotherapy, Chennai vide notification No. F. 9-56/2004-U.3 dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

The declaration made is subject to a condition that the status conferred upon the Vel's Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS), will be reviewed after five years by the UGC with the help of an Expert Committee. The status shall be confirmed only on the basis of the performance report of the UGC's Expert Review Committee and the recommendations of the UGC thereon.

The declaration is also subject to further conditions mentioned below:

1. The activities, operations and functions of the two trusts, viz., Sri Balaji Charitable and Educational Trust and Vael's Educational Trust shall be amalgamated and merged as resolved by the Trustees concerned, so that all the moveable and immoveable assets of the three teaching institutions mentioned in para 4 of this notification shall come under the total control and management of the VISTAS in the interest of future of students, members of faculty, employees and for maintaining the standards of higher education. The By-laws/Rules of the VISTAS should clearly specify the names of these institutions.
2. The VISTAS should submit a legal undertaking as per the instructions of the UGC pertaining to the issues of earmarking of assets, non-diversion of assets without prior approval of UGC and making a provision in the MoA/Rules for the UGC to take control of assets, etc. of the institutions concerned in the event of winding up of or dissolution of the deemed-to-be-university. The VISTAS shall also implement and execute this undertaking immediately.
3. Neither the Deemed-to-be-University institution nor the Trust that will be managing it, shall undertake or engage in any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature. The objectives of the VISTAS should be confined only to educational and other social / charitable activities.



4. Vel's Academy of Maritime Studies, Vael's Institute of Business Administration and Vel's Institute of Hotel Management that are presently under Vel's College of Science will lose their individual identities and start functioning as departments.
5. The accounts of the VISTAS Trust / 'deemed-to-be-university' Institution shall be open to inspection / audit by the UGC also. Suitable provisions in this respect shall also be provided in the MoA/Rules of the VISTAS Trust in consultation / agreement with the UGC. There shall also be no diversion of assets of the Trust / Institution concerned without prior permission of the UGC.
6. The Trust concerned should maintain the corpus fund as per the norms of the UGC. The corpus fund should be irrevocable in nature for which VISTAS shall furnish necessary undertaking to this effect to the UGC.
7. All the prescribed norms and procedures of the relevant Statutory Councils and other authorities such as the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, as the case may be, in the matter of admission of students, approval to courses of study, intake capacity of students, renewal of approval to the academic courses, starting of new courses/programmes, etc. will continue to be in force, and shall be adhered to by the VISTAS.
8. The VISTAS, as a deemed-to-be-university, shall award degree, etc. in respect of the courses conducted by the Institutions mentioned in para 4 above, only to those students who are admitted to these institutions subsequent to the date of this notification. Accordingly, the VISTAS shall make admission and enrolment of students to the academic courses of these institutions under it only with effect from the ensuing academic year (i.e. from 2008-2009).
9. As for those students who were already admitted by the Institutions mentioned in para 4 above, prior to the date of this notification, they shall continue to pursue their courses of study under the respective affiliating universities concerned, viz., 'University of Madras', Chennai and the 'Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University', Chennai, which shall conduct examinations for them and grant degrees to them upon successful completion of the courses / programmes of study they are pursuing at these institutions presently.
10. The academic programmes offered or to be offered by the VISTAS will conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the relevant Statutory Councils such as the UGC, AICTE, etc. any other relevant authority. The VISTAS shall not offer / award any degrees that are not specified by the UGC. It shall also ensure that the nomenclatures of the degrees to be awarded by it are specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.
11. The VISTAS should take all the required steps to get itself rated for valid accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) / National Board of Accreditation, as the case may be, in terms of the instructions issued by the UGC vide its circular No. F. 6-1(7)/2006(CPP-I), dated the 12th March, 2007.
12. VISTAS shall not conduct any distance education programmes without prior approval of the UGC and Distance Education Council (DEC). The guidelines issued by both the DEC and the UGC from time to time in the matter of imparting education through distance mode have to be complied with by it.
13. VISTAS shall not affiliate any teaching institutions / colleges.



14. VISTAS shall not open and run any study centre / off-campus centre / off-shore campus without obtaining the requisite prior approval of the UGC, DEC and the Central Government, as the case may be. The guidelines issued by both the DEC and the UGC from time to time in the matter of imparting education through distance mode have to be complied with by it.

15. Suggestions and recommendations of the UGC's Expert Committee as made out in its respective report pertaining to upgradation of infrastructure, including strengthening of labs in the College of Science, development of the research profile of its faculty, etc. should be complied with by the VISTAS so as to rectify deficiencies, if any, to bring about the recommended improvement.

16. As and when necessary, the VISTAS shall modify / amend and update its Memorandum of Association (MoA) & Rules in consultation and in concurrence with the UGC. Specific changes / amendments, if any, suggested by the Government of India or the UGC shall also be carried out by the VISTAS in its MoA/Rules.

17. The VISTAS shall fulfill and comply with all the procedural requirements as stipulated in its Trust Deed with respect to the amendments already made to the Trust Deed and to be made, if any in future.

18. The VISTAS and its constituent teaching units will abide by the norms and guidelines laid down by the Statutory Councils such as UGC, AICTE, Pharmacy Council of India, etc. and any other relevant authority, and the instructions issued by them from time to time that may pertain to the institutions notified as Deemed-to-be-Universities.

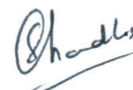
19. In all its advertisements, public notices, communications, etc., the 'deemed-to-be-university' institution shall distinctly mention under its nomenclature by inserting (within brackets) a line, which shall read: "Declared as Deemed-to-be-University" under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956"

20. The PRIST and its constituent unit will abide by all the norms and guidelines laid down by the UGC, and other relevant Statutory Councils such as AICTE, etc. from time to time pertaining to the institutions notified as Deemed-to-be-Universities.

Neither the Government of India nor the University Grants Commission shall provide any Plan and Non-Plan grant-in-aid to Vel's Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) or its constituent teaching units.

You are requested to comply with and send compliance report in respect of the above conditions.

Yours faithfully



(S.C. Chadha)  
Deputy Secretary