

REPORT OF THE UGC EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ITS VISIT TO M.G.R. EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MADURAVOYAL, CHENNAI TO CONSIDER THEIR PROPOSAL FOR GRANTING A DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY STATUS UNDER SECTION 3 OF UGC ACT.

On receiving the proposal of Dr. M.G.R. Educational Research Institute, Chennai for granting of Deemed to be University status to it under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, through the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education, New Delhi, the Chairman, University Grants Commission, constituted an expert committee comprising of the following to visit Dr. M.G.R. Educational Research Institute and examine their proposal for granting of Deemed to be University status.

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* Arrived in the morning of 10th May 2002.

The Committee visited the twin institutes viz. Dr. M.G.R. Engineering College and Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital, Chennai on 9th and 10th May 2002. The committee had detailed discussion with the management of Dr. M.G. R. Educational Research Institute and faculties of Dr. M.G.R. Engineering College and Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital besides having detailed video presentation by the Principals of twin institutes.

The committee visited both the institutes on 9th and 10th May 2002, and has had thorough inspection of the on going activities. The committee also visited common facilities like Central Library, Girls Hostel, Boys Hostel (Partly under construction), Play ground, Canteen, Students Welfare Activities, Indoor and Outdoor stadium, etc.

The committee noted that Dr. M.G.R. Engineering College is housed in four blocks named as Anna Block, Dr. Abdul Kalam Block, Mother Theresa Block and Sir C.V.Raman Block spreading over about 37,000 sq.m. plinth area with all modern glazed tiles, marble and appropriate ceilings. Similarly the Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital is housed in separate four blocks with approximately 12,000 sq.m. of plinth area. Both the institutions are connected with a well-made bridge over the Couvam River making both the institutions as a contiguous, large, sprawling premise, befitting to an institution being proposed for Deemed to be University status. The details with regards to these two institutions and other various on going activities therein together with their teaching faculty is given in Annexure - I.

Observations:

The Committee after having detailed discussion with the management of Dr. M.G.R. Educational Research Institute and the faculties of twin institutes and also on having seen the facilities, observed following:

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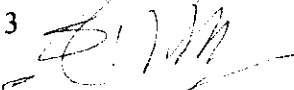
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01. The Dr. M.G.R. Educational Research Institute, Chennai, an amalgamation of Dr.M.G.R. Engineering College and Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital has been registered under the Thirumathi Kannammal Educational Trust, Chennai in order to comply the requirement of UGC for granting the Deemed to be University status to it.
02. The Dr. M.G.R. Engineering College is affiliated to University of Madras till 2001 and now to Anna University whereas Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital is affiliated to Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai.
03. The Institute has placed Rs.6.00 crores towards the corpus fund as against the UGC requirement of Rs.5.00 crores.
04. Dr. M.G.R. Educational Research Institute possess land extending over 92 hectares (210 acres) set apart exclusively for the development and activities of the Institute and has a total plinth area of about 57,500 sq.m.
05. The University exam results of both institutes are quite encouraging as good number of University toppers come from these two institutions in their respective areas.
06. The Dr. M.G.R. Educational Research Institute has done a wonderful arrangement of having interaction and collaboration with leading industries in and around Chennai and also Bangalore.
07. The Institute has also invited a good number of retired Professors, Senior Managers from leading universities and industries to work as consultant / advisors to some of the department in Dr. M.G.R. Engineering College. This however has not been compromised with not having adequate regular and qualified faculties.
08. The Committee was informed and even shown the documents that majority of their students have gainful employment in leading companies in India and abroad.
09. On visiting the Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital, the Committee noted that a dispute about excess admissions between management and Dental Council of India and the management has gone to court. The Dental Council of India has also raised some issues regarding deficiencies and their compliance.
10. The Committee also feels that whereas the facilities in Dr. M.G.R. Engineering College are as per norms of AICTE, the infrastructure facilities need to be improved in Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital and more out door patients are required for on job training to the students and improve facilities in general.
11. Development of Climatology Laboratory building materials and services equipment museums and a model work shop may be given priority besides upgradation of studios and better furnishing of Architect Department of Engineering.

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Recommendations:

The committee, after having detailed discussions with the management of Dr. M.G.R. Educational Research Institute and with the faculties of twin institutes and on visiting the facilities, recommends unanimously that the Dr. M.G.R. Educational Research Institute be conferred the Deemed to be University Status.

The Committee also recommends that the operation of Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital will come under the preview of Deemed to be University status only after Dental Council of India compliance is met with.

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Regarding the last paragraph of page 4, Chairman of the Committee observes that only one of the members of the Committee, Prof. Mahesh Verma (who is also an executive member of Dental Council of India) recommended that "operation of Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital will come under the purview of Deemed to be University status only after Dental Council of India compliance is met with". Other members had strong reservation of the recommendation.

Dr. Tilak R. Kem

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