REPORT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR ON ITS VISIT TO
THE BADMASHREE DR. D. Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH, NERUL,
NAVI MUMBAI TO CONSIDER THEIR PROPOSAL FOR
GRANTING A DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY STATUS UNDER
SECTION 3 OF UGC ACT.

The U.G.C. constituted an expert committee comprising of the
following examine the proposal of Padmashree Dr. D. Y. Patil Vid-
yapeeth for granting of Deemed-to-be-University status under sec-
tion 3 of UGC act 1956.

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The committee visited Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth on 3rd to 5th May 2002. For the convenience of the working the committee formed itself into two groups one headed by Dr. Takawale and another by Dr. Agarwal. After formal welcome by the President of the Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, the groups visited following 5 institutions which are eventually to give rise to the proposed Vidyapeeth as Deemed to be University.
1. Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College
2. Ramrao Adik Institute of Technology
3. Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Dental College & Hospital
4. Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology

The brief account of details in respect of each institute may please be seen in the table placed as annexure-1 whereas further details in respect of their academic activities, infrastructure, equipments, library, faculty and other allied information may be referred to Annexure 2 to 6.

The committee had detailed discussion with the Dean, Faculties and staff of each one of the 5 institutes. The on going activities and the future plan in respect of each institute were presented by the in-charge of the respective institutes. The groups on having detailed discussion and on visiting the facilities observed following:

1. The Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Nerul, Navi Mumbai is registered Society. The Institutions of the Vidyapeeth were earlier under the Ramrao Adik Education society. In order to comply with the UGC conditions the name of the Society has been changed as Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth through the Deed of Rectification. Following the execution of the Deed of Rectification, the institutes now stand as part and parcel of Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth.

2. The Society has created a Corpus Fund of Rs. 5 crores while submitting the proposal for deemed to be University, in the form of fixed deposit with Mahanagar Co.Op. bank Ltd., Nerul Branch, Nerul, Navi Mumbai for the period of 2 years i.e. upto 5/1/2003.

3. The courses in Medicine, Dental Sciences and Engineering are approved by M.C.I., D.C.I. and A.I.C.T.E. respectively.

4. The medical College has collaborative arrangements with the two Local Hospitals while Dental college has its own Dental hospital.
5. The state Government of Maharashtra has issued essentiality certificate to the Medical college for starting 9 Post Graduate departments.

6. The group visiting Ramrao Adik Institute of Technology noted that 50% of the total students produced by this Institute have gainful employment in leading companies in foreign countries, some of them working in organisations like INTEL, IBM, Yahoo etc. Similar was the observations of the group on visiting the Padmashree Dr.D.Y.Patil Institute of Hotel Management & Catering Technology where the employment was noted upto 100%, including majority of them getting the employment abroad.

7. The performance of the students in their various University examinations has been very encouraging bringing the total result much above than the average result of the University.

8. The Committee observed that some of the departments are deficient of staff at various levels which was, on being pointed out to the authorities of the Vidyapeeth was promised to be ratified in the coming academic session.

9. A new building with the floor area nearly 6 lacs square feet has been constructed to house the Padmashree Dr. D.Y.Patil Hotel Management and Catering Technology. The committee advised the authorities to equip and furnish the same be fitting to the grandeur of the new building and keeping in view the need of modern Hotel Management & Catering Technology.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The commitment of the Vidyapeeth towards the Societal needs of health and education is quite obvious from the fact that it has started several health and affordable education programmes for weaker section of the society. Keeping this in view and also the fact that Padmashree Dr.D.Y.Patil Vidyapeeth fulfills the requirements in terms of academic programmes, infrastructure facili-
ties and financial viability, the committee unanimously recommends that Padmashree Dr. D.Y.Patil Vidyapeeth be conferred the Deemed to be University Status.

The committee unanimously feels that on elevation of the five colleges, amalgamating into the Deemed to be University, the Vidyapeeth would be called for faculty improvement programmes, to upgrade qualifications of the faculty, to establish Post graduate degree programmes in identified thrust areas, promote research and development activities by the faculty, identify interdisciplinary and multi disciplinary areas, to enter into partnership with the R & D Institutions/industries and to introduce flexibility in course offering by introducing credit system and making the courses relevant and ever changing as per the societal needs.

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