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

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

ACT NO. 3 OF 2016.

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

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

CHAPTER I**PRELIMINARY**

Short title,
extent and
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh.

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

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

*Central Act
No.52 of
1987.*

(1) "AICTE" means the All India Council for Technical Education established under section 3 of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987;

*Central
Act No.21
of 1860.*

(2) "AIU" means the Association of Indian Universities registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860;

(3) "BCI" means the Bar Council of India;

(4) "Central Government" means the Government of India;

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

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

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

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

(9) "Eminent Persons Panel" means a panel of nine persons of impeccable integrity having outstanding knowledge and expertise in academics, scientific research, public administration, finance, law or management etc. notified by the Government from time to time;

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

- (11) "Fee" means collection of amounts made by the University from students for different purposes under different heads and which is non-refundable;
- (12) "Government" means the Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (13) "Green Field" means starting of a university fresh for the first time from scratch without any consideration to any existing educational institution(s) or anything related to such institution(s);
- (14) "Higher Education" means study of a curriculum or course for the pursuit of knowledge beyond 10+2 level;
- (15) "ICAR" means the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860; *Central Act No.21 of 1860.*
- (16) "MCI" means the Medical Council of India constituted under the Medical Council Act, 1956; *Central Act No.102 of 1956.*
- (17) "NAAC" means the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, an autonomous institution of the UGC;
- (18) "NCTE" means the National Council for Teacher Education established under the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993; *Central Act No.73 of 1993.*
- (19) "Notification" means a notification published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette and the word 'notified' shall be construed accordingly;
- (20) "PCI" means Pharmacy Council of India constituted under section 4 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948; *Central Act No.8 of 1948.*
- (21) "Prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (22) "Private University" means a University established under section 3 of this Act and hereafter also referred to as University;
- (23) "Regulatory Authority" means an Authority established under section 32;
- (24) "Regulatory Body" means and includes a body such as UGC, AICTE, NCTE, MCI, PCI, NAAC, ICAR, DBT, DST, CSIR, BCI established by the Central Government or Government for maintenance of standard of higher education;
- (25) "Regulations" means regulations made by any authority of the University under section 31;
- (26) "Rules" means rules made under section 45;
- (27) "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to this Act;
- (28) "Specified" means specified by Ordinances, Statutes and Regulations under this Act;

- (29) "Sponsoring body" in relation to a University established under this Act means,-
- Central Act No.21 of 1860, Act No.35 of 2001.*
- (i) a society "not for profit" registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001; or
- Central Act No.2 of 1882.*
- (ii) a public trust "not for profit" registered under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882; or
- (iii) any other society or trust "not for profit" registered as above and formed by consortia of academic institution(s), industry and/or educational societies; or
- Central Act No.13 of 2013.*
- (iv) any company registered under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013. or
- (v) any company other than the company mentioned in item (iv), with such limitations as specified by the Government from time to time.
- Act No.4 of 1991.*
- (30) "State University" means a university established under the Andhra Pradesh Universities Act, 1991;
- (31) "Statutes" and "Ordinances" mean the Statutes and the Ordinances of the University made under this Act;
- (32) "Student" means a student of the University and includes any person enrolled in the University for pursuing any course of study for a degree, diploma or other academic distinction duly instituted by the University, including a research degree;
- (33) "Teacher" means a Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, or any other person required to impart education or to guide research or render guidance in any other form to the students for pursuing a course of study of the University;
- Central Act No.3 of 1956.*
- (34) "UGC" means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

CHAPTER II

ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITY

Establishment of University.

3. (1) The Government may permit the establishment of a University by inclusion of the name and location of the University, the name and address of the Sponsoring body and details of its registration in The Schedule.

(2) The location of the University shall be within the State of Andhra Pradesh and shall be notified by the Government.

(14) If the Regulatory Authority is not satisfied with the reply given and the remedial action by the University, it shall report to the Government for appropriate action.

(15) The Government may issue directions on matters of policy to the Regulatory Authority which shall be binding.

Admissions
and Fee
Structure

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

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

Convocation. 34. The Convocations of the University for conferring degrees, diplomas or for any other purpose, may be held in every academic year in the manner as may be specified by the Statutes.

Accreditation
University. 35. Within a period of five years from commencement of programmes, the University shall obtain such accreditation as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time. It shall also obtain certification/ accreditation from such other Regulating Bodies which are connected with the courses taken up by the University. It shall inform the Government about the grade provided to the University. The University shall ensure renewal of such accreditation from time to time.

University to
follow rules,
regulations,
norms, etc. of
regulating
bodies. 36. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall be bound to comply all the rules, regulations, norms, etc., of the Regulating Bodies and provide all such facilities and assistance to such Bodies as are required by them to discharge their duties and carry out their functions.