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**REPORT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE WHICH VISITED ~~RAJIV GANDHI~~
~~NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, BHEEMANTHANGAL,~~
SRIPERUMBUDUR, TAMIL NADU ON 3RD AND 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2008 FOR
CONSIDERING CONFERMENT OF DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY STATUS
UNDER *DE-NOVO* CATEGORY**

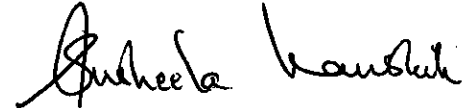
I. INTRODUCTION

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Bheemanthangal, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu applied for deemed to be university status under *de-novo* category through Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Accordingly, the Chairman, UGC constituted an Expert Committee, comprising of the following, to make on the spot assessment of the existing infrastructure and academic facilities, its suitability as a de-novo institution in emerging areas, innovative features and its future potential for considering conferment of deemed to be university status (*De-novo*) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956:

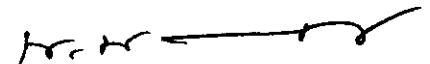
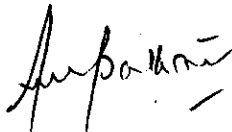
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Hyderabad, AP.
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Gurgaon, Haryana.
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Head, Dept. of Extension
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Mumbai University,
Mumbai. Member

Prof. George Mathew could not attend the meeting. Dr. K.P. Singh, Joint Secretary, UGC coordinated the visit of the Committee. The Expert Committee visited the Institute on 03rd & 04th September, 2008.

Prior to the actual validation and assessment of the infrastructural and other facilities available with the Institute, Prof. A.M. Pathan, Chairman of the Committee and Dr. K.P. Singh, Coordinator of the visit briefed the members of the Expert Committee in a separate meeting about the proposal of **Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Bheemanthangal, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu** received by the UGC for consideration for deemed university status under *de-novo* category. The Expert Committee was also briefed about various provisions of the UGC guidelines and exemptions for the de-novo Institutions in emerging areas with promise of excellence. Prof. A.M. Pathan then requested the members to visit the institute and to examine the infrastructural and other facilities available and give their observations / suggestions keeping in view the provisions in the UGC guidelines for de-novo institutions in the emerging area with promise of excellence.

Shri G. Rajasekaran, IAS, Director of the Institute along with other functionaries of the Institute and faculty members received the Committee Members. A brief discussion about the Institute and its activities was held in the

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chamber of the Director. Then, the Expert Committee inspected the overall physical and academic infrastructure of the Institute. This was followed by a power point presentation by Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran, Head, Department of Career Counseling and Dr. V. Reghu, Head, Dept, of Youth Empowerment about the Institution and its activities / programmes. The presentation included details on courses in emerging areas and also the innovativeness of the courses run / to be run by the institute. Shri G. Rajasekaran and other faculty members answered various queries raised by the Expert Committee to the satisfaction of the Committee.

The Expert Committee also visited various departments and common facilities like Administrative Building, Library, Computer Lab, Auditorium, Seminar Hall, Mini Conference Hall, Community Radio Station, Sports facilities, Hostels, Seminar Hall, Canteen, Guest House, etc.

II. Background of the Institution

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Bheemanthangal, Sriperumbudur, Tamilnadu is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, established in the year 1993. The Institute was established as a national level training institute to bring under one umbrella all youth development activities viz., training, research, extension, documentation and dissemination. The Institute is registered as a society under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act XXVII of 1975, S.No. 67 of 1993. The Institute is fully funded by the Government of India. The endeavour of the Institute is to facilitate the nation's youth with a conducive environment that will enable them to make the most of their natural potential to realize their aspirations. RGNIYD is functioning as a resource centre coordinating Training, Orientation, Research, Extension and Outreach initiatives for State, Central Governments and national level youth organizations. It also

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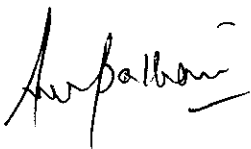
functions as an Institute of advance study in the field of youth development and to develop such professional excellence as may be required for the purpose.

The policy and management of the Institute is determined by a 15 member Executive Council. The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India is the Chairperson of the Council. The Director of the Institute is the Chief Executive responsible for the day-to-day-administration of the Institute. The activities of the Institute are run through the following five divisions:-

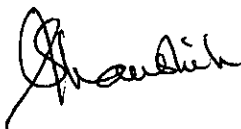
- (i) Training, Orientation and Extension (TOE)
- (ii) Research, Evaluation and Documentation / Dissemination (READ)
- (iii) Social Harmony and National Unity (SHANU)
- (iv) Panchayati Raj Institutions and Youth Affairs (PRIYA)
- (v) International Centre for Excellence in Youth Development (ICEYD)

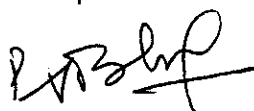
The Institute has started offering the following programmes through regular mode from the academic year 2008-09:-

- M.A. – Youth Development
- M.A. – Career Counselling
- M.A. – Gender Studies
- M.A. – Local Governance
- M.A. – Life Skills Education











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The Institute organizes training programmes for youth functionaries from Government and the Non Government sector. Training modules on promoting social harmony and national unity, personality development and leadership, life skills, gender equity, panchayati raj and youth, career counseling, counseling, education for sustainable development, human rights, right to information, national rural employment guarantee scheme, poverty alleviation programmes, globalization, etc. Every year on average 100-150 programmes are organized on these issues.

Research

The Institute undertakes ^{sponsorship} research and evaluation studies which help in formulating policies and programmes to cater to the current needs and aspirations of the youth. It evaluates the programmes and schemes implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Studies on knowledge, attitude and practices of the youth on the issues like HIV/AIDS, STI, Panchayati Raj Institutions etc. have been conducted. Action research studies are also undertaken on issues like Mental Health of Adolescents in Schools through intervention strategies, assessing the manpower requirements of the local industries and matching the skills of the local youth to enhance their employability, etc.

Extension

As part of RGNIYD's extension activities to enhance employability among the less educated rural youth, new skill training programmes on Information Technology (IT), Construction skill and manufacturing leather products were taken up in collaboration with the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT), Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and Indian Institute of Leather Products (IILP), Chennai. The NYKS, Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram identified potential candidates, who were further screened by the officials of NIIT, L&T, IILP and

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RGNITD. A total of 46 youth were trained for Construction Skill, 78 youth for AT and 107 in Leather Products.

The Expert Committee had a detailed discussion with the Director of the Institute, Faculty, Non-teaching staff, and the students. **The inspection report based on the discussion, visit to the Institute and various documents / information provided by the Institute is as under:**

III. Inspection Report:

1.	Headquarter of the proposed Institute applied for Deemed to be University status with full address.	:	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Bheemanthangal, SRIPERUMBUDUR, Tamil Nadu – 602 105.
2.	(a) Whether the separate society/trust have been registered in the name and style of the proposed deemed to be university.	:	Yes.
	(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 is for more than one Institution.	:	Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act XXVII of 1975, S.No. 67 of 1993. A copy of the registration certificate is at Annexure-I.
3.	Details of the individual Institution - Year of establishment No. of PG Departments Details of Faculty	:	1993 05 Permanent – Reader – 5 (Head of Dept.) Lecturer - 5 Contract Basis Professor - 05 Reader - 05 Lecturer - 10

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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.	:	Yes. A copy of the land documents in the name of the institute is at Annexure-II.
5.	Territorial jurisdiction of the Institution(s)	:	All India
6.	Thrust areas of the proposed Institution(s) indicating special or innovative features.	:	Youth work and development
7.	Date(s) of visit of the Expert Committee.	:	03 & 04 September 2008
8.	Is the proposal under General/ De-novo Category; if yes, please give justification.	:	<p>The proposal is under 'De-novo' category.</p> <p>All the academic programmes launched now and proposed to be initiated subsequently are non-conventional, unique and futuristic in nature. The Institute has the competency and capability to undertake application-oriented academic programmes which are relevant to various development sector and the society in general with special reference to youth.</p> <p>About 42 % of India's population is youth and so far no single institution has come up in the country to address the different aspects of the youth – their issues, concerns and other dimensions. The Institution has the potential, competency and capability to develop in to a 'Youth University'.</p>
9.	Whether accredited by NAAC/NBA, if yes rating?	:	No.
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	:	No.

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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	:	Not Applicable.
12.	Source of finance and quantum of funds available -- From fees From State Government From UGC From other sources (details)	:	Regular Mode : Rs. 2,40,000 : : Nil. : Nil : As per the budget of the Institute approved by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, A copy of the sanction for a grant of Rs. 9 crores for this Institute for the year 2008-09 is at Annexure-III.
13.	Whether the institution(s) is financially and academically viable to run the institution(s) as Deemed to be University.	:	Yes. Funded by Government of India.
14.	Receipts and expenditure of the Institution(s) for the last 3 years	:	Details are at Annexure-IV.
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 State Government.	:	Yes. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has given NOC for the deemed university status to the Institute. A copy of the letter is at Annexure-V.
16.	Details of UG/PG courses started/to be started.	:	(a) PG programmes started from 2008-09 M.A. in Youth Empowerment. M.A. in Career Counseling. M.A. in Gender Studies.

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		<p>M.A. in Local Governance. M.A. in Life Skills Education.</p> <p>(b) Programmes to be started:- Diploma Programmes in all the above subjects M.Phil. (Inter-disciplinary) Ph.D.</p>
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.	: Since RGNIYD is fully funded by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, no corpus fund is required.
18.	Whether various authority and bodies of the Institute are in accordance with the provision of the UGC Guidelines.	: The Institute has submitted MoA / Rules of the proposed deemed university which is not as per UGC model. The Institute has also submitted an undertaking to the effect that the final MoA / Rules as per UGC model will be submitted after getting it approved from Executive Council of the Institute. A copy of the MoA / Rules submitted by the Institute and the undertaking is at Annexure-VI.
INFRASTRUCTURE (Give details)		
19.	<p>Details of buildings</p> <p>(i) Permanent</p>	: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total land - 43.35 acres Class rooms - 6,832 sq. ft. Administrative block - 12,600 sq.ft Faculty block - 6,500 sq.ft. Guest house - 14,500 sq.ft. Library - 2,500 sq.ft. Auditorium - 20,550 sq.ft.

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	<p>(ii) Temporary/Lease property</p> <p>Whether the Institutions has the following.</p> <p>(iii) Administrative 1000 sq. mts.</p> <p>(iv) Academic including Library building 3000 sq. mts.</p> <p>(v) Some teacher's residence and a faculty guest house for at least 10 persons.</p> <p>(vi) Music room for performing arts etc.</p>	<p>Seminar hall - 3,500 sq.ft.</p> <p>Conference hall - 1,250 sq.ft.</p> <p>Indoor games hall - 3,500 sq.ft.</p> <p>Ladies Hostel - 2,000 sq.ft.</p> <p>Dining hall - 5,500 sq.ft.</p> <p>Nil.</p> <p>Yes. Administrative block contains a total carpet area of 12,600 sq.ft.</p> <p>Yes. Academic block contains a total carpet area of 15832 sq. ft.</p> <p>Four Quarters</p> <p>Yes.</p>														
20.	Land if acquired, whether documents verified/land registered in the name of the university and its location	<p>Total land available with the Institute is 43.35 acres.</p> <p>The land is registered in the name of the Institute.</p> <p>Land documents are at Annexure-II.</p>														
21.	No. of Laboratories; give details	A computer laboratory is being established with 32 computers and related accessories in LAN environment.														
22.	Whether students already admitted; if yes, give details course-wise.	<p>Yes.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Course</th> <th>No. of students</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>M.A. Youth Empowerment</td> <td>: 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M.A. Career Counseling</td> <td>: 08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M.A. Gender Studies</td> <td>: 05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M.A. Local Governance</td> <td>: 13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M.A. Life Skills Education</td> <td>: 08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Course	No. of students	M.A. Youth Empowerment	: 11	M.A. Career Counseling	: 08	M.A. Gender Studies	: 05	M.A. Local Governance	: 13	M.A. Life Skills Education	: 08	Total	45
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23.	Hostel facilities, give details	:	Fully furnished hostel facilities separately for male and female students are available. 16 rooms for boys (32 students) and 10 rooms for girls (20 girls) 12 girls and 19 boys are accommodated in the hostel at present.
24.	No. of class rooms	:	Eight class rooms with a total carpet area of 6832 sq.ft.
25.	Whether Institute has auditorium	:	Yes. The air-conditioned auditorium has a seating capacity of 500 persons with an area of 20,550 sq. ft.
LIBRARY & EQUIPMENT			
26.	Area in sq. meters	:	2,500 sq.ft.
27.	Number of Journals - a. National b. International	:	32 14
28.	Is it digital Library	:	No.
29.	Does it have reprographic and bar-coding facilities	:	No.
30.	Whether Equipments, Books and Journals are worth Rs. 50 Lakhs	:	Yes.
31.	Books/Equipments - give details	:	Books : 5805 Journals : 46 Magazines : 10 Non-book materials - CD-ROM : 10 CD : 50 Video tapes : 30 Audio tapes : 45 Albums : 50
FACULTY AND OTHER STAFF			
32.	Whether teaching staff appointed, if yes, give details	:	Yes. Permanent - Reader - 5 (Head of Dept.) Lecturer - 5

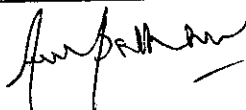


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			Contract Basis Professor - 05 Reader - 05 Lecturer - 10 (List attached as Annexure- VII)
33.	Whether the Institute has five departments – each Department having one Professor, two Readers and adequate number of Lecturers along with necessary supplementary staff. If so, please give details department – wise.	:	Yes. <u>Dept of Youth Empowerment</u> Professor -1; Reader – 2; Lecturer – 3. <u>Dept of Career Counseling</u> Professor -1; Reader – 2; Lecturer – 3. <u>Dept of Gender Studies</u> Professor -1; Reader – 2; Lecturer – 3. <u>Dept of Local Governance</u> Professor -1; Reader – 2; Lecturer – 3. <u>Dept of Life Skills Education</u> Professor -1; Reader – 2; Lecturer – 3. In each department, the supplementary staff of Clerk – 1; Computer operator – 1; and Office Assistant – 1 are available.
34.	Whether the Institute is giving pay scale to teachers as prescribed by UGC. If not, is the institute proposed to bring teacher's pay scales at par with University teachers?	:	Presently the teaching faculty of the Institute, except one Reader, who is HoD and one Lecturer in each Department, are appointed on contract basis with the consolidated pay. (Rs.25,000 for a Professor, Rs.20,000 for a Reader and Rs.18,000 for a Lecturer). However, the Institute has applied to the Government of India for some faculty positions. The reply is awaited.
35.	Whether Non-teaching staff appointed, if yes, give details	:	Yes. Details of the Non-teaching staff are attached as Annexure-VIII.
36.	Is the Institute running Distance Education Programme, if yes, has it been approved by DEC/UGC.	:	No





37.	Whether the Institution established any off campus or study centre or admission centre outside the State of its jurisdiction. Please specify.	:	No
38.	Whether the Institution has undertaken any research activities, is so, please give details.	:	<p>The Institute has funded the following projects:-</p> <p>(a) Completed projects (During the last 3 years) –</p> <p>(i) A study on the efficacy of functioning of Nehru Yuva Kendras.</p> <p>(ii) Rural Information Technology Youth Development Centre (RITYDC) – An Evaluation Study.</p> <p>(iii) Study on the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP) towards HIV/AIDS and prevalence of STI among youth in Tamil Nadu.</p> <p>(iv) A Study on impact of HIV and AIDS Information, Education and Communication on young people in North East India.</p> <p>(v) Mental health of adolescents.</p> <p>(vi) A study on performance of young women panchayat representatives.</p> <p>(b) On-going projects –</p> <p>(i) Construction of Youth Development Index.</p> <p>(ii) Assessment of patriotic and secular attitudes among the youth.</p> <p>(iii) Kashmir conflict and the problems of youth – A field study of the displaced adolescents of the Jammu valley.</p> <p>(iv) Problems and needs of adolescents – A field study in Kerala.</p> <p>(v) Conflict and youth : A comparative study of conflict management strategies adopted by school-going and out of school youth.</p> <p>(vi) Youth in conflict – A study of un-guided youth in North coastal Andhra Pradesh.</p>

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			<p>(vii) A study on behaviour and attitude of the youth towards senior citizens in Chennai.</p> <p>(viii) Media and youth by Association for Social Welfare and Human Development.</p> <p>(ix) Curriculum Vs Career opportunities for the youth – A critical analysis of the present scenario.</p> <p>(x) National level study on the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice among youth in Panchayati Raj system – Search for a framework for youth - PRI interface.</p>
39.	Whether the faculty members organized or attended International/National Conferences/Workshops, if so, give details.	:	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Details are at Annexure-IX.</p>
40.	Other facilities available at the Institute(s) (give details) which are necessary to support Deemed to be University Status.	:	<p>(a) The Institute has a number of modern audio-visual equipment to cater to the needs of the students, teaching faculty and other staff.</p> <p>(b) A Community Radio Station with sophisticated HiFi Digital song software, phone-in console and Neando Software, etc. with a transmission upto 20 Kilometres is established.</p> <p>(c) Video conferencing and multi-language interpretation facilities are available.</p>
41.	Fee Structure: give details	:	<p>(a) Application Registration fee : Rs. 300/-</p> <p>(b) Admission fee : Rs. 100/-</p> <p>(c) Tuition fee (per semester) : Rs. 3,000/-</p> <p>(d) Recognition fee : Rs. 200/-</p> <p>(e) Caution Deposit : Rs. 1,000/-</p> <p>Note: Students belonging to SC/ST category are exempted from payment of fee. which is reimbursed by the govt.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ans</i></p>

42.	Admission Policy/Procedure in brief	:	Candidates having Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from a recognized university with not less than 40 % marks, are eligible to apply for the Programme(s). An admission test/ interview is conducted by RGNIYD for selecting candidates.
43.	Examination system in brief	:	Examination will be conducted based on the semester system. Internal assessment (40 %) and end semester examination (60 %) will be followed. Detail of the examination system is given as Annexure-X.
44.	Whether the Institute is following standard/norms prescribed by statutory councils like AICTE, MIC etc. as the case may be in respect of professional courses.	:	Not Applicable.
45.	Whether the Institute has given necessary undertakings/assurance as per UGC Guidelines; please attach the same.	:	Necessary undertakings are at Annexure-XI.
46.	Results for the last three years	:	Not Applicable
47.	Placement Records	:	Nil

IV. OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Institute is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, established in 1993, with its headquarters at Sriperumbudur, Tamilnadu.
2. The Institute is registered as a society under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act and is fully funded by the Government of India.

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3. The Institute was established as a national level training institute to bring under one umbrella all youth development activities viz., training, research, extension, documentation and dissemination.
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5. The Institute is at present offering five PG programmes in the disciplines of Youth Empowerment, Career Counseling, Gender Studies, Local Governance and Life Skills Education.
6. Some of the existing faculty of the Institute have qualifications and experience in the fields of youth empowerment, career counseling, gender studies, local governance and life skills education. However, a few faculty members do not possess the qualifications as prescribed by UGC.
7. The Institute over a period of 15 years has organized meaningful training programmes both at national and international level focusing on youth related issues, problems and interventions.
8. The faculty has developed field-tested user friendly training manuals on various aspects of youth development which could be widely used across the country.

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9. The Institute has also rich experience in organizing training programmes for the personnel working with youth in SAARC and Commonwealth countries.
10. The Institute has adequate experience in undertaking research in collaboration with nationally renowned universities and institutions on themes of youth development and empowerment in states like Jammu & Kashmir and North-East region.
11. The Institute has established dynamic linkages with various universities and research institutions across the country and jointly organized workshops, seminars, faculty development programme and innovative training and academic programmes.
12. The Institute has made a discernible impact among the youth of the North-Eastern region by imbibing certain core national values through its training programmes without undermining the unique characteristics of the region.
13. Around three-fourth of the students admitted in the five Post-Graduate programmes are from weaker sections of the community. They are thus given an opportunity to study in a national institute with good facilities.
14. The academic programmes designed and introduced have tremendous concern for the youth, their security, their welfare, development and empowerment. All the five programmes have been designed in a holistic and integrated fashion and the students who undergo the programmes will emerge as professionals in their area of specialization.

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15. The institute is equipped with good infrastructure facilities which include well-equipped air-conditioned Conference Halls, Classrooms, Seminar Halls and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 500 persons with latest audio-visual equipment to provide the necessary support to organize training programmes. It has 41.35 acres of land at its headquarters in Sriperumbudur.
16. The Institute has a library with limited text books and journals relevant to the programmes.
17. The male students, at present, are accommodated in the guest house and the female students are housed in one of the staff quarters.
18. The Institute has adequate administrative staff, sports facilities, regular supply of water and power backup.
19. The Institute has submitted a future plan indicating various programmes to be offered and various departments to be established in course of time. The same is at **Annexure- XII**.

Suggestions of the Expert Committee

1. The Institute should strictly follow the governance structure as suggested by the UGC in its MoA / Rules. It should also establish all the statutory bodies as per the norms of UGC.
2. The faculty selection process, designation, qualification prescribed, pay scale, work load, career growth should be as per the norms of the UGC.

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3. The library should be strengthened by adding more space and more books. It also needs to be strengthened further with e-journals, reference books, facilities for digitization of books and data bank on youth. It can also become the member of the UGC INFLIBNET consortium.
 4. As envisaged by the Institute, a Computer Centre needs to be established with adequate number of computers and internet access to students for their studies.
 5. A Media Centre with the facilities like video camera, projection, editing facilities and other necessary equipment may be established to document and disseminate various issues, problems and intervention strategies related to youth.
 6. The facilities for the student hostel need to be augmented to admit more students.
 7. The overall facilities like canteen, staff quarters, housing for non-teaching staff, sports etc. need to be strengthened keeping the growth of the Institute in mind.
 8. In order to update and strengthen the academic and research activities of the faculty, the Institute should make necessary provisions for deputing the faculty for refresher and orientation programmes.
 9. At present, there are only two permanent faculty in each department. In order to emerge as a good teaching and research institute, each department has to have at least one Professor, Two Readers and adequate number of Lecturers on permanent basis with supporting staff.

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10. There is adequate space for each department at present. However, the Institute should initiate earnest efforts to augment this facility if the faculty strength is increased in future.
11. In order to attract students from various States, provisions need to be made provide scholarships, fee concession for the students.
12. The Institute can also make necessary provisions for research fellowships, stipends, study grant to promote research in the areas of youth studies.
13. The Institute may also contemplate to establish few visiting professorships similar to the UGC scheme in this area.
14. All the systems in the Institute need to be networked for effective e-governance.
15. An interactive website with all the relevant information for the stakeholders needs to be hosted.
16. The Institute may also introduce more courses of similar innovative nature. Similarly, new departments may also be established keeping in view the objectives of the Institute.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Expert Committee, having visited the Institute and having verified all the physical and academic infrastructure has observed that:-

- a. the courses run by the institute are in emerging areas of youth development and innovative in nature.

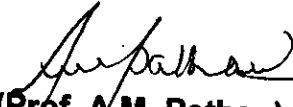
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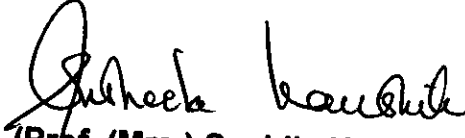
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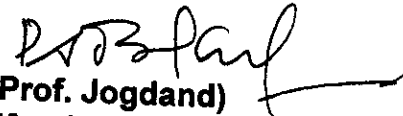
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- b. the institute has potential to emerge as an institution of excellence in the field of Youth Development in near future.
 - c. the Institute has demonstrated its administrative, academic and financial capabilities to become a leading centre in the area of Youth development.


Taking a holistic view of the activities, innovativeness, courses offered in emerging areas, promise to excel in the field of Youth development, the Expert Committee unanimously recommends conferment of Deemed to be University status on Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Bheemanthangal, Sriperumbudur, Tamilnadu, under *de-novo* category for a period of 5 years on provisional basis subject to the performance report of UGC Review Committee on annual basis.


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