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**REPORT OF THE UGC EXPERT COMMITTEE WHICH VISITED AKRUTI CITYGOLD INSTITUTE, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA UNDER DE-NOVO CATEGORY ON 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER- 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2007 TO ASSESS ITS PROPOSAL FOR CONFERMENT OF DEEMED TO BE UNVIERSITY STATUS UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE UGC ACT, 1956**

## I BACKGROUND

The Akruiti Citygold Institute of Mumbai is a Society registered under Indian Society Act, 1860. It is an Institute in the field of construction and related areas in the Private Sector.

The Akruiti Citygold Institute (ACI) is currently housed in Mumbai Town Centre. It has 22000 sq.ft. on the 1st floor commercial centre named Akruiti Centre. It has the State of the Art Infrastructure, Wi-Fi environment, full connectivity, chambers for experts, conference and workshop rooms. The proposed ultimate site of the Institute is at Khalapur - a place on Bombay-Pune highway under the jurisdiction of Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (MMRDA), in **104 acres**. Necessary construction is yet to be started.

The vision of the Institute is to develop as a vibrant and dynamic system which continuously upgrades, adopts and changes keeping in view the global development processes as well as to cause the changes in the development process and the society through development of quality human resources and R & D.

### The Mandate of the Akruiti Citygold Institute (ACI)

- To establish a world-class Institute for cross-disciplines and seamless education and research based learning.
- To promote centres of excellence and knowledge corridors and entrepreneurship in education, training & research.

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- To nurture scientific temper and make India a destination of the world. Establish the Akruti International Institute having Institutions of excellence.
- Knowledge, Innovation and Entrepreneurship to be the key drivers.
- All Institutions & Projects of Akruti Citygold Institute (ACI) developed on a sustainable financial model.
- Look for and associate with global knowledge partners.
- Be flexible to partnership proposals.
- Offer help to students who are capable but lack resources.

ACI is proposing to develop a World Class Institute of infrastructure planning and development, management education and R&D to meet the present and future needs of human resource and R&D in the area of infrastructure development with the stress on the following:

Area of Studies and R&D in Engineering and Technological fields

Flexible and seamless academic design

Technology blended and application oriented system of teaching and learning.

Innovative system of evaluation to the award of Micro to Macro of Credit.

The MHRD, Government of India forwarded the proposal of Akruti Citygold University vide letter No.F.9-5/2007-U.3 (A) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February,2007 to UGC to examine for the conferment of Deemed to be University Status under De-novo category under section 3 of UGC Act, 1956. Accordingly the Chairman, UGC constituted the following Expert Committee to make on the spot assessment of the infrastructure and academic facilities to consider its proposal for conferment of Deemed to be University Status.

## II COMPOSITION OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE:

1. Professor Sanjay G.Dhande  
Director  
Indian Institute of Technology  
Kanpur-208 016

Chairman

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2. Professor Rafat Siddiquee  
Professor & Head  
Department of Structural Engineering  
Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology  
P.B.No.32, Patiala-147 004 Member
3. Dr. K.Raghkandan  
Department of Manufacturing Engineering  
Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar-608 002 Member
4. Professor Mini Thomas  
Department of Electrical Engineering  
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi-110 025  
(could not attend) Member
5. Professor V.Ramachandran  
Vice-Chancellor  
Anna University, Tiruchirapalli-620 014 Member
6. Professor S.Jayarama Reddy  
Vice-Chancellor  
Sri Venkateswara University  
Tirupati-517 502 Member
7. Professor B.Hanumaiah  
Vice-Chancellor  
Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University  
Vidya Vihar, Raebareli Road  
Lucknow—226 025 Member
8. Professor J.V.Prabhakar Rao  
Department of Management  
Andhra University  
Waltair, Visakhapatnam – 530 003 Member
9. Professor Harsha Vardhan Tiwari  
Professor & Head  
School of Studies in Electronics  
Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University  
Raipur-492 010 Member
10. Professor M.H.Qureshi  
Centre for the Study of Regional Development  
School of Social Sciences  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi-110 067  
(could not attend) Member

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*J. V. Prabhakar Rao*

All the committee members present visited the departments of Akruti Citygold Institute, from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007. AICTE team consisting of following members also visited and inspected the institute along with the UGC team

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| 1. | Professor M.S.Palanichamy<br>Vice-Chancellor<br>Tamil Nadu Open University<br>Chennai   | Member,UGC Team &<br>Chairman, AICTE Team |
| 2. | Professor M.D.Tiwari<br>Director<br>Indian Institute of Information Technology<br>Allahabad   | Member, AICTE Team                        |
| 3. | Professor V.Ramana<br>Dean, Management Studies<br>University of Hyderabad<br>Hyderabad-   | Member, AICTE Team                        |
| 4. | Dr. Rakesh Kumar<br>Adviser (Admn.)<br>All India Council for Technical Education<br>7 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Chandra Lok Building<br>Janpath<br>New Delhi-110 001 | Convener, AICTE Team                      |

Shri.S.C.Chadha, Deputy Secretary, UGC coordinated the visit of the Committee.

Based on the Inspection made by the Expert Committee of the departments/ common facilities and the information/documents submitted by the Institution, the Inspection Report is given below:-

### INSPECTION REPORT

1.	Headquarter of the proposed Institute Applied for Deemed to be University status with full address	Akruti Citygold Institute, Akruti Centre Point, 1st floor, MIDC Central Road, Andheri (E) Mumbai 400 093
2.	(a) Whether the separate society/ trust has been registered in the name and style of the proposed deemed to be university.  (b) If yes, name of the Society/Trust promoting the proposed institute(s) for Deemed to be University Status which should be one for all Institutions if the proposal	<b>YES</b> , It is registered as Trust in the name and style of the proposed deemed to be university i.e., <b>Akruti Citygold Institute</b> .  (Annexure-I)  Akruti Citygold Institute Trust is the one and only promoting Trust for all the departments of the proposed deemed university.

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	is for more than one Institution.																										
3.	Details of the individual Institution i.e. year of establishment, No of PG Departments, Faculty (Professors, Readers, Lecturers) etc.	<p>Department-wise details of staff are given below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th> <th>Department</th> <th>Prof.</th> <th>Reader</th> <th>Lect.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Building &amp; Construction Technology (Acres)</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Environment and Energy Infrastructure</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Infrastructure and Services Management</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Economics &amp; Social Sciences</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S. No.	Department	Prof.	Reader	Lect.	1	Building & Construction Technology (Acres)	3	1	1	2	Environment and Energy Infrastructure	1	1	1	3	Infrastructure and Services Management	1	2	1	4	Economics & Social Sciences	1	1	-
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4.	Whether Movable and Immovable assets have been legally transferred in the name of the society/trust seeking recognition as Deemed to be University.	<p>The Management has furnished a legal undertaking that all the movable and immovable assets would be transferred in the name of proposed Akruti Citygold Institute with effect from the date of notification for conferment of Deemed to be University Status to the Akruti Citygold Institute by the MHRD.</p> <p><b>Annexure – II</b></p>																									
5.	Territorial jurisdiction of the Institution(s).	State of Maharashtra; Outside Maharashtra & Outside India with the approval of the UGC.																									
6.	Thrust areas of the proposed Institution(s) indicating special or innovative features.	<p><b>Three Thrust Areas</b></p> <p>i. Infrastructure Development &amp; Management  ii. Real Estate  iii. Construction</p> <p>Management and technology of infrastructure: design, planning, financing, engineering, project and corporate management are a few of the many functional aspects.</p>																									
7.	Date(s) of visit of the Expert Committee	October 31, 2007 to November 01, 2007																									
8.	Is the proposal under General De Novo Category; if yes please give justification.	Yes, the proposal is under General De Novo Category.																									

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	<p>The features have been factored in the system to make the University unique and De-Novo as per the Executive Summary document (<b>Annexure-IIA</b>) given by the Management. The Institute proposes to start the following new courses in the emerging areas:-</p> <p>Infrastructure Management</p> <p>Infrastructural Engineering</p> <p>Real Estate</p> <p>Port and Airport Management</p> <p>Health and Environment</p> <p>Transport management etc.</p>
<p>9. Whether accredited by NAAC/NBA, if yes, rating?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>10. Whether the proposed institution(s) is affiliated to any university under Section 2(f)/12B of the UGC Act? If yes, the name of the University</p>	<p>No. It seeks to acquire Deemed to be University Status by itself.</p>
<p>11. Whether the affiliating university willing to examine and confer degree or other awards of students already enrolled with the Institution(s) seeking Deemed to be University Status</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>12. Source of Finance and quantum of</p> <p>From Fees:</p> <p>From State Govt.</p> <p>From UGC</p> <p>From other sources (details)</p>	<p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
<p>13. Whether the institution(s) is financially and academically viable to run the institution(s) as Deemed to be University</p>	<p>Yes, the Institution is financially and academically viable to run as Deemed to be University.</p>

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For One Year i.e. 2006-2007

14.	Receipt and Expenditure of the institution(s) for 3 years	<b>Annexure-III</b>
15.	Whether the permission from the concerned State Govt has been obtained, if yes, please attach a copy of the permission letter/ views of the Government	<p>The Committee has noted that UGC has sought the comments from State Government within 30 days vide D.O.No.F.30-6/2007 (CPP-I) dated 24.4.2007 (<b>Annexure-IV</b>) with regard to the potential, academic excellence and financial viability of the Institute to maintain and sustain itself as a deemed university.</p> <p>The reply of the State Government is still awaited.</p>
16.	Details of UG/PG courses started/ to be started	<b>Annexure-V</b>
17.	Whether the Institute has Rs. 5 crore Corpus Funds for Engineering Technology, Rs. 3 crore for Science & Social Science and Rs. 5 crore Corpus Funds for conducting both types of Programmes. Please specify and indicate the amount after verifying the Corpus Fund	Yes, The management has a Corpus Fund of Rupees Five Crores. FDRs from The Canara Bank is enclosed as <b>Annexure-VI</b>
18.	Whether various authority and bodies of the Institute are in accordance with the provisions of the UGC Guidelines:	<p>The management has assured the Expert Committee by an undertaking that it will immediately constitute various committees/authorities, as per the UGC guidelines, to run the Deemed University, once it is granted Deemed University status.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Annexure-VII)</b></p>

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19. Details of buildings

i. Permanent

ii. Temporary/Lease property

Whether the Institutions has the following.

iii. Administrative 1000 sq. mts.

iv. Academic including Library building, 3000 sq. mts.

v. Some teachers residence and a faculty guest house for at least 10 persons.

vi. Music/room for performing arts etc.

YES

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BUILT UP AREA

Sr. No.	Functions	Units	Town Centre Actual	Phase I Main Campus Planned
a.	Admin. Area	sq. mts	103	5120
b.	Academic	sq. mts	128	8850
c.	Teachers Residence	Nos.	7	320
d.	Other Staff Residence	Nos.	Nil	1500
e.	Students Hostel	No. of Students	8	3200 (20 Halls x 200 units each)
f.	Guest houses	Nos.	Nil	80 (10x8)
g.	Workshops/Labs	Nos.	-	22
h.	Classrooms	Nos.	10	120
i.	Auditorium	Nos.	Nil	2 (1280 s.mts)
j.	Recreation	sq. mts.	Nil	1650
k.	Library	sq. mts.	190	2790

20. Land if acquired, Whether documents verified/land registered in the name of the university and its location.

Yes, it is a leased deed document from Private party which is not in order. However, the Management has furnished a legal undertaking that all the movable and immovable assets would be transferred in the name of proposed Akruiti Citygold Institute with effect from the date of notification for conferment of Deemed to be University Status to the Akruiti Citygold Institute by the MHRD.

21. No. of Laboratories; give details

Nil

22. Whether students already admitted, if yes give details course-wise

Annexure-VIII

23. Hostel facilities, give details

Nil

24. No. of class rooms

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25. Whether Institute has auditorium

No

**LIBRARY & EQUIPMENT**

26. Area in sq. meters

Town - 184 sq.mtrs.  
Main Campus - yet to be constructed.

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