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Report on the Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission to consider the proposal of ~~Amrita Educational Institutions~~ ~~Kochi/Coimbatore~~ for grant of Deemed-to-be-University Status under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act.

The Ministry of Human Resources have forwarded to the University Grants Commission a proposal of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math for consideration of grant of Deemed-to-be-University status on the Amrita Educational Institutions located at Kochi and Coimbatore. The Chairman University Grants Commission constituted an expert committee, consisting of two groups, both under the same Convener and Member Secretary to visit Amrita Institutions at Kochi and Coimbatore.

**The Constitution of both the groups is given below: -**

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## II. BACKGROUND NOTE OF MATA AMRITANANDAMAYI MATH AND BRIEF ON THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THEREUNDER

### MATA AMRITANANDAMAYI MATH

The Mata Amritanandamayi Math (MAM), a registered Charitable Trust (No IV-o/1988-KL/KPY), Amritapuri P.O, Kollam District in Kerala, which has an excellent track record of more than a decade's dedicated service in the sectors of education, health and social service, has established several institutions of higher education in the emerging areas of Engineering, Information Technology, Medical Science, Management and Indic Studies

The faculty of Medical Sciences and Medical Research Center are linked with the Super-Speciality hospital established by the Math at Kochi. All the other faculties and the headquarters are housed at the Ettimadai Campus in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

### **HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF MATH**

1. A Super Specialty Hospital with 800 beds catering to the poorest of the poor giving state of the art service on very subsidized or free of cost.
2. An orphanage accommodating 500 odd children educating them up to the plus-two level and in very deserving cases, even for higher studies.
3. Amrita Kuteeram - 25,000 pucca concrete houses for the poor. Keys for first 5000 houses distributed by the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 1998.
4. A Housing Scheme over a period of 5 years to build and give 25,000 houses for the poor all over the country. The last phase of it is nearing completion.
5. Hospitals and hospices at various parts of the country.
6. Software Training and Computer Education Centers at various parts of the country, which is provided high quality training and education at highly subsidized cost. There is even a scheme launched to educate 5,000 deserving youth in programming skills free of cost through these centers.
7. A pension scheme (Amrita Nidhi) for the poor widows, by which every month 50000 widows are being served, all over the country
8. Service for the Tribal and deprived classes, which includes educational, employment oriented, employment generating and awareness camps.
9. Gujarat Earthquake Relief activities - A team of 100 students from Amrita Higher Education institutions, doctors and Paramedics from AIMS hospital under the guidance of ashramites spent nine days serving the victims. Subsequently, a thousand pucca earthquake resistant houses were built by the Ashram and handed over by Shri. L.K. Advani, the Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister in the presence of AMMA.
10. In the branches of Mata Amritanandamayi Ashram, spiritual centers and temples of harmony are offering solace and guidance to society in all parts of the country and abroad, which are more than 100 in number.

III) REPORT OF UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON AMRITA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BEING RUN BY THE TRUST AT KOCHI

A) AMRITA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND RESEARCH CENTRE (AIMS), Kochi.

The Math has established a multi-specialities hospital at Kochi in Kerala with world-class infrastructure. The hospital was inaugurated by the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri. Atal Behari Vajpayee in May 1998 and in just two years the growth of this Institute has been phenomenal. The following specialities departments are already functioning and a few more like the Department of Oncology are being added.

Super Specialities : Gastroenterology, Gastrointestinal Surgery, Cardiology, Cardio Vascular and Thoracic Surgery, Nephrology, Neurology, Urology, Endocrinology, Infectious Diseases.

Broad Specialities : Transfusion Medicine and Pathology, Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Ophthalmology, Anesthesiology, General Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Community Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

i) MBBS course

Upon recommendation of the Medical Council of India, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has accorded approval for starting a medical college with an intake of 100 students. The official inauguration of the College was done by the Honourable Chief Minister of Kerala.

Preclinical and Paraclinical centers established for teaching following basic sciences :-

Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Forensic Medicine, Pathology, Microbiology, Medical Illustration, Medical Education.

ii) Medical Research

The Institute has the necessary infrastructure, state-of-the-art equipments and personnel to undertake fundamental research in basic and applied areas of medical sciences. Researchers at AIMS are already handling many research projects. The Indian Council of Medical Research has chosen AIMS to carry out



a major research project on community control of Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease.

The objectives of this center are (i) to provide training in scientific methodologies of medical research and (ii) to utilize clinical research and evidence-based medicine as a tool to accept new findings, therapies and technologies for incorporation into medical practice. The center has the following units, to keep close liaison with the various departments.

Molecular Biology, Genetic Engineering

Drug Development, Biotechnology, Medical devices technology.

Amrita Institute is also recognized by Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIROs) – Government of India, Ministry of Science and Technology

### iii) Center for Postgraduate Training

AIMS conducts Post-graduate DNB programs in 15 disciplines accredited by the National Board of Examinations, New Delhi. The disciplines are :-

**Super specialities:** Cardiology, Fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology, Adult Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgery, Pediatric Cardiovascular thoracic surgery, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, GI surgery, Nephrology, Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Urology and in the following **broad specialities:** Anesthesiology, General Surgery, Pediatrics, Pediatric Surgery and Radio Diagnosis.

### IV) School of Allied Health Sciences

- a) One-year Certificate Course in Cardio Thoracic Anesthesia,
- b) Two-year Diploma in Dialysis Therapy,
- c) Two-year Anesthesia Technician certificate course,
- d) One-year post Graduate Certificate Course in Clinical Nutrition,
- e) Two-year Certificate Course in Endoscopy Technology,
- f) Two-year Certificate Course in Perfusion Technology.

### B) AMRITA INSTITUTE OF NURSING SCIENCES

School of Nursing attached to AIMS has been recognized by the Kerala State Nursing Council. The first three batches of 20 students each were admitted in December 1999, December 2000 and December 2001 at AIMS and are now in the process of selecting students for the next batch commencing in January, 2003. The plans are to upgrade this Institution into a comprehensive one offering undergraduate and post graduate degrees in Nursing.

College of Nursing, with Bachelors program in Nursing, has been approved by the Kerala State Nursing/Indian Nursing Council and has started this program in September 2002

### **C) AMRITA COLLEGE OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES**

The Amrita College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (ACPS), was started in 1997 with the object of imparting high quality pharmacy education imbuing discipline and value. This institute is imparting the course of Diploma in Pharmacy, which is recognized by the Govt of Kerala, and Pharmacy Council of India. The institute has adequate provision for classrooms, laboratories, library etc. The laboratories, provided for imparting practical training, are equipped with the modern sophisticated equipments. Six batches of students were admitted to this college since its inception. Results of the examinations are consistently excellent. The institution will soon start the B. Pharm course for which the Government of Kerala has already granted permission.

III) The details with reference to the location, campus area, infrastructure, academic programs being run, the student strength, faculty, library and finance in respect of these institutions is given in **Annexure I**

### **IV) Observations and Recommendations :**

1. The committee noted with satisfaction that all of the institutions being run by the trust at Kochi have State-of-the-Art facilities comparable to the standards of any such institutions any where.
2. The Committee is in general agreement with the teaching programs and research, in several fields of specialization, are quite innovative. The programs initiated at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre have a close interface with society through their rural extension program.
3. The committee is of the view that the institution at Kochi being run by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math may play a distinguished role in furthering the University Education and Research in thrust areas if they are brought in the ambit of Deemed-to-be-University providing adequate autonomy to these institutions, to carve out their academic programs instituted to the societal need.
4. The Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences has already started application oriented programs in emerging areas which are very relevant and useful in various developed sectors and to the society in general. The institute has majority of students from within the State of Kerala, which is needed to be opened to students of other States by way of open entrance test conducted at the National level.

5. The institution set up at Kochi endeavor is to emerge as a role model for providing initiative in higher education and research assimilating the best from the systems all over the world.
6. The Mata Amritanandamayi Math is a Registered Trust run by selfless and dedicated bunch of people having immediate concern to meet the societal needs and tertiary education in Science and Technology and Health Sciences. Hence, the Committee considers the arrangements quite adequate to provide the organizational role replacing the requirements of Registered Society. The Math has however developed a Memorandum of Association and Rules/Regulations on lines suggested by the University Grants Commission for Deemed-to-be-University
7. The Trust besides running the superspeciality hospital, has started several community programs such as :-

i) An orphanage accommodating 500 odd children educating them up to the plus-two level and in very deserving cases, even for higher studies.

ii) Amrita Kuteeram - 25,000 pucca concrete houses for the poor. Keys for first 5000 houses were distributed by the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 1998.

iii) Housing Scheme over a period of 5 years to build and give 25,000 houses for the poor all over the country. The last phase of it is nearing completion.

iv) Hospitals and hospices at various parts of the country.

8. The Amrita Institutions intends to commence certain innovative programs in areas like Medical Laboratory Technology, Medical Ethics, Medical Genetics, Medical Information Technology, Mind and Body Medicine etc., which perhaps can be well conceived and implemented, if the institution are provided academic autonomy in terms of Deemed-to-be-University Status conferred on to it.

9. Presently Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre is affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. The Government of India, State Government and Affiliating University have given their No Objection for starting academic programs in the institute.

10. The Committee also noted that the Medical Institutions at Kochi has adequate and well-qualified and experienced staff, some of them working for this institution without any remuneration. All the staff at Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre are being paid as per the pay scale of University Grants Commission. However, the Institution is required to restructure its staffing pattern according to the norms of University Grants Commission and Medical Council of India.

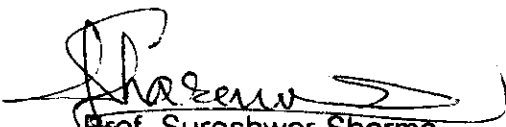
11. The Committee also examined the standing of Amrita institutions vis-viz guidelines laid down by the University Grants Commission for Deemed-to-be-University status. It was observed that almost all programs were started recently and hence the University Grants Commission requirement of ten years of demonstrated and satisfactory track record of these institutions is not satisfied.

The committee is however impressed of these institutions contribution in terms of demonstrated and satisfactory track record attained during last four years which perhaps could have not been attained in a given period of ten years by other institutes of similar nature.

12. The Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre at Kochi was inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1998. Since then Trust has added State of-the-Art facilities in terms of modern health equipments, magnificent and spacious buildings, well equipped library, computer facilities, dedicated and experienced Indian and overseas staff making Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre as a World class facility in this part of the world.

13. The Committee noted that the Trust has obtained essentiality certificate from State Government of Kerala to establish a Dental College in the same premises. This may be brought under the ambit of Deemed-to-be-University after satisfying all requirements to complete the full circle of health sciences.

14. The Committee therefore is unanimous in recommending the Deemed-to-be-University status to the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham bringing i) Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, ii) Amrita Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, iii) Amrita Institute of Nursing Sciences. Under clause 16 of the University Grants Commission guidelines for <sup>medically for</sup> a period of five years, on the basis of performance report of the University Grants Commission review committee done annually for a five year period

  
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## **V REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON AMRITA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BEING RUN BY THE MATA AMRITANANDAMAYI MATH AT ETTIMADAI, COIMBATORE TOGETHER WITH THEIR OTHER CENTERS**

The Committee, constitution of which is given on page 2 of the first part of the report, had a detailed discussions with the faculty, students and visited the existing facilities/infrastructure of the institutions at Amritapuri and Coimbatore. The committee visited these institutions on 5 and 6 September 2002 and all the members of the second group of the committee participated in the visit.

Following is the brief background of each institution at Coimbatore and Amritapuri. The details with reference to location, campus area, infrastructure, academic programs being run, student strength, faculty, library and finance in respect of the institution at Coimbatore and other centers is given in Annexure II of this report.

### **A. AMRITA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE (AITEC), Ettimadai campus, Coimbatore**

AITEC, established in November 1994, has set a very high standard of education. It has established an impeccable reputation, especially in the field of Information Technology. Spread over a sprawling campus, it has one of the best staff student ratio of 1:11, in the country. Till date, five batches of Engineering graduates have passed out and twice it has produced the best results in the University. It has a state-of-the-art computer center with more than 550 terminals and a Super Computer. Also exclusive facilities like a VLSI Design Lab, DSP Lab, a state of the art CAD/CAM Lab with a very wide range of software and a very modern Metrology Laboratory, are some of the unique features. The courses offered by the college are B.E. Degree courses in -

- (i) Information Technology
- (ii) Computer Science and Engineering
- (iii) Electronics and Communication Engineering
- (iv) Polymer Engineering

- (v) Production Engineering
- (vi) Mechanical Engineering
- (vii) Electrical and Electronics Engineering

and Masters level course in –

- (i) M.E.- VLSI Design
- (ii) Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
- (iii) MSc Applied Science (Software Engineering.)

**The main building complex of the college was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Education, Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, in January 2000.**

Though less than 8 years old, it has earned the reputation of being one of the best Engineering institutions in the South. It has been one of the 1<sup>st</sup> preference for students of the state, amongst the private colleges outside Chennai.

### **B Amrita Institute of Technology and Science, Amritapuri Campus**

Amrita Institute of Technology & Science (Amritapuri) marks yet another milestone in the educational mission initiated by Amma, as She is known. The first AITEC was established in 1994 in Ettimadai (Coimbatore). Within a short span of time, it acquired a reputation for providing high-quality, value-based technological education. Two more AITECs have since sprouted: In Amritapuri, in close proximity to the headquarters of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math, and in South Bangalore.

All the educational institutions started by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math have one common goal - value-based education. This goal is the saving grace of a world obsessed by material affluence and characterized by immense strides in science and technology.

### **The Courses**

Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) 4 year degree courses in the following disciplines

- Computer Science Engineering
- Information Technology
- Electronics & Communication Engineering

### **The Faculty**

- Highly qualified, experienced and dedicated
- One of the best faculty-student ratio
- Visiting eminent academicians and leading industry professionals

### **The Facilities**

- Two full-fledged computer laboratories with more than 200 state-of-the-art machines operating on Windows/NT, Netware and Unix operating systems, offering students a 2-to-1 student-to-computer ratio.
- Multimedia Laboratory
- Computer-based classrooms
- Internet facility center
- A well-stocked library occupying a 3,600 square feet area, and containing international editions of books and journals, with subscription to over 50 publications monthly.
- Reading room
- Air-Conditioned Seminar Hall
- Air Conditioned Conference Room
- Auditorium
- Café serving vegetarian refreshments
- Playground with volleyball and badminton courts

### **The Hostel**

All courses offered by AITEC are residential. However, students staying with their parents within 30-kilometre radius of the institute may stay at home.

The hostels for boys and girls are located within the Amritapuri Ashram premises, less than one kilometer away from the campus. The present arrangement has perhaps been made to provide a perfect opportunity for students to bask in Amma's divine presence and imbibe a spiritual culture.

The hostel's amenities and recreational facilities – large dining area, multi-purpose hall, gymnasium and swimming pool – are conducive for leading a balanced life of work and play.

### **Amrita Innovative Technology Foundation (AITF) Labs**

Amrita-ITF Labs is Amrita Institution's dedicated Research and Development wing. It is engaged in R&D activities pertaining to fundamental computing and cutting-edge applied computing technologies. The AITF employs state-of-the-art software engineering and quality assurance practices for project execution, thus strengthening the link to industry. Amrita-ITF is poised to become a major technology contributor to the international open-source software development community, with a variety of open-source projects in which both staff and students are participating.

Some of the ongoing R&D work at AITF includes:

- 32-bit protected-mode multi-tasking Operating System Kernel
- Policy-based Mandatory Access Control mechanism for Linux Kernel
- Multilingual editor and related technologies
- Interactive 3D cardiac model that can be used by medical students and surgeons to perform surgical operations. This project is being done in collaboration with Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Center (AIMS), Cochin.
- High Performance computing and Grid-Computing using Beowulf-type clusters.
- Industry-strength application server framework for hosting large server applications.

## **C AMRITA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, Bangalore Campus**

Since, the committee could not visit this campus at Bangalore, given below brief is based on the documents provided by the authorities.

Amrita Institute of Technology & Science (AITEC), Bangalore established recently, is a self-financing Engineering College affiliated to Visweswarayya Technological University, Belgaum, and is approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Government of India.

The College offers graduate courses in three branches of engineering namely, Computer Science and Engineering, Information Science and Engineering and Electronics and Communication Engineering, leading to the award of degree of Bachelor of Engineering (BE).

### **The Courses**

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E) 4 year degree courses in the following disciplines

- Computer Science Engineering
- Information Science & Engineering
- Electronics & Communication Engineering

## **D. AMRITA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT (AIM) Ettimadai, Coimbatore**

Amrita Institute of Management was set up in the year 1996. It offers a two-year Post Graduate Program in Management leading to a Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM), approved by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE). The PGDM has been granted equivalence by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) as equivalent to MBA. AIM has also been recognized as a center of PH.D and M.Phil by Bharathiar University

The admission process is through Common Admission Test (CAT) of IIMs. The program is fully residential. The institute has been attracting students from about 10 States. It has a faculty, which comprises of more than 8 PhDs. The Library collection is very exclusive. It consists of two databases in CDs, which covers more than 1000 Journals in full text and 500 in the form of abstracts. It is also involved in conducting MDPs and EDPs of a high quality.

The various specializations offered are Systems, Operations, Human Resource Management, Marketing and Finance.

### **E. AMRITA INSTITUTE OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, AMRITAPURI**

The Institute was set up in 1990 by Mata Amritanandamayi Math AICT(HQ)'s at Amritapuri.

At present, AICT is considered to be in the forefront of computer education. It's long-term courses include full-time graduate and post-graduate courses. A variety of short-term courses are also being offered to the students seeking high-quality computer education to meet the competitive demands of the software industry in this region.

To supplement the academic courses, Yoga courses, discourses on spirituality, self-awareness classes, seminars by industry professionals, and CSI activities are also being offered to the students to enrich their human values.

The Amrita Institute of Computer Technology has 7 extension centers in various parts of the country for the benefit of the students in respective areas. In addition, several courses at diploma and certificate level are being run with collaboration with DOEACC and Bharathiar University

## **VI OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The committee is in agreement with the general observations made by another group constituted to visit Amrita Institutions at Kochi and Amritapuri and hence the overlapping of observations on the Mata

Amritanandamayi Math and its functioning has been avoided. However the specific observations of this group (constituted to visit the institutions at Coimbatore) are as follows:

1. The synergizing efforts that are being made by the Amrita Institute of Management in introducing specialization in Bio-informatics and Hospital Management in collaboration with Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Center, Medical College and Super-specialty Hospital, Kochi, and in managing information systems with the help of Advanced Institute of Computer Technology deserves appreciation. These efforts may however be continued in order to take care of the need of professional managers required during the 21<sup>st</sup> Century through opening up newer and newer areas of specialization in the management programme, such as services sector including educational services, e-Financial, Banking and Insurance services, Strategic Human Resources Management, etc.
2. Although, the Center for Corporate Relations is taking care of training and placement activities of the Amrita Institute of Management, yet it was felt that Amrita Institutions located at Coimbatore should take a comprehensive view and these activities should be undertaken for all the institutions located at Coimbatore. A proper vision should be developed for these activities and a built-in mechanism be placed in order for the purpose involving the associates of various programmes rather in a big way. Action plans may include promotion of students bodies for practicing varied managerial faculties, establishment of alumni association and a corporate legacy cell, wherein top managerial executives from the leading business houses could be associated for organizing management development programmes.
3. The committee felt that these institutions are currently in a growth stage; hence, in order to provide meaningful longevity to these, research activities covering publication programme be encouraged for both faculty and the students.
4. The yeomen contribution of these institutes will be development of proposed faculties of Indic Studies on the one hand and to provide an alternative Centers of Excellence in Management comparable to those of IIMs on the other.

5. The committee noticed that the total available library space measures at 1165 sq. mtrs. and the expenditure of library was to the tune of Rs. 42 lakhs as at the end of March 31, 2002. The committee was informed that a bigger central library having enough of space has already been planned and expenditure on library has increased substantially.
6. The faculty of these institutions seems to be fully aware about the examination systems at their concerned institutes' level. In view of this awareness, there seems to be no difficulty in developing and placing in order a credible Examination System that may required for an educational institution enjoying the status of Deemed-to-be University.
7. Our enquiry into the admission process of the Amrita Institute of Technology & Science and Amrita Institute of Management, let the committee to conclude that Amrita Institute of Technology and Science is done through Tamil Nadu common entrance test. The committee therefore advised them to make their admission system totally transparent and based on a procedure, that facilitates the entry of students from all over the country. The admissions to the management programme are being done based on Common Admission Test (CAT) conducted by IIMs.
8. Quite a good number of sports and cultural activities are being undertaken under the supervision of an experienced Director for Physical Education, yet the committee has advised the institution to have a formal system of students' welfare, sports and cultural activities. It may be worth mentioning in the context that another auditorium is under final stage of construction.
9. The committee, while agreeing to the overall recommendations of first group, recommends the deemed-to-be University status to the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, bringing i) Amrita Institute Of Technology & Science, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore li) Amrita Institute Of Technology & Science, Amritapuri Campus lii) Amrita Institute Of Technology & Science, Bangalore Campus Iv) Amrita Institute Of Management, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore V) Amrita Institute Of Computer Technology, Amritapuri (Together With Its

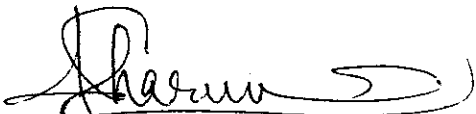


Extension Centers ) under the De Novo category as provided under clause 16 of UGC Guidelines on Deemed-to-be University.

## VII Overall Recommendation of the Composite Committee of UGC

The Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is recommended the Deemed-to-be University Status, under De Novo Category, as provided under clause 16 of UGC Guidelines on Deemed-to-be University bringing i) Amrita Institute Of Technology & Science, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore ii) Amrita Institute Of Technology & Science, Amritapuri Campus iii) Amrita Institute Of Technology & Science, Bangalore Campus iv) Amrita Institute Of Management, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore v) Amrita Institute Of Computer Technology, Amritapuri (Together With Its Extension Centers ) vi) Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi vii) Amrita College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kochi; and, viii) Amrita Institute of Nursing Sciences, Kochi.

The Deemed-to-be University status is recommended for an initial period of 5 years on the basis of performance report of the University Grants Commission Review Committee done annually for a five year period for further extension of this status.

  
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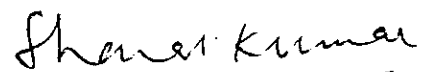
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