

IMPORTANT NOTE ON THE UNIVERSITY'S NAME to show that 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute' and 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University' are one and the same institution

The original name, 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute' changed in the interim to 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University' as approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Apex Regulatory Body under the Government of India, and later reverted back to the original name as directed by the revised UGC Regulations and later by an Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and as instructed by the University Grants Commission

Under the aegis of and with the same registration as Ramakrishna Mission, (with headquarters at Belur Math in the district of Howrah in West Bengal), which is a well-known registered society registered under Registration of Societies Act XXI of 1860, an international institute of education and research, comprising some of the already well-established educational centres of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission spread all over India and abroad, specializing in specific faculties (hence called Specialized Faculty Centres) was recognized and declared by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, as an institution Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956. This institute named Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (called RMVERI for short), was later renamed as Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University (Declared as deemed to be University under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956) in the light of UGC Notification No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 13 September 2006 read with Corrigendum No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 20 February 2008]. On account of a subsequent Notification No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 19 August 2009, with the UGC deciding to withdraw, on a directive from MHRD, Government of India, the above mentioned Notification dated 13 September 2006 together with the Corrigendum dated 20 February 2006 and subsequently issuing the New Regulations governing institutions Deemed to be Universities by Gazetted Notification No.F.6-1 (II)/2006 (CPP-I) dated 21 May 2010, the original name of the Institute deemed to be University also comes back to use, with the words 'Deemed to be University' within parenthesis suffixed thereto, as required by Clause No.20.0 of the UGC Regulations, 2010.

Copy of the UGC Regulations, 2010 showing the Clause No.20.0 prohibiting the use of the word 'University' in its name, but rather use the phrase 'Deemed to be University' within parenthesis, is given below for ready reference:

20.0 USE OF THE WORD 'UNIVERSITY'

An Institution deemed to be University shall not use the word 'University' suffixed to its name but may mention the words "deemed to be university" within parenthesis suffixed thereto.

21.0 PROHIBITION OF USE OF CERTAIN WORDS IN NOMENCLATURE

Educational institutions established by the Central Government alone may prefix the words, "Indian / National Institute" (either in English or in vernacular) with their respective names.

22.0 CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS

22.1 The Central Government / Commission shall have the right to cause an inspection of the institution deemed to be university, its buildings, laboratories, its examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the institution deemed to be university, and to cause an enquiry to be made, if considered necessary by the Central Government / UGC, in respect of any matter of the institution deemed to be university.

22.2 After conducting an inspection of the institution deemed to be university by the Commission on its own or on the basis of any other authentic information or report received from any other reliable source(s) and after considering the explanation submitted by the institution deemed to be university, if the Commission is satisfied that the institution deemed to be university has violated any of the provisions of these Regulations or any directives issued by the Commission, the Commission may direct the concerned institution deemed to be university not to admit new students for the period to be decided by the Commission and in case of deliberate continuous violation of these Regulations, may advise the Central Government for withdrawal of the declaration notifying the institution as an institution deemed to be university. In the event of such withdrawal of the declaration, the entire movable and immovable properties of the institution deemed to be university shall stand

Copy of the letter No.F.5-1/2017 (CPP-I/DU) dated 10 November 2017 from the Secretary, University Grants Commission (UGC), instructing that as per the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the use of the word 'University' is prohibited in the case of Deemed to be Universities and the phrase 'Deemed to be University' should be use with the name within parenthesis is given below for ready reference. **In compliance thereof, the original name of the Institution, namely, 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute' is now being used in place of 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University' although both the institutions are one and the same.**



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**Subject: Use of the word 'University' by Institutions Deemed to be Universities-
Directions issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court.**

Sir/Madam,

The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide orders dated 03.11.2017 under para 51 and 53 (XII) observed and directed as under:-

Para 51 - "We must also put on record what we have observed during the course of the hearing and consideration of the present matters. It has come to our notice that many institutions which are conferred the status of Deemed to be Universities are using the word "University", which in our view is opposed to the spirit of Section 23 of the UGC Act. The UGC shall take appropriate steps to stop such practice."

Para 53(XII) – "The UGC is further directed to take appropriate steps and implement Section 23 of the UGC Act and restrain Deemed to be Universities from using the word 'University' within one month from today."

In this regard, Section 23 of the UGC, 1956 (Prohibition of the use of the word "University" in certain cases is reproduced as under:-

"No institution, whether a corporate body or not, other than a University established or incorporated by or under a Central Act, a Provincial Act or a State Act shall be entitled to have the word "University" associated with its name in any manner whatsoever."

Further, all the Institutions Deemed to be Universities are regulated by the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016. Clause 20.0 of these Regulations provides as under:-

"An Institution deemed to be university shall not use the word 'University' suffixed to its name but may mention the words "deemed to be university" within parenthesis suffixed thereto."

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In view of the above, the Institution is hereby directed to restrain from using the word 'University' with its name failing which necessary action would be initiated against the Deemed to be University in accordance with the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016. Instead, the Institution may mention the word "Deemed to be University" within parenthesis.


In those cases, where the Government of India Notification is with the word 'University', the Deemed to be University may submit a proposal with alternative name (without using the word 'University') to the UGC/Ministry of HRD so that necessary amendment can be made by the Ministry of HRD.

You are requested to submit compliance in respect of the above within 15 days from receipt of this letter. This may be treated as **MOST URGENT**.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Thakur)
Secretary

The above Note was prepared by Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor, on the 16th of November 2021 to clarify that 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute' and 'Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University' are one and the same Institution.


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