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The Central Sanskrit Universities Act, 2020

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G.S.R.	. . .	*for*	General Statutory Rules.
S.O.	. . .	”	Statutory Order.
Notifn.	. . .	”	Notification.

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THE CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITIES ACT, 2020

ACT NO. 5 OF 2020

[25*th March*, 2020.]

An Act to establish and incorporate Universities for teaching and research in Sanskrit, to develop all-inclusive Sanskrit promotional activities and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventieth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.—(*1*) This Act may be called the Central Sanskrit Universities Act, 2020.

(*2*) It shall come into force on such date[1] as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. Definitions.—In this Act, and in all Statutes made hereunder, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(*a*) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;

(*b*) "academic staff" means such categories of staff as are designated as academic staff by the Statutes and Ordinances made thereunder;

(*c*) "Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies of a Department of the University;

(*d*) "Campus" means any unit established or constituted by the University at any place within or outside India for making arrangements for instruction, research, education and training in Sanskrit and includes an existing Campus established by the University prior to the commencement of this Act;

(e) "Chancellor" and "Vice-Chancellor" mean, respectively, the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor of the University;

(*f*) "College" means a College recognised or affiliated or maintained by the University;

(*g*) "corresponding University" and "deemed to be University", in relation to the society known as—

(*i*) the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, mean the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi established in the year 1970 which has been conferred the status of deemed to be University in the year 2002;

(*ii*) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi, mean Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi established in the year 1962 which has been conferred the status of deemed to be University in the year 1987;

(*iii*) the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati, mean the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati established in the year 1961 which has been conferred the status of deemed to be University in the year 1987;

(*h*) "Court" means the Court of the University;

(*i*) "Department" means a Department of Studies and includes a Centre of Studies;

1. 30th April, 2020, *vide* notification No. S.O. 1263(E), dated 17th April, 2020, *see* Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, *sec*. 3 (ii).

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(*j*) "Director" means the Head of a Campus or of a distance education system of the University or of any other academic branch of studies as approved by the Executive Council and prescribed by the Statutes;

(*k*) "distance education system" means the system of imparting education through any means of communication, such as broadcasting, telecasting, internet, correspondence course, seminar, contact programme, non-formal pattern or a combination of any two or more such means, except the regular system of education;

(*l*) "employee" means any person appointed by the University on regular basis and includes teaching and non-teaching staff, but does not include an employee of any institution or college or school getting grant-in-aid to any extent whatsoever, or affiliated or recognised, by the University;

(*m*) "Executive Council" means the Executive Council of the University;

(*n*) "Faculty" means a faculty of the University;

(*o*) "Hall" means a unit of residence or of corporate life, being hostel or otherwise, for the students, authorities, officers and employees of the University, or of a Campus or College or Institution or Centre or Department, maintained or authorised by the University;

(*p*) "Institution" means an academic institution, not being a Campus or College established or maintained or affiliated or recognised by the University;

(*q*) "Principal" means the Head of a College or School or an Institution established or maintained by the University;

(*r*) "Regulations" means the Regulations made by any authority of the University under this Act for the time being in force;

(*s)* "Sanskrit" means the Sanskrit language, in modern, classical or ancient form, and the knowledge available therein or related thereto, in addition to Sanskrit language;

(*t*) "Schedule" means a Schedule appended to this Act;

(*u*) "School" means a School recognised or affiliated or maintained by the University for secondary, primary and elementary levels or equivalent thereto;

(*v*) "School of Studies" means a School of Studies of the University;

(*w*) "Society" means any of the following societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860), namely:—

(*i*) the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi (Regulation No. S/4694 of 1970-71);

(*ii*) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi (Registration No. S17454 of 1987);

(*iii*) the Rashtriy Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati (Registraion No. 345 of 1986);

(*x*) "Statutes" and "Ordinances" mean, respectively, the Statutes and the Ordinances of the University for the time being in force;

(*y*) "teachers of the University" means Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and such other persons as may be appointed for imparting instructions or conducting research in the University or in any College or Institution maintained by the University and are designated as teachers by the Ordinances, but does not include the teaching staff of an institution or a college or school getting grant-in-aid to any extent whatsoever, or affiliated or recognised, by the University;

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(*z*) "University" means a University established and incorporated as a University under this Act.

3. Establishment of Universities.—(*1*) The following deemed to be Universities shall be established as three separate Central Universities as under:—

(*a*) the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, along with its campuses as specified in the First Schedule, shall be established as a body corporate under this Act by the name of "the Central Sanskrit University", which shall have its headquarters in New Delhi;

(*b*) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi shall be established as a body corporate under this Act by the name of "Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University", which shall have its headquarters in New Delhi;

(*c*) the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati shall be established as a body corporate under this Act by the name of "the National Sanskrit University", which shall have its headquarters in Tirupati.

(*2*) The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and the members of the Executive Council and of the Academic Council of each University, and all persons who may hereafter become such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the University.

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

4. Effect of establishment of University.—On and from the date of commencement of this Act,—

(*a*) the societies, namely, the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi and the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati shall stand dissolved;

(*b*) any reference to a society or to a deemed to be University in any law (other than this Act) or in any contract or other instrument shall be deemed as a reference to the corresponding University established and incorporated under this Act;

(*c*) all properties, movable and immovable, of or belonging to a society or to a deemed to be University shall vest in the corresponding University established and incorporated under this Act;

(*d*) all rights and liabilities of a society or of a deemed to be University shall be transferred to, and be the rights and liabilities of, the corresponding University established and incorporated under this Act;

(*e*) every person employed by a society or a deemed to be University immediately before such commencement shall hold his office or service in the corresponding University established and incorporated under this Act, by the same tenure, at the same remuneration and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rights and privileges as to pension, leave, gratuity, provident fund and other matters as they would have held the same if this Act had not been enacted and shall continue to do so unless and until their employment is terminated or until such tenure, remuneration and terms and conditions are duly altered by the Executive Council or the Statutes:

Provided that if the alteration so made is not acceptable to such employee, his employment may be terminated by the University in accordance with the term of the contract with the employee or, if no provision is made therein in this behalf, on payment to him by the

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University of compensation equivalent to three months' remuneration in case of permanent employees and one month's remuneration in the case of other employees:

Provided further that every person employed before the commencement of this Act, pending the execution of a contract under section 34, shall be deemed to have been appointed in accordance with the provisions of a contract consistent with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes:

Provided also that any reference, by whatever form of words, to the Vice-Chancellor of a deemed to be University in any law for the time being in force, or in any contract or other document, shall be construed as a reference to the Vice-Chancellor of the corresponding University established and incorporated under this Act;

(*f*) the Vice-Chancellor of a deemed to be University appointed prior to the commencement of this Act and holding office as such, shall be deemed to have been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the corresponding University under this Act;

(*g*) all Colleges, Institutions, Schools of Studies, and Departments affiliated to, or admitted to the privileges of, or maintained by, the deemed to be University shall stand affiliated to, or admitted to the privilege of, or maintained by, the corresponding University established and incorporated under this Act.

5. Objects of University.—The objects of the University shall be to disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional, research and extension facilities to the promotion of Sanskrit Language and such other branches of learning as it may deem fit; to make special provisions for integrated courses in humanities, social sciences and science in its educational programmes; to take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process and inter-disciplinary studies and research; to educate and train manpower for the overall development, promotion, preservation and research in the field of Sanskrit and Sanskrit traditional subjects.

6. Powers of University.—(*1*) The University shall have the following powers, namely:—

(*i*) to provide for instructions in such branches of learning including Sanskrit and Sanskrit traditional subjects, as may be specified in the Statute or as may be determined by the University, from time to time, and to make provisions for research and advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

(*ii*) to grant, subject to such condition as the University may determine, diplomas or certificates to, and confer degrees or other academic distinctions on, persons on the basis of examination, evaluation or any other method of testing, and to withdraw any such diplomas, [*]certificates, degrees or other academic distinctions for good and sufficient cause;

(*iii*) to organise and undertake extramural studies, training, extension services and such other measures for the promotion of Sanskrit education;

(*iv*) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions in the manner prescribed by the Statutes;

(*v*) to provide facilities of teaching and learning through the distance education system or online mode, as it may determine;

(*vi*) to provide for education not only at University or College level leading to excellence and innovations in various branches of knowledge as may be deemed fit, but continue to provide education to schools already affiliated to the University;

(*vii*) to provide facilities for imparting higher education in such branches of learning,

[*] By Corrigenda dated 24-4-2020.

including Indian Philosophy, Pali-Prakrit, Sanskrit literature, Yoga, Ayurveda and Naturopathy, as the University may determine;

(*viii*) to institute Principalships, Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships and other teaching or academic positions, required by the University and to appoint persons for such Principalships, Professorships, Associate Professorships, Assistant Professorships or other teaching or academic positions;

(*ix*) to recognise an institution of higher learning for such purposes as the University may determine and to withdraw such recognition;

(*x*) to appoint persons working in any other University or academic institution as teachers of the University in accordance with the Statutes;

(*xi*) to create administrative, ministerial and other posts and to make appointments thereto, on regular basis as well as engagement on short-term basis in accordance with the Statutes;

(*xii*) to co-operate, collaborate or associate with any other University or authority or institution of higher learning, including those located outside the country, in such manner and for such purposes, as the University may determine;

(*xiii*) to establish, maintain, affiliate, recognise Colleges, Institutions and such Centres and specialised laboratories or other units for research and instruction as are, in the opinion of the University, necessary for the furtherance of its objects;

(*xiv*) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(*xv*) to make provision for research and consultancy or advisory services, and for that purpose, to enter into such arrangements with other Universities, Institutions or bodies, as the University may deem necessary;

(xvi) to organise and conduct refresher courses, workshops, seminars and other programmes for teachers, evaluators and other academic and non-academic staff;

(*xvii*) to appoint on contract or otherwise Visiting Professors, Emeritus Professors, Consultants, Professionals, Advocates, Counsels, Specialists and such other persons who may contribute to the advancement of the objects of the University;

(*xviii*) to confer autonomous status on a College or an Institution or a Department, as the case may be, in accordance with the Statutes;

(*xix*) to determine standards and eligibilities for admission to the University, which may include examination, evaluation or any other method of testing;

(*xx*) to demand and receive payment of fees and other charges in accordance with the Statutes;

(*xxi*) to supervise or cause to supervise the residences of the staff, faculty and students of the University and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;

(*xxii*) to lay down conditions of service of all categories of employees, including their code of conduct;

(*xxiii*) to regulate and enforce discipline among the students and employees of the University, and to take such disciplinary measures in this regard as may be deemed by the University to be necessary;

(*xxiv*) to make special arrangements in respect of women, children and persons, with disabilities as the University may consider desirable;

(*xxv*) to accept benefactions, donations, gifts in cash or kind for furtherance of the objects of

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the University, and to acquire, hold and manage and to dispose of with the previous approval of the Central Government, any property, movable or immovable, including trust and endowment properties for the purposes of the University;

(*xxvi*) to borrow, with the prior approval of the Central Government, on the security of the property of the University, money for the purpose of the University;

(*xxvii*) to establish new Campuses in India and also off-shore campus or Centre of the University with the prior permission of the Central Government as per the procedure established thereof;

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

(*2*) In exercising its powers referred to in sub-section (*1*), it shall be the *endeavour of the University to maintain an all-India character and high standards of teaching and research, and the University shall, among other measures which may be necessary for the said purpose, take, in particular, the following measures, namely:—

(*i*) admission of students and recruitment of faculty shall be made on all-India basis;

(*ii*) admissions of students shall be made on merit, either through Common Entrance Tests conducted individually by the University or in combination with other Universities, or on the basis of marks obtained in the qualifying examination in such courses where the intake of students is small;

(*iii*) inter-University mobility of faculty, with portable pensions and protection of seniority, shall be encouraged;

(*iv*) semester system, continuous evaluation, choice-based credit system or any other ancient, traditional or modern appropriate system as may be deemed to be fit and proper shall be introduced and the University shall enter into agreements with other Universities and academic institutions for credit transfer and joint degree programmes;

(*v*) ancient traditional teaching system including Gurukulas and Vedashalas shall be adopted in such areas and conditions as may be determined by the Executive Council.

7. University to be open to all caste, creed, race or class.—The University shall be open to all persons of either sex and whatever caste, creed, race or class, and it shall not be lawful for the University to adopt or impose on any person, any test whatsoever of religious belief or profession in order to entitle him to be appointed as a teacher of the University or to hold any other office therein or be admitted as a student in the University or to graduate thereat or to enjoy or exercise any privilege thereof:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the University from making special provisions for the employment or admission of women, persons with disabilities or of persons belonging to the weaker sections of the society and, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the other socially and educationally backward classes of citizens, economically weaker section of the unreserved class and other special categories as stipulated by the Central Government from time to time.

8. Visitor of University.—(*1*) The President of India shall be the Visitor of the University.

(*2*) The Visitor may, from time to time, appoint one or more persons to review the work and progress of University, Colleges, Schools and Institutions maintained by it, and to submit a report thereon; and upon receipt of that report, the Visitor may, after obtaining the views of the Executive

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Council thereon through the Vice-Chancellor, take such action and issue such directions, as he considers necessary, in respect of any of the matters dealt with in the report and the University shall abide by such action and be bound to comply with such directions.

(*3*) The Visitor shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of the University, its buildings, libraries, laboratories and equipment, and of any Centre, Department, School, College or Institution maintained by the University and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the administration or finances of the University, Centre, Department or Institution or affiliated or recognised College or School.

(*4*) The Visitor shall, in every matter referred to in sub-section (*3*), give notice of his intention to cause an inspection or inquiry to be made, to the University, and the University shall have the right to make such representations to the Visitor, as it may consider necessary.

(*5*) After considering the representations, if any, made by the University, the Visitor may cause to be made such inspection or inquiry as is referred to in sub-section (*3*).

(*6*) Where any inspection or inquiry has been caused to be made by the Visitor, the University shall be entitled to appoint a representative who shall have the right to be present and be heard at such inspection or inquiry.

(*7*) The Visitor may, if the inspection or inquiry is made in respect of the University or any College or School or Institution maintained by it, address the Vice-Chancellor with reference to the result of such inspection or inquiry together with the such views and advice with regard to the action to be taken thereon, as the Visitor may be pleased to offer and on receipt of address made by the Visitor, the Vice-Chancellor shall communicate, to the Executive Council, the views of the Visitor with such advice as the Visitor may offer upon the action to be taken thereon.

(*8*) The Executive Council shall communicate through the Vice-Chancellor to the Visitor such action, if any, as it proposes to take or has been taken upon the result of such inspection or inquiry.

(*9*) Where the Executive Council does not, within a reasonable time, take action to the satisfaction of the Visitor, the Visitor may, after considering any explanation furnished or representation made by the Executive Council issue such directions as he may think fit and the Executive Council shall comply with such directions.

(*10*) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this section, the visitor may, by order in writing, annul any proceeding of the University which is not in conformity with the Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances:

Provided that before making any such order, the Visitor shall may call upon the Registrar to show cause why such an order should not be made, and, if any cause is shown within a reasonable time, he shall consider the same.

(*11*) The Visitor shall have such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

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

(*1*) the Chancellor;

(*2*) the Vice-Chancellor;

(*3*) the Deans of School of Studies;

(*4*) the Registrar;

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(*5*) the Finance Officer;

(*6*) the Controller of Examinations;

(*7*) the Librarian; and

(*8*) such other officers as may be declared by the Statutes to be the officers of the University.

10. Chancellor.—(*1*) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(*2*) The Chancellor shall, by virtue of his office, be the Head of the University and shall, if present, preside at the Convocations of the University held for conferring degrees and meetings of the Court.

(*3*) The Chancellor shall act as an appellate authority in the cases where the Executive Council is the disciplinary authority.

11. Vice-Chancellor.—(*1*) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(*2*) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the University and give effect to the decision of all the authorities of the University.

(*3*) The Vice-Chancellor may, if he is of the opinion that immediate action is necessary on any matter, exercise any power conferred on any authority of the University by or under this Act and shall report to such authority at its next meeting the action taken by him on such matter:

Provided that if the authority concerned is of the opinion that such action ought not to have been taken, it may refer the matter to the Visitor whose decision thereon shall be final:

Provided further that any person in the service of the University who is aggrieved by the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under this sub-section shall have the right to represent against such action to the Executive Council within three months from the date on which decision on such action is communicated to him and thereupon the Executive Council may confirm, modify or reverse the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

(*4*) The Vice-Chancellor, if he is of the opinion that any decision of any authority of the University is beyond the powers of the authority conferred by the provisions of this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances or that any decision taken is not in the interest of the University, may ask the authority concerned to review its decision within sixty days of such decision and if the authority refuses to review the decision either in whole or in part or no decision is taken by it within the said period of sixty days, the matter shall be referred to the Visitor whose decision thereon shall be final.

(*5*) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes or the Ordinances.

12. Deans of School of Studies.—Every Dean of School of Studies shall be appointed in such manner and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

13. Registrar.—(*1*) The Registrar shall be appointed in such manner, and on such terms and conditions of service, as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(*2*) The Registrar shall have the power to enter into agreements, sign documents and authenticate records on behalf of the University, and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties, as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

14. Director of Campus.—Every Director of the Campus shall be appointed in such manner and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

15. Finance Officer.—The Finance Officer shall be appointed in such manner and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

16. Controller of Examinations.—The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed in such manner and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

17. Librarian.**—**The Librarian shall be appointed in such manner and on such terms and conditions of service and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

18. Other officers.**—**The manner of appointment and powers and duties of other officers of the University shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

19. Authorities of University.—The following shall be the authorities of the University, namely:**—**

(*i*) the Court;

(*ii*) the Executive Council;

(*iii*) the Academic Council;

(*iv*) the Board of Studies;

(*v*) the Finance Committee;

(*vi*) the Planning and Monitoring Board; and

(*vii*) such other authorities as may be declared by the Statutes to be authorities of the University.

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20. The Court.—(*1*) The Constitution of the Court and the term of office of its members shall be as prescribed by the Statutes:

Provided that such number of members, as may be prescribed by the Statutes, shall be elected from among the teachers, employees and students of the University.

(*2*) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Court shall have the following powers and functions, namely:—

(*a*) to review, from time to time, the broad policies and programmes of the University, and to suggest measures for the improvement and development of the University;

(*b*) to consider and pass resolutions on the annual report and the annual accounts of the University and the audit report on such accounts;

(*c*) to advise the Visitor in respect of any matter which may be referred to it for advice; and

(*d*) to perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

21. Executive Council.—(*1*) The Executive Council shall be the principal executive body of the University.

(*2*) The constitution of the Executive Council, the term of office of its members and its powers and functions shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

22. Academic Council.—(*1*) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University.

(*2*) The constitution of the Academic Council, the term of office of its members and its powers and functions shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

23. Board of Studies.—The constitution, powers and functions of the Board of Studies shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

24. Finance Committee.—The constitutions, powers and functions of the Finance Committee shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

25. Planning and Monitoring.--The constitution, powers and functions of the Planning and Monitoring Board shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

26. Other authorities of University.—The constitution, powers and functions of other authorities, as may be declared by the Statutes to be the authorities of the University, shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.

27. Power to make Statutes.—Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(*a*) the constitution, powers and functions of the authorities and other bodies of the University, as may be constituted from time to time;

(*b*) the appointment and continuance in office of the members of the said authorities and bodies, the filling of vacancies of members and all other matters relating to those authorities and other bodies for which it may be necessary or desirable to provide;

(*c*) the appointment, powers and duties of the officers of the University and their emoluments;

(*d*) the appointment of teachers, academic staff and other employees of the University, their emoluments and conditions of service;

(*e*) the appointment of teachers and academic staff working in any other University or organisation or institution for a specific period for undertaking a joint project;

(*f*) the conditions of service of employees including provisions for pension, insurance, provident fund, the manner of termination of service and disciplinary actions;

(*g*) the principles governing seniority of service of the employees of the University;

(*h*) the procedure for arbitration in cases of dispute between employees or students and the University;

(*i*) the procedure for appeal to the Executive Council by any employee or student against the action of any officer or authority of the University;

(*j*) the conferment of autonomous status on a College or an Institution or a Department or a School or a Centre;

(*k*) the establishment or abolition of Campuses, Colleges, Institutions, Schools, Centres or Halls;

(*l*) the conferment of honorary degrees;

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(*m*) the withdrawal of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;

(*n*) the management of Colleges and Institutions established by the University;

(*o*) the delegation of powers vested in the authorities or officers of the University;

(*p)* the maintenance of discipline among the employees and students; and

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

28. Statutes, how to be made.—(*1*) The First Statutes are those set out in the Second Schedule.

(*2*) The Executive Council may, from time to time, make new or additional Statutes or may amend or repeal the Statutes referred to in sub-section (*1*):

Provided that the Executive Council shall not make, amend or repeal any Statutes affecting the status, power or constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion in writing on the proposed changes, and any opinion so expressed shall be considered by the Executive Council.

(*3*) Every new Statute or addition to the Statutes or any amendment or repeal of a Statute shall require the assent of the Visitor who may assent thereto or withhold assent or remit to the Executive Council for reconsideration.

(*4*) A new Statute or a Statute amending or repealing existing Statutes shall have no validity unless it has been assented to by the Visitor.

(*5*) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing sub-sections, the Visitor may make new or additional Statutes or amend or repeal the Statutes referred to in sub-section (*1*) during the period of three years immediately after the commencement of this Act:

Provided that the Visitor may, on the expiry of the said period of three years, make within one year from the date of such expiry, such detailed Statutes as he may consider necessary and such detailed Statutes shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

(*6*) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Visitor may direct the University to make provisions in the Statutes in respect of any matter specified by him and if the Executive Council is unable to implement such direction within sixty days of its receipt, the Visitor may, after considering the reasons, if any, communicated by the Executive Council for its inability to comply with such direction, make or amend the Statutes suitably.

29. Power to make Ordinance.—(*1*) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Ordinances may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(*a*) the admission of students to the University and their enrolment as such;

(*b*) the courses of study to be laid down for all degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University;

(*c*) the medium of instruction and examination;

(*d*) the award of degrees (including Honorary degrees), diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions, the qualifications for the same and the means to be taken relating to the granting and obtaining of the same;

(*e*) the fees to be charged for courses of study in the University and for admission to the examinations, degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University;

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(*f*) the conditions for the award of *fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(*g*) the conduct of examinations, including the term of office and manner of appointment and the duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators;

(*h*) the conditions of residence of the students, classrooms, laboratories, libraries, auditoriums, playgrounds and other amenities of the University;

(*i*) the special arrangements, if any, which may be made for the residence and teaching of women students and the prescribing of special courses of studies for them;

(*j*) the establishment of Centres of Studies, Boards of Studies, Inter-disciplinary Studies, Special Centres, Specialised Laboratories and other Committees;

(k) the manner of co-operation and collaboration with other Universities, institutions, and other agencies including learned bodies or associations;

(*l*) the creation, composition and functions of any other body which is considered necessary for improving the academic life of the University;

(*m*) the institution of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(*n*) the setting up of machinery for redressal of grievances of employees and students;

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

(*2*) The first Ordinances shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor with the previous approval of the Executive Council and the Ordinances so made may also be amended, repealed or added to at any time by the Executive Council in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.

30. Regulations.—The authorities of the University may make Regulations, consistent with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, for the conduct of their own business and that of the Committees, if any, appointed by them and not provided for by this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances, in the manner rescribed by the Statutes.

31. Annual report.—The annual report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council, which shall include, among other matters, the steps taken by the University towards the fulfilment of its objects and shall be submitted to the Court on or before such date as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Court shall consider the report in its annual meeting.

(*2*) The Court shall submit the annual report, along with its comments, if any, to the Visitor.

(*3*) A copy of the annual report, as prepared under sub-section (*1*), shall also be submitted to the Central Government, which shall, as soon as may be, cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament.

32. Annual accounts.—(*1*) The annual accounts and balance-sheet of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Executive Council and shall, once at least every year and at intervals of not more than fifteen months, be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or by such persons as he may authorise in this behalf.

(*2*) A copy of the annual accounts, together with the audit report thereon, shall be submitted to the Court and the Visitor along with the observations of the Executive Council.

* By Corrigenda dated 24-4-2020.

(*3*) Any observations made by the Visitor on the annual accounts shall be brought to the notice of the Court and the observations of the Court, if any, shall, after being considered by the Executive Council, be submitted to the Visitor.

(*4*) A copy of the annual accounts, together with the audit report as submitted to the Visitor, shall also be submitted to the Central Government, which shall, as soon as may be, cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament.

(*5*) The audited annual accounts after having been laid before both the Houses of Parliament shall be published in the Gazette of India.

33. Returns and information.—The University shall furnish to the Central Government such returns or other information with respect to its property or activities as the Central Government may, from time to time, require, within such period as may be specified by the Central Government.

34. Conditions of service of employees, etc.—(*1*) Every employee of the University shall be appointed under a written contract, which shall be lodged with the University and a copy of which shall be furnished to the employee concerned.

(*2*) Any dispute arising out of the contract between the University and any employee shall, at the request of the employee, be referred to a Tribunal of Arbitration consisting of one member appointed by the Executive Council, one member nominated by the employee concerned and an umpire appointed by the Visitor.

(*3*) The decision of the Tribunal shall be final and no suit shall lie in any civil court in respect of the matters decided by the Tribunal:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall preclude the employee from availing of the judicial remedies available under articles 32 and 226 of the Constitution.

(*4*) Every request made by the employee under sub-section (*2*) shall be deemed to be a submission to arbitration upon the terms of this section within the meaning of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (26 of 1996).

(*5*) The procedure for regulating the work of the Tribunal shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

35. Procedure of appeal and arbitration in disciplinary cases against students.—(*1*) Any student or candidate for an examination whose name has been removed from the rolls of the University by the orders or resolution of the Vice-Chancellor, Discipline Committee or Examination Committee, as the case may be, and who has been debarred from appearing at the examinations of the University for more than one year, may, within ten days of the date of receipt of such orders or copy of such resolution by him, appeal to the Executive Council and the Executive Council may confirm, modify or reverse the decision of the Vice-Chancellor or the Committee, as the case may be.

(*2*) Any dispute arising out of any disciplinary action taken by the University against a student shall, at the request of such student, be referred to a Tribunal of Arbitration and the provisions of sub-sections (*2*), (*3*), (*4*) and (*5*) of section 34 shall, as far as may be, apply to a reference made under this sub-section.

36. Right to appeal.—Every employee or student of the University or of a College or Institution maintained by the University shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, have a right to appeal within such time as may be prescribed by the Statutes, to the Executive Council against the decision of any officer or authority of the University, or, the Principal or the management of any College or an Institution, as the case may be, and thereupon the Executive Council may confirm, modify or reverse the decision appealed against.

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37. Provident and pension funds.—(*1*) The University shall constitute for the benefits of its employees such provident or pension fund or provide such insurance schemes and other welfare and social security measures, as it may deem fit, in such manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(*2*) Where such provident fund or pension fund has been so constituted, the Central Government may declare that the provision of the Provident Funds Act, 1925 (19 of 1925), shall apply to such fund as if it were a Government provident fund.

38. Disputes as to constitution of authorities and bodies.—If any question arises as to whether any person has been duly elected or nominated or appointed, or is entitled to be, a member of any authority or other body of the University, the matter shall be referred to the Visitor whose decision thereupon shall be final.

39. Filing of casual vacancies.—All casual vacancies among the members (other than *ex officio* members) of any authority or other body of the University shall be filled, as soon as may be, by the person or body who elects, nominates, appoints or co-opts the member whose place has become vacant and the person appointed, elected, nominated or co-opted to a casual vacancy shall be a member of such authority or body for the residue of the term for which the person whose place he fills would have been a member.

40. Proceedings of authorities or bodies not invalidated by vacancies.—No act or proceeding of any authority or other body of the University shall be invalid merely by reason of the existence of a vacancy or vacancies among its members.

41. Protection of action take in good faith.—No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against any officer or any other employee of the University for anything which is in good faith, done or intended to be done, in pursuance of any of the provisions of this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances.

42. Mode of proof of University record.—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 (1 of 1872) or in any other law for the time being in force, a copy of any receipt, application, notice, order, proceeding or resolution of any authority or other body of the University, or any other document in possession of the University or any entry in any register duly maintained by the University if certified by the Registrar, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of such receipt, application, notice, order, proceeding, resolution or document or the existence of entry in the register and shall be admitted as evidence of the matters and transactions therein where the original thereof would, if produced, have been admissible in evidence.

43. Power to remove difficulties.—(*1*) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made under this section after the expiry of three years from the commencement of this Act.

(*2*) Every order made under sub-section (*1*) shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the order or both Houses agree that the order should not be made, the order shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that

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any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that order.

44. Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations to be published in Official Gazette and to be laid before Parliament.—(*1*) Every Statute, Ordinances or Regulation made under this Act shall be published in the Official Gazette.

(*2*) Every Statute, Ordinances or Regulation made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the Statute, Ordinances or Regulation or both Houses agree that the Statute, Ordinances or Regulation should not be made, the Statute, Ordinances or Regulation shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form, or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that Statute, Ordinances or Regulation.

(*3*) The power to make Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations shall include the power to give retrospective effect, from a date not earlier than the date of commencement of this Act, to the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations or any of them but no retrospective effect shall be given to any Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations so as to prejudicially affect the interests of any person to whom such Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations may be applicable.

45. Transitional provisions.—(*1*) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and the Statutes,—

(*a*) the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and other officers of each of the deemed to be Universities holding office immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall, on and from such commencement, continue to hold their respective offices by the same tenure and upon the same terms and conditions as they held it immediately before such commencement for the remaining period of their term;

(*b*) the members of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, the Planning and Monitoring Board and Faculties of each of the deemed to be Universities appointed as such prior to the commencement of this Act shall, on and from such commencement, be deemed to have been appointed in the same capacity under this Act for the remaining period of their term and shall continue to exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of such authority under this Act;

(*c*) the first Court shall consist of not more than thirty-one members who shall be nominated by the Central Government and shall hold office for a term of three years:

Provided that if any vacancy occurs in the offices or authorities referred to in clauses (*a*) and (*b*) the same shall be filled by appointment by the Visitor or nomination by the Central Government, as the case may be, and the person so appointed or nominated shall hold office for so long as the officer or member in whose place he is appointed or nominated would have held office, if such vacancy had not occurred:

Provided further that any *ex officio* member appointed to any of the authorities referred to in clauses (*a*) and (*b*) prior to the commencement of this Act shall, if such appointment is not in conformity with the provisions of this Act, cease to be a member of such authority.

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(*2*) All other officers and employees of the deemed to be Universities holding office immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall, on and from such commencement, continue to hold their respective offices by the same tenure and upon the same terms and conditions as they held immediately before such commencement of this Act.

(*3*) All students admitted in any programme or course in a deemed to be University immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been migrated under same programme or course to corresponding University under the same terms and conditions as they held immediately before such commencement.

(*4*) Anything done or any action taken or any degree or other academic distinction conferred by a deemed to be University before the commencement of this Act shall, notwithstanding any change made by this Act in the constitution of the Court, the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, the Planning and Monitoring Board, Faculties and other officers be valid, as if such thing was done, action taken, or degree or academic distinction conferred under this Act.

(*5*) The Regulations, Bye-laws or Orders, if any, made prior to the commencement of this Act, shall, in so far as they pertain to matters mentioned in section 30, continue to be applicable till the Regulations, Bye-laws or Orders are made under this Act.

(*6*) The Central Government may, without prejudice to the provisions of this Act, and if it considers it necessary and expedient so to do, by notification, take such measures, as may be necessary, for the smooth transfer of the deemed to be University to the corresponding University.

46. Councils, Boards, Standing Committees and Cells of University.—The University may constitute such Councils, Boards, Standing Committees and Cells, in furtherance of its functions, as it may deem necessary.

47. Constitution of Committees.—Where any authority of the University is given power by this Act or the Statutes to appoint Committees, such Committees shall, save as otherwise provided, consist of the members of the authority concerned and of such other person, if any, as the authority in each case may think fit.

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THE FIRST SCHEDULE

[*See* section 3(*1*)(*a*)]

S. No.	Name of the State	Name of the Campus
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	Shri Ranbir Campus
2.	Uttar Pradesh	(a) Lucknow Campus
		(b) Ganganath Jha Campus
3.	Karnataka	Shri Rajiv Gandhi Campus
4.	Rajasthan	Jaipur Campus
5.	Odisha	Shri Sadashive Campus
6.	Kerala	Guruvayoor Campus
7.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal Campus
8.	Maharashtra	K.J. Somaiya Campus
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Veda Vyas Campus
10.	Tripura	Eklavya Campus
11.	Uttarakhand	Shri Raghunath Kirti Campus.

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THE SECOND SCHEDULE

(*See* section 28)

The Statutes of the University

1. Chancellor.—(*1*) The Minister in-Charge of the Ministry of Human Resource Development shall be the *ex officio* Chancellor of the Central Sanskrit University, Delhi.

(*2*) The Chancellors of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati shall be appointed by the Visitor from a panel of not less than three persons recommended by the Executive Council from amongst persons of eminence in the academic or in public life of the country:

Provided that, if the Visitor does not approve of any of the persons so recommended, he may, call for fresh recommendations of different names, from the Executive Council.

(*3*) The Chancellors of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and of the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati shall hold office for a term of five years and shall not be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that notwithstanding the expiry of his term of office, the Chancellor shall continue to hold office until his successor enters upon his office.

(*4*) The age of the Chancellors of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and of the National Sanskrit University, Tirupati shall not be more than seventy years as on the 1st day of January in the year during which the vacancy has arisen.

2. Vice-Chancellor.—(*1*) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor from out of a panel of three names recommended by a Committee constituted under clause (*3*):

Provided that if the Visitor does not approve any of the persons included in the panel, he may call for a fresh panel of new names.

(*2*) The Vice-Chancellor shall be an eminent scholar in the field of Sanskrit and allied subjects and his qualifications shall be as specified in the regulations made under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956) in this behalf.

(*3*) The Committee referred to in clause (*1*) shall consist of five persons, out of whom two shall be nominated by the Executive Council and two by the Visitor, and one by the Central Government and the nominee of the Visitor shall be the convener of the Committee:

Provided that none of the members of the Committee shall be an employee of the University or a College or an Institution maintained by the University or a member of any authority of the University.

(*4*) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried employee of the University.

(*5*) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of seventy years:

Provided that the Visitor may direct any Vice-Chancellor, after his term has expired, to continue in office for such period, not exceeding a total period of one year, as may be specified by him, subject to him not exceeding seventy years of age.

(*6*) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (*5*), the Visitor may, at any time after the Vice-Chancellor has entered upon his office, by order in writing, remove the Vice-Chancellor from office on grounds of incapacity, misconduct or violation of statutory provisions:

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Provided that no such order shall be made by the Visitor unless the Vice-Chancellor has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken against him:

Provided further that the Visitor shall consult the Chancellor also before making such order:

Provided also that the Visitor may, at any time, before making such order, place the Vice-Chancellor under suspension, pending enquiry.

(*7*) The emoluments and other conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor shall be as follows:—

(*i*) the Vice-Chancellor shall be paid a monthly salary and allowances, other than house rent allowance, at the rates fixed by the Central Government from time to time and he shall be entitled, without payment of rent, to use a furnished residence throughout his term of office and no charge shall fall on the Vice-Chancellor in respect of the maintenance of such residence;

(*ii*) the Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to such terminal benefits and allowances as may be fixed by the Central Government from time to time:

Provided that where an employee of the University, or a College or an Institution maintained by the University, or of any other University or any college or institution maintained by or admitted to the privileges of, such other University, is appointed as the Vice-Chancellor, he may be allowed to continue to contribute to any provident fund of which he is a member and the University shall contribute to the account of such person in that provident fund at the same rate at which the person had been contributing immediately before his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided further that where such employee had been a member of any pension scheme, the University shall make necessary contribution to such scheme;

(*iii*) the Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to travelling allowance at such rates as may be fixed by the Central Government from time to time;

(*iv*) the Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to leave on full pay at the rate of thirty days in a calendar year and the leave shall be credited to his account in advance in two half-yearly instalments of fifteen days each on the first day of January and July every year:

Provided that if the Vice-Chancellor assumes or relinquishes charge of the office of the Vice-Chancellor during the currency of a half year, the leave shall be credited proportionately at the rate of two and-a-half days for each completed month of service;

(*v*) in addition to the leave referred to in sub-clause (*iv*), the Vice-Chancellor shall also be entitled to half-pay leave at the rate of twenty days for each completed year of service, and half-pay leave may also be availed of as commuted leave on full pay on medical certificate:

Provided that when such commuted leave is availed of, twice the amount of half-pay leave shall be debited against half-pay leave due.

(*8*) If the office of the Vice-Chancellor becomes vacant due to death, resignation or otherwise, or if he is unable to perform his duties due to ill-health or any other cause, the senior-most Professor shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor.

3. Powers and duties of Vice-Chancellor.—(*1*) The Vice-Chancellor shall be *ex officio* Chairman of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee and Planning and Monitoring Board, and shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside at the Convocations held for conferring degrees and at meetings of the Court.

(*2*) The Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to be present at, and address, any meeting of any authority or other body of the University, but shall not be entitled to vote thereat unless he is a member of such authority or body.

(*3*) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to see that this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations are duly observed and he shall have all the powers necessary to ensure such observance.

(*4*) The Vice-Chancellor shall have all the powers necessary for the proper maintenance of discipline in the University and he may delegate any such powers to such person or persons as he deems fit.

(*5*) The Vice-Chancellor shall have all the powers to convene or cause to be convened the meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee and the Planning and Monitoring Board.

4. Deans of School of Studies.— (*1*) Every Dean of School of Studies shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors in the School of Studies by rotation in the order of seniority for a period of three years:

Provided that in case there is only one Professor or no Professor in a School of Studies, the Dean shall be appointed, for the time being, from amongst the Professors, if any, and the Associate Professors in the School of Studies by rotation in the order of seniority:

Provided further that a Dean on attaining the age of sixty-five years shall cease to hold office as such.

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(*2*) When the office of the Dean is vacant or when the Dean is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by the senior-most Professor, as the case may be, in the School of Studies.

(*3*) The Dean shall be the Head of the School of Studies and shall be responsible for the conduct and maintenance of the standards of teaching and research in the School of Studies and shall have such other functions as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*4*) The Dean shall have the right to be present and to speak at any meeting of the Boards of Studies or Committees of the School of Studies, as the case may be, but shall not have the right to vote thereat unless he is a member thereof.

5. Registrar.—(*1*) The Registrar shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose and shall be whole-time salaried officer of the University.

(*2*) The Registrar shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment after following such procedure as may be laid down for such appointment.

(*3*) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Registrar shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government from time to time:

Provided that the Registrar shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years.

(*4*) When the office of the Registrar is vacant or when the Registrar is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

(*5*) (*a*) The Registrar shall have power to take disciplinary action against such of the employees, excluding teachers and other academic staff, as may be specified in the order of the Executive Council and to suspend them pending inquiry, to administer warnings to them or to impose on them the penalty of censure or the withholding of increment:

Provided that no such penalty shall be imposed unless the person has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken in regard to him;

(*b*) an appeal shall lie to the Vice-Chancellor against any order of the Registrar imposing any of the penalties specified in sub-clause (*a*);

(*c*) in a case where the inquiry discloses that a punishment beyond the power of the Registrar is called for, the Registrar shall, upon the conclusion of the inquiry, make a report to the Vice-Chancellor along with his recommendations:

Provided that an appeal shall lie to the Executive Council against an order of the Vice-Chancellor imposing any penalty.

(*6*) The Registrar shall be *ex officio* Secretary of the Executive Council and the Academic Council, but shall not be deemed to be member of either of these authorities and he shall be *ex officio* Member-Secretary of the Court and of the Planning and Monitoring Board.

(*7*) It shall be the duty of the Registrar—

(*a*) to be the custodian of the records, the common seal and such other property of the University as the Executive Council shall commit to his charge;

(*b*) to issue all notices, convening meetings of the Court, the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Planning and Monitoring Board, and of any Committees appointed by those authorities;

(*c*) to keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Court, the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Planning and Monitoring Board and of any Committees appointed by those authorities;

(*d*) to conduct the official correspondence of the Court, the Executive Council, the Academic Council and the Planning and Monitoring Board;

(*e*) to supply to Visitor, copies of the agenda of the meetings of the authorities of the University as soon as they are issued and of the minutes of such meetings;

(*f*) to represent the University in suits or proceedings by or against the University, sign powers of attorney and verify pleadings or depute his representative for the purpose; and

(*g*) to perform such other duties as may be specified in the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Regulations or as may be required from time to time by the Executive Council or the Vice-Chancellor.

6. Finance Officer.—(*1*) The Finance Officer shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose and he shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University.

(*2*) The Finance Officer shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment after following such procedure as may be laid down for such appointment.

(*3*) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Finance Officer shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government from time to time:

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Provided that, the Finance Officer shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years.

(*4*) When the office of the Finance Officer is vacant or when the Finance Officer is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

(*5*) The Finance Officer shall be *ex officio* Member—Secretary of the Finance Committee.

(*6*) The Finance Officer shall—

(*a*) exercise general supervision over the funds of the University and shall advise it as regards its financial policy; and

(*b*) perform such other financial functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Council or as may be prescribed by the Statutes or the Ordinances.

(*7*) Subject to the control of the Executive Council, the Finance Officer shall—

(*a*) hold and manage the property and investments of the University including trust and endowed property;

(*b*) ensure that the limits fixed by the Executive Council for recurring and non-recurring expenditure for a year are not exceeded and that all moneys are expended on the purpose for which they are granted or allotted;

(*c*) be responsible for the preparation of annual accounts and the budget of the University and for their presentation to the Executive Council;

(*d*) keep a constant watch on the state of the cash and bank balances and on the state of investments;

(*e*) watch the progress of the collection of revenues and advise on the methods of collection employed;

(*f*) ensure that the registers of buildings, land, furniture and equipment are maintained up-to-date and that stock-checking is conducted, of equipment and other consumable materials in all offices, Departments, Centres and Specialised Laboratories;

(*g*) bring to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor un-authorised expenditure and other financial irregularities and suggest disciplinary action against persons at fault; and

(*h*) call for, from any office, Department, Centre, Laboratory, College, School of Studies or Institution maintained by the University, any information or returns that he may consider necessary for the performance of his duties.

(*8*) Any receipt given by the Finance Officer or the person or persons duly authorised in this behalf by the Executive Council for any money payable to the University shall be sufficient discharge for payment of such money.

7. Controller of Examinations.—(*1*) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose and he shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University.

(*2*) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment after following such procedure as may be laid down for such appointment.

(*3*) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Controller of Examinations shall be such as may be prescribed by the Central Government from time to time:

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Provided that the Controller of Examinations shall retire on attaining the age of sixty-two years.

(*4*) When the office of the Controller of Examinations is vacant or when the Controller of Examinations is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

(*5*) The Controller of Examinations shall arrange for and superintend the examinations of the University in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances.

8. Librarian.—(*1*) The Librarian shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose and he shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University.

(*2*) The Librarian shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Executive Council.

9. Director of the Campus.—(*1*) The Director of a Campus shall be the senior-most Professor and appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*2*) The Director of the Campus shall exercise such powers and perform duties as may be assigned to him by the Vice-Chancellor.

10. Meetings of Court.—(*1*) An annual meeting of the Court shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Executive Council unless some other date has been fixed by the Court in respect of any year.

(*2*) At an annual meeting of the Court, a report on the working of the University during the previous year, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditure, the balance-sheet as audited, and financial estimates for the next year shall be presented.

(*3*) A copy of the statement of receipts and expenditure, the balance-sheet and the financial estimates referred to in clause (*2*) shall be sent to every member of the Court at least seven days before the date of the annual meeting.

(*4*) Special meetings of the Court may be convened by the Executive Council or the Vice-Chancellor or if there is no Vice-Chancellor, by the Registrar.

(*5*) Eleven members of the Court shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Court.

11. Executive Council.—(*1*) The Executive Council shall consist of the following persons, namely:—

(*a*) Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson;

(*b*) two Deans of the School of Studies by rotation according to the seniority;

(*c*) one Professor, other than a Dean by rotation according to seniority;

(*d*) one Associate Professor by rotation according to seniority;

(*e*) two members of the Court, none of whom shall be an employee of the University or a college or an institution affiliated to or recognised by the University;

(*f*) one representative from the University Grants Commission;

(*g*) three eminent academics nominated by the Visitor;

(*h*) two eminent academics in the field of Sanskrit and allied subjects to be nominated by the Central Government on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor;

(*i*) Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Human Resources Development looking after the University;

(*j*) the Registrar of the University shall be the Secretary of the Executive Council.

(*2*) All the members of the Executive Council, other than *ex officio* members shall hold office for a term of three years.

(*3*) Seven members of the Executive Council shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Executive Council and it shall meet at least thrice in a year.

12. Powers and functions of Executive Council.—(*1*) The Executive Council shall have power of management and administration of the revenues and property of the University and the conduct of all administrative affairs of the University not otherwise provided for.

(*2*) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, the Executive Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers, namely:—

(*i*) to create teaching and other academic posts including Chairs, to determine the number and emoluments of such posts and to define the duties and conditions of service of Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and other academic staff:

Provided that no action shall be taken by the Executive Council in respect of the number and qualifications of teachers and other academic staff otherwise than after consideration of the recommendations of the Academic Council;

(*ii*) to appoint such Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and other academic staff including Chairs, as may be necessary, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose and to fill up temporary vacancies therein;

(*iii*) to promote inter-facial research by making joint appointments of teaching staff in different Schools, Departments and Centres;

(*iv*) to create administrative, ministerial and other necessary posts and to define their duties and conditions of their service and to make appointments thereto in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances;

(*v*) to grant leave of absence to any officer of the University other than the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor, and to make necessary arrangements for the discharge of the functions of such officer during his absence;

(*vi*) to regulate and enforce discipline among employees in accordance with the Statutes and the Ordinances;

(*vii*) to manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all other administrative affairs of the University and for that purpose to appoint such agents as it may think fit;

(*viii*) to fix limits on the total recurring and the total non-recurring expenditure for a year on the recommendation of the Finance Committee;

(*ix*) to invest any money belonging to the University, including any unapplied income, in such stocks, funds, shares or securities, from time to time, as it may think fit or in the purchase of immovable property in India, with the like powers of varying such investment from time to time;

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(*x*) to transfer or accept transfers of any movable or immovable property on behalf of the University;

(*xi*) to provide buildings, premises, furniture and apparatus and other means needed for carrying on the work of the University;

(*xii*) to enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the University;

(*xiii*) to entertain, adjudicate upon, and if thought fit, to redress any grievances of the employees and students of the University who may, for any reason, feel aggrieved;

(*xiv*) to appoint examiners and moderators and, if necessary, to remove them, and to fix their fees, emoluments and travelling and other allowances, after consulting the Academic Council;

(*xv*) to select a common seal for the University and provide for the use of such seal;

(*xvi*) to make such special arrangements as may be necessary for the residence of women students;

(*xvii*) to institute fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(*xviii*) to provide for the appointment of Visiting Professors, Emeritus Professors, Consultants and Scholars and determine the terms and conditions of such appointments;

(*xix*) to approve the award of degrees and diplomas based on the results of the examinations and tests to confer, grant of award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic titles and distinctions;

(*xx*) to raise and borrow money on bonds, mortgages, promissory notes or other obligations or securities funded or based on any of the properties and assets of the University or without any securities and upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit and pay out of the funds of the University, all expenses, incidental to the raising of money and to repay and redeem any money borrowed;

(*xxi*) to enter into partnership with industry and non-government agencies for the advancement of knowledge and establish a corpus of funds out of the profits of such partnership; and

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

13. Academic Council.—(*1*) The Academic Council shall consist of the following persons, namely:—

(*a*) the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson;

(*b*) Deans of School of Studies;

(*c*) Head of Departments and Director of Centres;

(*d*) two Professors other than Heads of Departments; according to seniority to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(*e*) two Teachers of the University, at least one of whom shall be an Associate Professor, by rotation according to seniority, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(*f*) one member, other than those referred to in items (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) from each Schools of studies, centres;

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(*g*) three persons, not being employees of the University to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendations of the Academic Council for their special knowledge;

(*h*) two members of the Court, none of whom shall be an employee of the University or a College or an Institution affiliated to or recognised by the University.

(*2*) The Registrar of the University shall be the Secretary of the Academic Council.

(*3*) All the members of the Academic Council, other than *ex officio* members shall hold office for a term of three years and they shall be eligible for re-appointment after a cooling off period of at least two years.

(*4*) Half of the sanctioned strength of the Academic Council shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Academic Council.

14. Powers and functions of Academic Council.—Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances, the Academic Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers, namely:—

(*a*) to exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University and to give directions regarding methods of instruction, co-ordination of teaching among the Colleges and the Institutions, evaluation of research and improvement of academic standards;

(*b*) to bring about and promote inter-School co-ordination and to establish or appoint such Committees or Boards as may be deemed necessary for the purpose;

(*c*) to consider matters of general academic interest either on its own initiative, or on a reference by a School or the Executive Council, and to take appropriate action thereon;

(*d*) to frame such Regulations and rules consistent with the Statutes and the Ordinances regarding the academic functioning of the University, discipline, residence, admissions, award of fellowships and studentships, fees, concessions, corporate life and attendance;

(*e*) to prescribe courses of study leading to degrees and diplomas of the University; and

(*f*) to make recommendations to the Executive Council on the following matters:

(*i*) measures for improvement of standards of teaching, training and research;

(*ii*) institution of Fellowships, Travelling Fellowships, Scholarships, Medals and Prizes;

(*iii*) to recommend about the establishment or abolition of Centres or Departments.

15. Planning and Monitoring Board.—(*1*) The Planning and Monitoring Board shall consist of the following persons, namely:—

(*i*) the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson;

(*ii*) three internal members, to be nominated by the Executive Council;

(*iii*) three eminent educationists having special knowledge of the University planning, to be appointed by the Executive Council;

(*iv*) the Finance Officer;

(*v*) the Registrar who shall be Member-Secretary.

(*2*) The term of the members of the Planning and Monitoring Board, excluding *ex officio* members, shall be three years and they shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(*3*) The quorum for the meeting of the Planning and Monitoring Board shall be five.

(*4*) The Planning and Monitoring Board shall meet at least twice a year.

16. Powers and functions of the Planning and Monitoring Board.—(*1*) The Planning and Monitoring Board, subject to the supervision of the Executive Council, shall—

(*i*) be responsible for overall perspective planning and development of the University in consonance with its objective;

(*ii*) determine the area of excellence of the University and identify the thrust areas for research;

(*iii*) examine, rationalise, coordinate the proposals of development received from various Faculties and Departments to be submitted to the Executive Council and the Academic Council for their consideration and approval;

(*iv*) monitor the implementation of the approved plan of the University;

(*v*) submit to the Academic Council and the Executive Council plans for disciplines and courses of study;

(*vi*) propose to the Academic Council and the Faculty, measures regarding the restructuring of courses and introduction of inter-disciplinary interaction amongst the Departments of Studies;

(*vii*) perform such other functions and exercise such other powers as may be assigned or delegated to it by the Executive Council.

(*2*) In case of difference of opinion between the Planning and Monitoring Board and the Academic Council in regard to the academic planning, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Council whose decision thereon shall be final.

(*3*) The Planning and Monitoring Board shall, under its overall supervision, establish a planning cell to achieve its objectives and appoint as many Committees as it deems necessary for such purpose:

Provided that two-third members of such Committee shall be from amongst the teachers of the University.

17. Schools of Studies and Departments.—(*1*) The University shall have such Schools of Studies as may be specified in the Statutes.

(*2*) Every School of studies shall have a School Board and the members of the first School Board shall be nominated by the Executive Council for a period of three years.

(*3*) The composition, powers and functions of a School Board shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*4*) The conduct of the meetings of a School Board and the quorum required for such meetings shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*5*) (*a*) Every School shall consist of such Departments as may be assigned to it by the Ordinances:

Provided that the Executive Council may, on the recommendation of the Academic Council, establish Centres of Studies to which may be assigned such teachers of the University as the Executive Council may consider necessary.

(*b*) Each Department shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(*i*) teachers of the Department;

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(*ii*) persons conducting research in the Department;

(*iii*) Dean of the School;

(*iv*) Honorary Professors, if any, attached to the Department; and

(*v*) such other persons as may be members of the Department in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinances.

18. Board of Studies.—(*1*) Each Department shall have a Board of Studies.

(*2*) The constitution of the Board of Studies and the term of office of its members shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*3*) Subject to the overall control and supervision of the Academic Council, the functions of a Board of Studies shall be to approve subjects for research for various degrees and other requirements of research degrees and to recommend to the concerned School Board in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances—

(*a*) courses of studies and appointment of examiners for courses, but excluding research degrees;

(*b*) appointment of supervisors for research; and

(*c*) measures for the improvement of the standard of teaching and research:

Provided that the above functions of a Board of Studies shall, during the period of three years immediately after the commencement of this Act, be performed by the Department.

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19. Finance Committee.—(*1*) The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(*i*) the Vice-Chancellor;

(*ii*) one person to be nominated by the Court;

(*iii*) three persons to be nominated by the Executive Council, out of whom at least one shall be a member of the Executive Council;

(*iv*) one representative of Ministry of Human Resource Development;

(*v*) Finance Officer shall be the Member—Secretary.

(*2*) Five members of the Finance Committee shall form a quorum for a meeting of the Finance Committee.

(*3*) All the members of the Finance Committee, other than *ex officio* members, shall hold office for a term of three years.

(*4*) A member of the Finance Committee shall have the right to record a minute of dissent if he does not agree with any decision of the Finance Committee.

(*5*) The Finance Committee shall meet at least twice every year to examine the accounts and to scrutinise proposals for expenditure.

(*6*) All proposals relating to creation of posts, and those items which have not been included in the budget, shall be examined by the Finance Committee before they are considered by the Executive Council.

(*7*) The annual accounts and the financial estimates of the University prepared by Finance Officer shall be laid before the Finance Committee for consideration and comments and thereafter submitted to the Executive Council for approval.

(*8*) The Finance Committee shall recommend limits for the total recurring expenditure and the total non-recurring expenditure for the year, based on the income and resources of the University (which, in the case of productive works, may include the proceeds of loans).

20. Selection Committees.—(*1*) There shall be Selection Committees for making recommendations to the Executive Council for appointment to the posts of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Registrar, Finance Officer, Controller of Examinations, Librarian and Principals of Colleges and Institutions maintained by the University.

(*2*) (*a*) The Selection Committee for appointment to the posts specified in column 1 of the Table below shall consist of the Vice-Chancellor, a nominee of the Central Government and the persons specified in the corresponding entry in column 2 of the said Table:

TABLE

1	**2**
Professor	(*i*) The Dean of the School of Studies. (*ii*) The Head of the Department, if he is a Professor. (*iii*) Three persons not in the service of the University, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, out of a panel of names approved by the Executive Council and recommended by the Academic Council for their special knowledge of, or interest in, the subject with which the Professor will be concerned.
Associate Professor/Assistant Professor	(*i*) The Dean of the School of Studies. (*ii*) Head of the Department, if he is a Professor. (*iii*) One Professor nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. (*iv*) Two persons not in the service of the University, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, out of a panel of names approved by the Executive Council and recommended by the Academic Council for their special knowledge of, or interest in, the subject with which the Associate Professor or Assistant Professor will be concerned.
Registrar/Finance Officer/Controller of Examinations	(*i*) Two members of the Executive Council nominated by it. (*ii*) One person not in the service of the University nominated by the Executive Council.
Librarian	(*i*) Two persons not in the service of the University who have special knowledge of the subject of the Library Science or Library Administration nominated by the Executive Council. (*ii*) One person not in the service of the University nominated by the Executive Council.

(*b*) There shall be a Selection Committee for making recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor for appointments of employees, consultants, retainers and other non-academic posts; and the Selection

Committee for appointment to the post specified in column 1 of the Table below shall consist of the persons mentioned in column 2, namely:—

TABLE

1	2
Group A, B and C non-teaching staff	A Committee of three to five members comprising of one to three senior officers and teachers of the University to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor and two external members with expertise in the relevant field to be nominated by the Executive Council.

Note 1.—Where the appointment is being made for an inter-disciplinary project, the head of the project shall be deemed to be the Head of the Department concerned.

Note 2.—The Professor to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor shall be a Professor concerned with the speciality for which the selection is being made and the Vice-Chancellor shall consult the Head of the Department and the Dean of School of Studies before nominating the Professor.

(*3*) The Vice-Chancellor, or in his absence, the senior-most Professor, shall convene and preside at the meeting of the Selection Committee:

Provided that the proceedings of the Selection Committee shall not be valid unless,—

(*a*) where the number of Central Government nominee and the persons nominated by the Executive Council is four in all, at least three of them attend the meeting; and

(*b*) where the number of Central Government nominee and the persons nominated by the Executive Council is three in all, at least two of them attend the meeting.

(*4*) The procedure to be followed by the Selection Committee shall be laid down in the Ordinances.

(*5*) If the Executive Council is unable to accept the recommendations made by the Selection Committee, it shall record its reasons and submit the case to the Visitor for final orders.

(*6*) Appointments to temporary posts shall be made in the manner indicated below:—

(*i*) if the temporary vacancy is for duration longer than one academic session, it shall be filled on the advice of the Selection Committee in accordance with the procedure indicated in the foregoing clauses:

Provided that if the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that in the interests of work it is necessary to fill the vacancy, the appointment may be made on a purely temporary basis on the advice of a local Selection Committee referred to in sub-clause (*ii*) for a period not exceeding six months;

(*ii*) if the temporary vacancy is for a period less than a year, an appointment to such vacancy shall be made on the recommendation of a local Selection Committee consisting of the Director of Campuses or Dean of School of Studies concerned, the Head of the Department and a nominee of the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that if the same person holds the offices of the Dean and the Head of the Department, the Selection Committee may contain two nominees of the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided further that in the case of sudden casual vacancies of teaching posts caused by death or any other reason, the Dean may, in consultation with the Head of the Department concerned, make a temporary appointment for a month and report to the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar about such appointment;

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(*iii*) no teacher appointed temporarily shall, if he is not recommended by a regular Selection Committee for appointment under the Statutes, be continued in service on such temporary employment, unless he is subsequently selected by a local Selection Committee or a regular Selection Committee, for a temporary or permanent appointment, as the case may be.

21. Special mode of appointment.—(*1*) Notwithstanding anything contained in Statute 20, the Executive Council may invite a person of high academic distinction and professional to accept a post of Professor or Associate Professor or any other equivalent academic post in the University on such terms and conditions as it deems fit and on the person agreeing to do so appoint him to the post:

Provided that the Executive Council may also create supernumerary post for a specified period for appointment of such persons:

Provided further that, the number of supernumerary posts so created, shall not exceed five per cent. of the total posts in the University.

(*2*) The Executive Council may appoint a teacher or any other academic staff working in any other University or organisation for undertaking a joint project in accordance with the manner laid down in the Ordinances.

22. Appointment for Tenure fixed.—The Executive Council may appoint a person selected in accordance with the procedure laid down in Statute 20 for a fixed tenure on such terms and conditions as it deems fit.

23. Committees.—(*1*) An authority of the University may appoint as many standing Committees, as it may deem fit, and may appoint to such Committees persons who are not members of such authority.

(*2*) A Committee appointed under clause (*1*) may deal with any subject delegated to it subject to subsequent confirmation by the authority appointing it.

24. Terms and conditions of service and code of conduct of teachers, etc.—(*1*) All the teachers and other academic staff of the University shall, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, be governed by the terms and conditions of service and code of conduct as are specified in the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations.

(*2*) The emoluments of members of the academic staff shall be such as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*3*) Every teacher and member of the academic staff of the University shall be appointed on a written contract, the form of which shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*4*) A copy of every contract referred to in clause (*3*) shall be deposited with the Registrar.

25. Terms and conditions of service and code of conduct of other employees.—(*1*) All the employees of the University, other than the teachers and other academic staff shall, in the absence of any contract to the contrary, be governed by the terms and conditions of service and code of conduct as are specified in the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations.

(*2*) The manner of appointment and emoluments of employees, other than the teachers and other academic staff, shall be such as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

26. Seniority list.—(*1*) Whenever, in accordance with the Statutes, any person is to hold an office or be a member of an authority of the University by rotation according to seniority, such seniority shall be determined according to the length of continuous service of such person in his grade and in accordance with such other principles as the Executive Council may, from time to time, prescribe.

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(*2*) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain in respect of each class of persons to whom the provisions of these Statutes apply, a complete and up-to-date seniority list in accordance with the provisions of clause (*1*).

(*3*) If two or more persons have equal length of continuous service in a particular grade or the relative seniority of any person or persons is otherwise in doubt, the Registrar may, on his own motion, and shall, at the request of any such person, submit the matter to the Executive Council whose decision thereon shall be final.

27. Removal of employees of University.—(*1*) Where there is an allegation of misconduct against a teacher, a member of the academic staff or other employee of the University, the Vice-Chancellor, in the case of teacher or a member of the academic staff and the authority competent to appoint (hereinafter referred to as the appointing authority) in the case of other employee may, by order in writing, place such teacher, member of the academic staff or other employee, as the case may be, under suspension and shall forthwith report to the Executive Council the circumstances in which the order was made:

Provided that the Executive Council may, if it is of the opinion, that the circumstances of the case do not warrant the suspension of the teacher or a member of the academic staff, revoke such order.

(*2*) Notwithstanding anything contained in the terms of the contract of appointment or of any other provisions in the terms and conditions of service of the employees, the Executive Council in respect of teachers and other academic staff, and the appointing authority in respect of other employees, shall have the power to remove a teacher or a member of the academic staff or other employee, as the case may be, on grounds of misconduct.

(*3*) Save as aforesaid, the Executive Council, or as the case may be, the appointing authority, shall not be entitled to remove any teacher, member of the academic staff or other employee except for a good cause and after giving three months' notice or on payment of three months' salary in lieu thereof.

(*4*) No teacher, member of the academic staff or other employee shall be removed under clause (*2*) or clause (*3*) unless he has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken in regard to him.

(*5*) The removal of a teacher, member of the academic staff or any other regular appointed employee shall require a two-thirds majority of the members of the Executive Council present and voting and it shall take effect from the date on which the order of removal is made:

Provided that where the teacher, member of the academic staff or other employee is under suspension at the time of his removal, such removal shall take effect from the date on which he was placed under suspension.

(*6*) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions of this Statute, a teacher, member of the academic staff or any other employee may resign—

(*a*) if he is permanent employee, only after giving three months' notice in writing to the Executive Council or the appointing authority, as the case may be, or by paying three months' salary in lieu thereof;

(*b*) if he is not a permanent employee, only after given one month's notice in writing to the Executive Council or, as the case may be, the appointing authority or by paying one month's salary in lieu thereof:

Provided that such resignation shall take effect only on the date on which the resignation is accepted by the Executive Council or the appointing authority, as the case may be.

28. Honorary degrees.—(*1*) The Executive Council may, on the recommendation of the Academic Council by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members to the Visitor for the conferment of honorary degrees:

Provided that in case of emergency, the Executive Council may, on its own motion, make such proposals.

(*2*) The Executive Council may, by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, withdraw, with the previous sanction of the Visitor, any honorary degree conferred by the University.

29. Withdrawal of degrees, etc.—The Executive Council may, by a special resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, withdraw a degree or academic distinction conferred on, or any certificate or diploma granted to, any person by the University for good and sufficient cause:

Provided that no such resolution shall be passed until a notice in writing has been given to that person calling upon him to show cause within such time as may be specified in the notice as to why such a resolution should not be passed and until his objections, if any, and any evidence he may produce in support of them, have been considered by the Executive Council.

30. Maintenance of discipline amongst students of University.—(*1*) All powers relating to the maintenance of discipline and disciplinary action in relation to the students of the University shall vest in the Vice-Chancellor.

(*2*) There shall be a Proctor of the University to assist the Vice-Chancellor in the exercise of the powers referred to in clause (*1*), who shall be appointed by Executive Council from amongst the Professors and Associate Professors in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*3*) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate all or any of the powers referred to in clause (*1*), as he deems proper, to the Proctor and to such other officers as he may specify in this behalf.

(*4*) Without prejudice to the generality of his powers relating to the maintenance of discipline and taking such action, as may seem to him appropriate for the maintenance of discipline, the Vice-Chancellor may, in exercise of such powers, by order, direct that any student or students be expelled or rusticated, for a specified period, or be not admitted to a course or courses of study in a College, Institution or Department or a School of the University for a stated period, or be punished with fine for an amount to be specified in the order, or be debarred from taking an examination or examinations conducted by the University, College, Institution or Department or a School for one or more years, or that the results of the student or students concerned in the examination or examinations in which he or they have appeared be withheld or cancelled.

(*5*) The Directors of Campuses, Institutions, Deans of Schools of Studies and Heads of teaching Departments in the University shall have the authority to exercise all such disciplinary powers over the students in their respective Colleges, Campuses, Institutions, Schools of Studies and teaching Departments in the University, as may be necessary, for the proper conduct of such Colleges, Campuses, Institutions, Schools of Studies and teaching Departments.

(*6*) Without prejudice to the powers of the Vice-Chancellor and the Principals and other persons specified in clause (*5*), detailed rules of discipline and proper conduct shall be made by the University and the Principals of Colleges, Institutions, Deans of Schools of Studies and Heads of teaching Departments in the University may also make such supplementary rules as they deem necessary for the purposes stated therein.

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(*7*) At the time of admission, every student shall be required to sign a declaration to the effect that he submits himself to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Vice-Chancellor and other authorities of the University.

31. Convocations.—Convocations of the University for the conferring of degrees or for other purposes shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.

32. Acting Chairman of meetings.—Where no provision is made for a President or Chairman to preside over a meeting of any authority of the University or any Committee of such authority or when the President or Chairman so provided for is absent, the members present shall elect one from among themselves to preside at such meeting.

33. Resignation.—Any member, other than an *ex officio* member of the Court, the Executive Council, the Academic Council or any other authority of the University or any Committee of such authority may resign by letter addressed to the Registrar and the resignation shall take effect as soon as such letter is received by the Registrar.

34. Disqualification.—(*1*) A person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, and for being, a member of any of the authorities, or for being appointed as, and for being, an officer, of the University if—

(*i*) he is of unsound mind; or

(*ii*) he is an undischarged insolvent; or

(*iii*) he has been convicted by a court of law of an offence involving moral turpitude and sentenced in respect thereof to imprisonment for not less than six months.

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(*2*) If any question arises as to whether a person is or had been subjected to any of the disqualifications mentioned in clause (*1*), the question shall be referred to the Visitor and his decision shall be final and no suit or other proceeding shall lie in any civil court against such decision.

35. Residence condition for membership and office.—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Statutes, a person who is not ordinarily resident in India shall not be eligible to be an officer of the University or a member of any authority of the University.

36. Membership of authorities by virtue of membership of other bodies.—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Statutes, a person who holds any post in the University or is a member of any authority or body of the University in his capacity as a member of a particular authority or body or as the holder of a particular appointment shall hold such office or membership only for so long as he continues to be a member of that particular authority or body or the holder of that particular appointment, as the case may be.

37. Alumni Association.—(*1*) There shall be an Alumni Association for the University.

(*2*) The subscription for membership of the Alumni Association shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.

(*3*) No member of the Alumni Association shall be entitled to vote or stand for election unless he has been a member of the Association for at least one year prior to the date of election and is a degree holder of the University of at least five years standing:

Provided that the condition relating to the completion of one year's membership shall not apply in the case of the first election.

38. Students' Council.—(*1*) There shall be constituted in the University, a Students' Council for every academic year, consisting of—

(*i*) the Dean of Students' Welfare who shall be the Chairman of the Students' Council;

(*ii*) twenty students to be nominated by the Academic Council on the basis of merit in studies, sports and extra-curricular activities; and

(*iii*) twenty students to be elected by the students as their representatives:

Provided that any student of the University shall have the right to bring up any matter concerning the University before the Students' Council, if so permitted by the Chairman, and he shall have the right to participate in the discussions at any meeting when the matter is taken up for consideration.

(*2*) The functions of the Students' Council shall be to make suggestions to the appropriate authorities of the University in regard to the programmes of studies, students' welfare and other matters of importance, in regard to the working of the University in general and such suggestions shall be made on the basis of consensus of opinion.

(*3*) The Students' Council shall meet at least twice in every academic year and the first meeting of the Council be held in the beginning of the academic session.

39. Ordinances how to be made.—(*1*) The first Ordinances made under sub-section (*2*) of section 29 may be amended, repealed or added to at any time by the Executive Council in the manner specified in the following clauses.

(*2*) No Ordinance in respect of the matters enumerated in sub-section (*1*) of section 29 shall be made by the Executive Council unless a draft of such Ordinance has been proposed by the Academic Council.

(*3*) The Executive Council shall not have power to amend any draft of any Ordinance proposed by the Academic Council under clause (*2*), but may reject the proposal or return the draft to the Academic Council for re-consideration, either in whole or in part, together with any amendment which the Executive Council may suggest.

(*4*) Where the Executive Council has rejected or returned the draft of an Ordinances proposed by the Academic Council, the Academic Council may consider the question afresh and in case the original draft is reaffirmed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting and more than half the total number of members of the Academic Council, the draft may be sent back to the Executive Council which shall either adopt it or refer it to the Visitor whose decision shall be final.

(*5*) Every Ordinances made by the Executive Council shall come into effect immediately.

(*6*) Every Ordinances made by the Executive Council shall be submitted to the Visitor within two weeks from the date of its adoption.

(*7*) The Visitor shall have the power to direct the University to suspend the operation of any Ordinances.

(*8*) The Visitor shall inform the Executive Council about his objection to the Ordinances referred to in clause (*7*) and may, after receiving the comments of the University, either withdraw the order suspending the Ordinances or disallow the Ordinances, and his decision shall be final.

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40. Regulations.—(*1*) The authorities of the University may make Regulations consistent with this Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances for the following matters, namely:—

(*i*) laying down the procedure to be observed at their meetings and the number of members required to form a quorum;

(*ii*) providing for all matters which are required by this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances to be prescribed by Regulations; and

(*iii*) providing for all other matters solely concerning such authorities or committees appointed by them and not provided for by this Act, the Statutes or the Ordinances.

(*2*) Every authority of the University shall make Regulations providing for the giving of notice to the members of such authority of the dates of meeting and of the business to be considered at meetings and for the keeping of a record of the proceedings of meetings.

(*3*) The Executive Council may direct the amendment in such manner as it may specify of any Regulation made under the Statutes or the annulment of any such Regulation.

41. Establishment of campuses in India and outside India.—(*1*) The establishment of Campuses and the abolition thereof shall be governed by the Statutes provided the same have received the assent of the Visitor.

(*2*) The procedures to be followed for establishment and abolition of Campuses shall be as prescribed in the Ordinances.

42. Distance education system.—(*1*) Subject to the provisions of the Act and the Statutes, the University shall have a distance education system as prescribed in the Ordinance.

(*2*) The composition, powers and functions of the Distance Education System shall be as prescribed in the Ordinances.

43. Delegation of Powers.—Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, any officer or authority of the University may delegate his or its powers to any other officer or authority or person under his or its respective control and subject to the condition that overall responsibility for the exercise of the power so delegated shall continue to vest in the officer or authority delegating such powers.

44. Correspondence with the Visitor.—All the correspondences with the Visitor by the University or its authorities or officers shall be routed through the Central Government.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The upgradation of three Deemed to be Universities in Sanskrit, namely, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Delhi, Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Triputi into Central Universities through the Central Sanskrit Universities Bill, 2019 would enhance the status of these Universities and will give a boost to Post Graduate, Doctoral and Post Doctoral education and Research in the field of Sanskrit and Shastraic education. It would help in getting better faculty, attract foreign students, Sanskrit scholars, foreign faculty of international repute and help in international collaborations with global Universities across the world. This will also help in enhancing the opportunities for imparting education in the field of Indian Philosophy, Yoga, Ayurveda and Naturopathy.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

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