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No. 6177-I – Legis- 24/2024/L.- The following Act of the Odisha Legislative Assembly having been assented to by the Governor on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025 is hereby publish for general information.

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**ODISHA ACT 3 OF 2025**  
**THE ODISHA UNIVERSITIES (AMENDEMNT) ACT, 2024**  
**AN**  
**ACT**  
**FUTHERTO AMEND THE ODISHA UNIVERSITIES ACT, 1989**

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Odisha in the Seventy-fifth year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

<b>Odisha Act 5 of 1989</b>	1	(1) <b>This Act may be called the Odisha Universities (Amendment) Act, 2024<sup>1</sup></b> (2) It Shall come into force on the date of its publication in the <i>Odisha Gazette</i> (3) <b>Omitted<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Definitions</b>	2	In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
	(a)	"Academic Council" means a Academic Council of a university
	(b)	"Affiliated Institution" means a college or an Institution affiliated to a University whether in Whole or in part;
	(c)	"Autonomous College", "Autonomous Institution", or, "Autonomous Department" means a College, institution or Department, as the case may be, on which the status of autonomy has been conferred under this Act;
	(d)	"college" means an institution admitted to a University in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the statutes and includes a college managed by a University, but does not include a school, whether it is an independent institution or forms part of a college as defined herein;
	<b>(d-I)</b>	<b>Omitted<sup>3</sup></b>
	(e)	"Constituent College", means a College managed by a University;
	(f)	<b>"Director" means the Director of Higher Education, Odisha or representative;<sup>4</sup></b>
	<b>(f-I)</b>	<b>"distance education system" means the system of imparting education through any means of communication, such as broadcasting, telecasting, internet, correspondence courses, seminars, contact programmes or the combination of any two or more such means;<sup>5</sup></b>
	(g)	"District" and "Subdivision" shall respectively mean the District and Subdivision within the meaning of the Odisha Revenue Administrative (Units) Act, 1953;
	<b>(g-1)</b>	<b>"NAAC" means National Assessment and Accreditation Council";<sup>6</sup></b>
	<b>(g-2)</b>	<b>"NBA" means National Board of Accreditation"; and<sup>7</sup></b>
	<b>(g-3)</b>	<b>"NIRF" means the National Institutional Ranking Framework".<sup>8</sup></b>
	(h)	"Prescribed" means prescribed by statutes;
	<b>(h-1)</b>	<b>'Public university' means the state university established under an Act of the State Legislature and funded by the State Government</b>
	(i)	Omitted
	(j)	Omitted

<sup>1</sup> Added by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>2</sup> Omitted vide O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>3</sup> Omitted vide O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>4</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>5</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>6</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>7</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>8</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

- ## Establishment and incorporation

<sup>10</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

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<sup>11</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

- (v) The Ravenshaw University which is a unitary University established under the Ravenshaw University Act, 2005
- (2) The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of every University and the Members of the **Senate**<sup>12</sup>, Syndicate and the Academic Council thereof shall constitute a body corporate by the name of that University.
- (3) The University shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued by its name
- (4) Subject to the provisions of this Act and Statutes and also subject to the control and direction of the State Government, the University shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable or immovable property which may have become vested in or may have been acquired by it, for the purposes of the University and to contract and do all other things necessary for the purposes of this Act.
- (5) Save as otherwise provided every University shall be deemed to have been incorporated for the purposes, among others, of:
- (a) Making provision for giving instruction in such branches of learning as it deems fit;
  - (b) promoting original research :
  - (c) examining students and conferring Degrees;
  - (d) Admitting educational institutions to its privileges;
  - (e) Inspecting the colleges and supervising all matters of education and discipline therein; and
  - (f) Controlling the residence and discipline of the students of the University and promoting their physical, mental and moral welfare.
- (g)<sup>13</sup> In addition to the above, the Universities should also do the following:-**
- (i) to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge, and generally to cultivate and promote the arts (including fine arts and performing arts), humanities, social sciences, accounts and commerce, pure and applied sciences, present and emerging technologies, managements, different forms of medicine, engineering, law, physical education and other branches of learning and culture and their multidisciplinary and inter-disciplinary areas;**
  - (ii) to make provisions to enable conducted and affiliated or constituent colleges and recognized institutions to undertake specialized studies;**
  - (iii) to make provisions for creation of autonomous, empowered autonomous and empowered autonomous cluster of institutions;**
  - (iv) to organise, maintain and manage university departments, schools, institutions, laboratories, learning resource centres, libraries, museums and equipment for teaching, learning, training, research and development or extension;**
  - (v) to establish, maintain and manage departments, institutions of research, institutions of specialised studies or academic services unit;**
  - (vi) to establish, maintain and manage constituent, community and conducted colleges, institutions, hostels, health centres, auditoria and gymnasiums;**

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<sup>12</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

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- (vii) to provide for establishment, on the university campus and Sub Campuses, of autonomous institutions like multi-university and inter-university centres, research laboratories, modern instrumentation centres and like centres of learning, set-up by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Central Government or the State Government, teaching or learning or training colleges or institutions at local, regional, national and global level, which may be used by the university or college or group of universities or colleges:

Provided that, in the case of any industry or any non-Government organization availing themselves of such facility of a university or such organizations providing the facility to a university, prior approval of the State Government shall be obtained by the university concerned;

- (viii) to provide for establishment of sub-campuses for serving a group of colleges, and also to provide for and maintain common resource centres in such sub-campuses in the form of post-graduate departments, multi-disciplinary or inter-disciplinary schools, libraries, laboratories, computer centres and the like centres of learning and skills training, as per the guidelines laid down by the State Government or by the University Grants Commission (UGC);
- (ix) to appoint or recognise persons working in any other university or organisation as adjunct professors, adjunct associate professors, adjunct assistant professors, visiting professors of the university for specified periods;
- (x) to prescribe the courses of instruction and studies for the various examinations leading to specific degrees and diplomas or certificates;
- (xi) to make provision, wherever feasible, in the university departments, colleges, institutions, recognised institutions and schools, for survey and collection of statistics, data and other particulars relevant to various developmental activities including State and National plans, evaluation of the developmental schemes with the participation of the students as a part of their curricular activities;
- (xii) to institute degrees and post-graduate diplomas and post higher secondary diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions on the basis of examinations or by other tests:
- (xiii) to hold examinations or evaluations and confer degrees and postgraduate diplomas and award post-higher secondary diplomas and certificates and other academic distinctions on persons who, -
  - (a) unless exempted therefrom in the manner prescribed, have pursued approved courses of study in the university, or in a college or in an institution or a recognised institution or a school and have passed the examinations and earned the required credits or marks or grades prescribed by the university; or
  - (b) have pursued approved courses of study in the university, or in a college or in an institution or a recognised institution or in an autonomous college or an autonomous recognised institution or in empowered autonomous college or empowered autonomous cluster institutions or a school and have passed the examinations and earned the required credits or marks or grades prescribed by the university; or
  - (c) have engaged in research under conditions provided by Ordinances and Regulations;

- (xiv) to confer and award such degrees, diplomas and certificates to, and provide for such lectures, instruction and training for external students, and the students under correspondence and distance education, online and continuing education courses;
- (xv) to confer honorary degrees or other academic distinctions as prescribed by the Statutes in consultation with the State Government;
- (xvi) to monitor and evaluate the academic performance of university departments, university institutions, conducted colleges and of affiliated/constituent colleges, autonomous or empowered colleges in a stand-alone or cluster form and recognised institutions for affiliation or recognition, as the case may be, for periodical State, National and World accreditations/ rankings;
- (xvii) to inspect, where necessary, all types of colleges or institutions and recognised institutions through suitable machinery established for the purpose, and take measures to ensure that proper standards of instruction, teaching, learning, training and research, and extension are maintained by them and adequate library, class rooms, laboratory, hostel, workshop and other academic facilities are provided for;
- (xviii) to hold and to manage trusts and endowments and to institute and award fellowship, travelling fellowship, scholarship, studentship, medals and prizes for teachers and students of the university and colleges;
- (xix) to supervise, control and regulate the conduct and discipline of the students of the university, colleges, institutions, recognised institutions, schools and hostels:
- (xx) to provide for mobility of students from formal to non-formal stream and vice-versa, and also among the other universities in the State and outside the State;
- (xxi) to make arrangements for promoting the healthy atmosphere, corporate life and welfare of the students of the university, colleges, schools and institutions;
- (xxii) to co-ordinate and regulate teaching, learning, training and research and extension in the colleges and recognised institutions;
- (xxiii) to provide for periodical assessment of the performance of teachers and non-teaching employees in the colleges, institutions and university in accordance with the norms prescribed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) or the State Government;
- (xxiv) to regulate and provide for attendance of the teachers on the premises of the university or colleges or institutions during teaching hours and beyond teaching hours, as prescribed and to prohibit teachers from taking or conducting private tuitions or private coaching classes;
- (xxv) to regulate and provide for attendance of the non-teaching employees on the premises of the university or colleges or institutions during working hours and beyond working hours, as prescribed;
- (xxvi) to enforce conduct and discipline rules for teachers and non- teaching employees in a manner as prescribed;
- (xxvii) to prescribe code of conduct for managements;
- (xxviii) to prescribe and enforce students charter;
- (xxix) to make provision for participation of students with necessary incentives in,

- a. the national service scheme;
- b. the national cadet corps;
- c. home guards and civil defence;
- d. the national sports organisation;
- e. physical and military training;
- f. extra-mural teaching and research;
- g. programme related to Lifelong Learning and Extension; and
- h. any other programme, services or activities directed towards cultural, economic and social betterment as may be necessary and possible, to fulfil the objects of the university by the State Government or / and the Government of India.

- (xxx) to provide for special training or coaching for competitive examinations, for recruitment to the public services, public sector undertakings and other competitive employment opportunities;
- (xxxi) to arrange periodical employment programme and to provide internship;
- (xxxii) to co-operate or collaborate with any other university, institution, authority or organisation for research and advisory services and for such purposes to enter into appropriate arrangement with other universities, institutions, authorities, or organisations to conduct certain courses as the situation may demand;
- (xxxiii) to recommend for rescinding or suspending affiliation or recognition or empowered status granted to colleges or institutions or cluster of institutions;
- (xxxiv) to explore the possibilities of augmenting the resources of the university by exploring or innovating activities such as research and development, consultancy, training programme and providing services for different clients from industry, trade or any other non-government organisations;
- (xxxv) to undertake academic collaboration programme, research and advisory services with universities and institutions abroad, in a manner as prescribed.
- (xxxvi) to receive funds for collaborative programme from foreign agencies, subject to rules and regulations of the Central Government and the State Government in that behalf:
- (xxxvii) to create development corpus out of surplus that the university may generate through its teaching, learning, training, research, emerging technology, start up, innovations and development, consultancy and any other academic and support activities and to invest it in a professional manner and use the interest generated through it for the growth and development of academic, research and development, academic and physical infrastructure development and any other infrastructure;
- (xxxviii) to lay down for teachers and university teachers, such instructions or directions as, in the opinion of the university, may be necessary in academic matters;
- (xxxix) to undertake development programme in higher education, research, consultancy-based projects and training programme for outside agencies, by charging fees, so as to generate resources;



- (xl) to make special provisions for the benefit of university education to be made available to classes and communities which are socially and educationally backward;
- (xli) to make special provisions for such benefits of university education to be made available for women students and differently-abled students as the university may think necessary;
- (xlii) to make special provisions for higher education in rural and tribal areas;
- (xlili) to take appropriate measures in order to increase the gross enrolment ratio;
- (xliv) to implement the national literacy and adult education programme through teachers and students on voluntary basis in the university system and to evolve measures to give due weightage to the efforts and performance of the students in this area in addition to their normal academic performance and also to evaluate the performance of the teachers in this area:
- (xlv) to promote by itself, or in co-operation with other universities or institutions, the study of Odia and the use of Odia as a medium of instruction, study, research and examination, in adherence to the policies of the State Government;
- (xlvi) to promote by itself, or in co-operation with other universities or organisations, the study of regional, national and foreign languages in general and Asian languages in particular;
- (xlvii) to evolve an operational scheme for ensuring accountability of teachers, non-vocation academic and non-teaching staff of the university, institutions and colleges;
- (xlviii) to create knowledge and disseminate it and foster high quality research which is contemporary, globally competitive and locally as well as regionally and nationally relevant;
- (xlix) to have a learner-centric approach and perform the role of being knowledge creator;
- (I) to strengthen education at under-graduate and post-graduate level, enhance research develop culture and relevant degree programme and cultivate desire for entrepreneurship;
- (Ii) to create a comprehensive digital university framework for both, learning and e-administrative services;
- (Iii) to impart education under distance education system in accordance with Government of India, UGC and State Government regulations;
- (Iiii) to exploit the power of 'learning by collaboration' and 'participation' with use of information and communication technology;
- (Iiv) to cultivate research parks, technology incubators and other engagement entities to translate university research to commercial domain and coordinated projects involving multiple faculty groups from several disciplines that address some important issues before the State;
- (Iv) to identify skills to which students need to be exposed to, by taking into account the local needs, training facilities available, emerging needs and new employment opportunities;
- (Ivi) to provide an environment for the all-round development of youth by exposing them to the rich cultural heritage of the country and creating opportunities for development of skills in sports;

- (lvii) to comply with and carry out any directives issued by the State Government, from time to time, with reference to above powers, duties and responsibilities of the university;
- (lviii) to conduct academic audit of university departments, conducted colleges, affiliated/constituent colleges, institutions or schools, at regular intervals; and
- (lix) acquiring NAAC, NBA and NIRF ranking and other accreditations/ rankings by the University and its constituent colleges and affiliated colleges”

Provided that the purposes mentioned in clauses (d) and (e) shall not apply to a Unitary University.

**(6)** There shall be established, the Universities in the State as bodies corporate, by such names and territorial jurisdiction, as specified in the Schedule to this Act.<sup>14</sup>

**(7)** The first Vice-Chancellor, the first Registrar, the first Comptroller of Finance and the first Controller of Examination, the Syndicate and the Academic Council of each University and all persons who may hereafter become such officers or members, so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the University<sup>15</sup>

**(8)** The headquarters of each of the University, referred to in sub-section (4), shall be such as may be specified by the State Government by notification in the Official Gazette<sup>16</sup>

**Officers, teachers  
and authorities of  
University**

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**(1)** The following shall be officers of the University, namely

- i. the Vice-Chancellor;
- ii. the Registrar;
- iii. the Comptroller of Finance ;
- iv. the Controller of Examinations; and
- v. such other officers as may be prescribed;

**(2)** The following shall be the teachers of the University, namely :

- i. Professors;
- ii. Associate Professors;
- iii. Assistant Professors; and
- iv. such other teachers such other teachers as may be prescribed to be teachers of the University.

**(3)** the following shall be the authorities of the University, namely:-

- i. the senate;
- ii. the Syndicate;
- iii. the Academic Council;
- iv. the Finance Committee;
- v. Building and works Committee; and
- vi. such other authorities as may be declared by the statute to be the Authorities of the University.<sup>17</sup>

**(4)** The Chancellor, in consultation with State Government, may change the designations of the Officers and Teachers of the University, as referred to in

<sup>14</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>15</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>16</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>17</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

## The Chancellor

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sub-section (1) and subsection (2) as well as the name of the authorities referred to in sub-section (3), from time to time, as deem necessary.

- (1) The Governor of the Odisha shall be the Chancellor of the University.
- (2) The Chancellor shall by virtue of his office be the Head of the University and shall, when present, preside at the convocations of the University convened for the purpose of conferring degrees or for any other purpose.
- (3) Every proposal for conferment of an honorary degree shall be **in consultation with the State Government**<sup>18</sup> subject to confirmation by the Chancellor.
- (4) The Chancellor shall decide all disputes with regard to the election, nomination or selection of members of the authorities of the University and his decision shall be final.
- (5) The Chancellor either suo-motu **or on receipt of matter referred by the State Government, may, and in case such reference is made on the basis of audit report shall**<sup>19</sup>
  - (i) make an inspection or cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of any University, its buildings, laboratories, workshops and equipment and institutions associated with such University and of any examination, teaching or other work conducted or done by such University; and
  - (ii) make an enquiry or cause an enquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with any University, and in every such case, he shall give notice to the Registrar of his intention to make an inspection or enquiry or to cause an inspection or enquiry to be made and the concerned University shall be entitled to be represented thereat: Provided that the person entrusted with such enquiry or inspection shall not be below the rank of Registrar or of its equivalent rank.
- (6) The Chancellor may, with reference to the result of such inspection or enquiry, direct the concerned authority or authorities of such University or the Vice- Chancellor as the case may be, to take such remedial measures as he deems necessary within such period not being later than six months from the date of receipt of the direction as he may fix in that behalf.
- (7) The concerned authority or authorities of such University or the Vice-chancellor, as the case may be, shall report to the Chancellor such action, if any, as they have taken or propose to take upon the result of such inspection or enquiry and such report shall be submitted to the Chancellor within the period fixed by him under sub section (6).
- (8) If the concerned authority or the Vice-Chancellor, as the case may be, fails to comply with the direction issued by the Chancellor within the period fixed under sub-section (6) or within such further period not being later than three months as the Chancellor may allow in that behalf, the Chancellor may take such remedial measures or pass such order as he deems proper.
- (9) The Chancellor shall be competent to issue directions or instructions not in consistent with the provisions of this Act and Statutes on any matter connected

<sup>18</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>19</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

with a University "**making a copy thereof to the State Government**"<sup>20</sup> when any authority or Vice-Chancellor fails to act in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Statutes, or the Regulations.

(10) The Chancellor may, by order in writing annual any proceeding of the **Senate**<sup>21</sup>, Syndicate, Academic Council or any other authority which is not in conformity with this Act, the Statutes, the Regulations or the directions issued under sub-section (9):

Provided that before making any such order he shall call upon the authority concerned to show cause as to why such an order should not be made and if any cause is shown within a reasonable time, he shall, after giving an opportunity of hearing if so deemed proper, consider the same

#### **The Vice-Chancellor**

- 6** (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel of three names recommended by a Committee **to him through the State Government**<sup>22</sup> unanimously who are not Members of the Committee.

"Provided that where the appointment of Vice-chancellor is simultaneously required in respect of more than one University, the Chancellor may direct the Committee so constituted, to recommend a panel of three names for each such University";

- (2) If the persons approved on priority basis by the Chancellor, out of the panel so recommended, are not willing to accept the appointment, the Chancellor may call for a fresh panel of three different names from the said Committee or if the Chancellor is of the opinion that none of the persons out of the said panel is suitable for appointment as Vice-Chancellor, the Chancellor may take steps to constitute another Committee to give a fresh panel of three different names and shall appoint one of the persons named in the fresh panel, as the Vice-Chancellor.

- (3) **The Committee referred to in sub-section (1) shall consist of three members which is as follows:-**

- (i) **one member shall be nominated by the Chancellor out of three names recommended by the Government and he shall act as the Chairman of the Committee;**
- (ii) **One member shall be nominated by the Chairman, University Grants Commission;**
- (iii) **one member shall be nominated by the Syndicate of the concerned University: Provided that in case the outgoing Vice-Chancellor desires to re-apply for the post of Vice-Chancellor of the same University, he will recuse and not participate in any manner for selection of the Syndicate nominee. Otherwise, his candidature for the post of Vice-chancellor shall be cancelled;**
- (iv) **all the three members of the Committee must be persons of eminence**

<sup>20</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

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**in the sphere of higher education and must not be connected with the affairs of the concerned University and its affiliating or constituent colleges in any manner; and**

**(v) the State Government will initiate the process of selection of Vice-Chancellor, at least six months prior to the completion of the tenure of the existing Vice-Chancellor."**<sup>23</sup>

- (4) No person shall be eligible to be a member of the Committee, if he is-
- (a) a member of any of the authorities of the concerned University;
  - OR
  - (b) an employee of such University or of any College or institution maintained or recognised by or affiliated to that University.
- (5) The business of the Committee shall be conducted in such manner as may be determined, from time to time, by the Chancellor in that behalf **and the panel of names, as recommended by the committee, shall be forwarded to the Chancellor for the appointment of Vice-Chancellor by the State Government after doing all due diligence including vigilance clearance from the concerned State Vigilance or Chief Vigilance Commissioner or State Government or Any other Agency or Institution as deemed fit.**<sup>24</sup>
- (6) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office, or until he attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier, and he shall be eligible for reappointment not more than one term, subject to the provisions contained in sub section (1):
- Provided that the Chancellor, in consultation with State Government, may direct any Vice-Chancellor after his term has expired, to continue in office for such period, not exceeding a total period of one year or until his successor enters upon his office, whichever is earlier:
- Provided further that no person who has attained the age of seventy years shall be eligible to be appointed as Vice-Chancellor and no person shall continue to hold office of Vice-Chancellor after attaining the age as provided under this provision.<sup>25</sup>

**(7) Omitted.**<sup>26</sup>

**(8) Omitted.**<sup>27</sup>

- (9) **In case the office of the Vice-Chancellor fall vacant due to the absence of the Vice-Chancellor on leave the senior-most Professor shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor until the existing Vice-Chancellor resumes the duties of his office.**<sup>28</sup>
- (10) In case the office of the Vice-Chancellor falls vacant due to any other reason, the vacancy shall be filled in the manner specified in sub-section (1).  
Provided that where it is not reasonably practicable to fill up the vacancy in the manner as aforesaid immediately after it occurs, **the Chancellor in consultation with the State Government may appoint any of the Vice- Chancellor of any**<sup>29</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>24</sup> Added by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>25</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>26</sup> Omitted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

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Public University of the State as Vice-Chancellor for a period not exceeding one year or till joining of a regular Vice-Chancellor, whichever is earlier, and the Vice-Chancellor so appointed shall exercise the powers and perform the functions of the Vice-Chancellor and shall be entitled to such allowance as determined by the Chancellor.

- (11) The executive authority of the University shall vest in the Vice-Chancellor.
- (12) The Vice-Chancellor of the University shall, when present, preside at every meeting of any authority of which he is a member and in the absence of the Chancellor, he shall also preside at the Convocation of the University.
- (13) The conditions of service such as salary and allowances of the Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be such as may be prescribed.
- (14) Subject to availability of funds in the budget, the Vice-Chancellor of the University shall have power to sanction, after obtaining the opinion of the Comptroller of Finance, expenditure up to such sum as may be prescribed during the course of a financial year and shall make a report of all such expenditure to the Syndicate at the earliest opportunity. Provided that it shall be competent for the Vice-Chancellor to differ from the opinion of the Comptroller of Finance, if he deems it so fit, after recording his reasons therefore.
- (15) If the Vice-Chancellor of a University is of the opinion that any order or decision in respect of any matter, which is required under the provisions of this Act or the Statutes to be passed or made by any authority of that University, is necessary to be passed or made immediately and it is not practicable to convene a meeting of the concerned authority for that purpose, he may pass such order or take such decision as he deems proper and place the order or decision, as the case may be, before the concerned authority at its next meeting for ratification, and where the authority differs from the Vice-Chancellor the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.  
Provided that if the matter involves any financial transaction, the Vice-Chancellor shall, before passing such order or taking such decision, obtain the opinion of the Comptroller of Finance, but it shall be competent for the Vice-Chancellor to differ from such opinion, if he deems it so fit, after recording his reasons therefore.
- (16) The Vice-Chancellor of every University shall review the performance of teachers and officers of that University annually and submit a report thereon to the Chancellor in the manner prescribed.
- (17) The Vice-Chancellor shall have power –
  - i. to require the teachers of its' Colleges to report to him about the conduct of University examination; and
  - ii. to give such directions to the Officers-in-Charge of such examinations as he deems necessary in consultation with the Controller of Examinations.
- (18) The Vice-Chancellor, other than of a unitary University shall inspect the Colleges and institutions of or affiliated to the University at least once in three years.
- (19) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Chancellor in consultation with the State Government shall appoint any person as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) for a period of maximum two years or till joining of a regular Vice-Chancellor, whichever is earlier, for a University newly established under this Act and subject to such terms and conditions as the State Government, may fix in that behalf.
- (20) **Notwithstanding anything contained in this section,, the Chancellor may, at**

any time after the Vice-Chancellor has entered upon his office, by order in writing and following the procedure prescribed, remove the Vice- Chancellor from office on grounds of incapacity, misconduct or violation of statutory provisions: Provided that no such order shall be made by the Chancellor unless the Vice-Chancellor has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken against him:

Provided further that the Chancellor shall consult the State Government also before making such order:

Provided also that the Chancellor may, at any time before making such order consult the State Government and place the Vice-Chancellor under suspension, pending enquiry.<sup>30</sup>

Registrar

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- (1) The Registrar shall be appointed by the Chancellor out of three officers of a rank or pay which is equivalent to or more than the Joint Secretary rank in the State Government and no pending disciplinary or criminal proceeding and/or not punished with a major penalty in a disciplinary proceeding or convicted in any criminal proceeding, being recommended by the State Government. In case an officer of this rank is not available in State Government, with the approval of Chancellor, State Government may seek nominations from officers of a rank which is equivalent to or more than the Joint Secretary rank in the State Government belonging to Government of India or any other State Government, having no pending disciplinary or criminal proceeding and/or not punished with a major penalty in a disciplinary proceeding or convicted in any criminal proceeding, being duly recommended by the respective Government. In such cases, State Government may form one selection committee comprising of 3 members who will recommend three names out of which one may be appointed by the Chancellor as Registrar;<sup>31</sup>
- (2) The Registrar shall, subject to the control of the Vice-Chancellor –
  - a. manage the properties and investments of the University;
  - b. remain in custody of the properties and funds of the University;
  - c. **remain in custody of the records, the common seal and other property of the University;**<sup>32</sup>
  - d. sign all contracts made on behalf of the University;
  - e. be the head of the University Office;
  - f. exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Statutes and the Regulations and as may, from time to time, be assigned to him by the Syndicate, **Senate**<sup>33</sup> and the Academic Council.
- (3) The Registrar shall generally render such assistance to the Vice- Chancellor as may be required by him in the performance of his duties.
- (4) The Registrar shall have the right to speak and otherwise take part in the proceedings at a meeting of any of the authorities of the University but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting.
- (5) The salary, allowances and other dues of the Registrar shall be paid by the concerned University.

Comptroller of  
Finance

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- (1) The Comptroller of Finance shall be appointed by the Chancellor by selecting one officer out of three officers, belonging to Odisha Finance Service,

<sup>30</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>31</sup>Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>32</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>33</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

recommended by the State Government and shall be a whole- time officer of the University;

- (2) The salary, allowances and other dues of the Comptroller of Finance shall be paid by the concerned University.
- (3) The comptroller of Finance shall, subject to the control of the Vice- chancellor-
  - a) be responsible for the proper investment of the funds of the University;
  - b) exercise general supervision of such funds;
  - c) tender advice with regard to financial transactions of the University;
  - d) be responsible for preparation and presentation of the annual financial estimates and statements of accounts for presentation by the Vice-Chancellor;
  - e) ensure that all moneys are expended for the purpose for which they are granted or allotted by the appropriate authority;
  - f) examine the statements of accounts of the constituent colleges and submit a report on such examination to the Syndicate; and
  - g) Exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed.
- (4) The Comptroller of Finance shall be responsible to the Vice-chancellor for ensuring that no expenditure outside the budget is incurred by the University otherwise than by way of investments and shall disallow any expenditure which is not permissible under the Statutes.
- (5) The Comptroller of Finance shall have the right to speak in, and otherwise take part in the proceedings **of the Senate and**<sup>34</sup> the Syndicate as and when required, and in all such cases, his advice shall be recorded in the proceedings of the Syndicate **or the Senate, as the case may be**<sup>35</sup> he shall not be entitled to vote.
- (6) The advice of the Comptroller of Finance on all financial matters shall be taken before they are given effect to and, save as provided in the provision to subsections (14) and (15) of Section (6), wherever a decision is taken to the contrary in respect of any expenditure exceeding one lakh rupees or any other higher amount as may be determined by the State Government, from time to time, it shall be reported to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

Transitional  
provision (for  
newly established  
University.)

8A

**Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act:**

- (a) **the first Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with State Government for the newly established Universities in such manner and on such conditions as prescribed and he shall hold office for such term, not exceeding three years or as may be specified by the Chancellor.**
- (b) **the first Registrar, the first Comptroller of Finance and the first Controller of Examination shall be appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with State Government for the newly established Universities in such manner and on such conditions as prescribed and each of the said officers shall hold office for a term of 3 years or as may be specified by the Chancellor.**
- (c) **The first Senate and the First Syndicate shall consist of not more than 31 members and 11 members respectively who shall be nominated by the State Government and hold office for a term of three years.**
- (d) **The first Academic Council shall consist of not more than 21 members who shall be nominated by the State Government and shall hold office for a period of three years:**

<sup>34</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>35</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024



Provided that if any vacancy occurs in the above office or authorities, the same shall be filled by appointment by the Chancellor or nomination by the State Government, as the case may be, and person so appointed or nominated shall hold office for so long as the officer or member in whose place he is appointed or nominated who have held office, if such vacancy had not occurred.<sup>36</sup>

Senate

- 9 (1) The Senate shall consist of the following members, namely:- Ex officio members:
- a) the Vice-Chancellor of the concerned University to act as Chairperson;
  - b) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department;
  - c) the representative of the Government, to the Syndicate, not below the rank of Joint Secretary;
  - d) the Director of Higher Education;
  - e) the Director of Medical Education and Training, Odisha or his representative;
  - f) the Director of Technical Education and Training, Odisha or his representative;
  - g) the concerned Regional Director of Education;
  - h) one Representative from the Odisha University of Health Sciences, to be nominated by its Vice-Chancellor;
  - i) one Representative from the Biju Patnaik University of Technology, to be nominated by its Vice-Chancellor;
  - j) the Collector of the revenue district or his representative;
  - k) the Chairperson, Odisha State Higher Education Council or the Vice Chairperson or any member duly authorised by him;
  - l) Advocate-General, Odisha or his representative;
  - m) Chairman, Post-Graduate Council of the concerned University;
  - n) Heads of all post-graduate Department of the concerned University; Other members;
  - o) three Principals or Professors of Government colleges, affiliated to the concerned University or in case of Unitary University, two Principals or Professors of any Government college, to be nominated by the Government, for each University on seniority cum rotation basis;
  - p) two members of the concerned Academic council, to be selected from among themselves;
  - q) The Member of Parliament to the Lower House in whose jurisdiction the University situates;
  - r) four members of the Odisha Legislative Assembly to be nominated by the Hon'ble speaker;
  - s) two persons to be nominated by the Chancellor;
  - t) President and Secretary of Student Union of the University;
  - u) two members from among Non-Teaching Employees of the concerned University to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
  - v) two senior teachers of affiliated Non-Government Aided College per district, to be nominated by the Government; In case of Unitary University, two teachers of any government colleges to be nominated by the Government;
  - w) three Alumni of the University to be nominated, one each by the Chancellor, State and the Syndicate;

<sup>36</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

- x) the President or Secretary of the oldest registered alumni association of University;
- y) three teachers from Under Graduate Colleges and three teachers from colleges with Post-Graduation, to be nominated by the Syndicate;
- z) seven students including a lady student and one from Scheduled Tribe or Scheduled Caste of the concerned University, to be nominated by the Syndicate, of whom one shall be from students having outstanding performance in academic pursuits, one shall be from students having outstanding performance in sports and one shall be from students having outstanding performance in performing arts and one shall be from NCC or NSS;
- (za) three eminent academicians to be nominated by the Chancellor;
- (zb) two members from industries to be nominated by the Syndicate;
- (zc) one eminent person from Skill Development Sector to be nominated by the Syndicate; and
- (zd) One eminent person of Odia diaspora staying abroad with excellent international reputation to be nominated by the Syndicate.

- (2) The term of office of the members of the Senate other than the ex-officio members shall be three years:

Provided that the term of office of student members shall be for one academic year.

- (3) The Senate shall exercise and perform the following powers and functions, namely:-

- (i) to review policies and programmes of the University and suggest measures for its improvement and development;
- (ii) to consider the annual report, annual accounts and audit report of the University and to pass resolutions thereon;
- (iii) to review the performance of the University in the field of academics and research/ human resource management or financial management or compliance to audit observation or risk and opportunity in higher education; and
- (iv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed in statute.

- (4) The Registrar shall be the Member Secretary and Convenor of the Senate. The Senate will be convened at least twice in an academic year.<sup>37</sup>

## Syndicate

10

- (1) The Syndicate shall consist of the following members namely:- Ex- officio members:

- (a) Vice-Chancellor of the concerned University;
- (b) **"the representative of Government not below the rank of Joint-Secretary"**<sup>38</sup>
- (c) Chairman, Post-Graduate Council, or its equivalent body, of the concerned University;
- (d) Head of College Development Council or its equivalent body;
- (e) Head of Students Welfare or its equivalent post;
- (f) Head of Human Resources Development Centre or its equivalent body;
- (g) Regional Director of Education of Higher Education Department;

Other members:

<sup>37</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

<sup>38</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

- (h) **two Professors of the University (one from Arts or Humanities stream and one from Science stream) to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor on seniority cum rotation basis:**  
**Provided that in case of Unitary University, for clause (h), any four Heads of remaining PG Departments of the University to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor<sup>39</sup>**
  - (i) **two members of Academic Council who are in Senate;<sup>40</sup>**
  - (j) **Four eminent persons to be nominated by the Chancellor, out of the panel of names given by the State Government;<sup>41</sup>**
  - (k) **One senior Government college Principal and one senior Aided College Principal on seniority basis to be nominated by Government;<sup>42</sup>**
  - (l) One member of the Non-Teaching staff to be nominated by the Senate;
  - (m) **Omitted.<sup>43</sup>**
  - (n) **Omitted.<sup>44</sup>**
- (2) The term of office of the members, other than ex-officio members shall be **four** years.
- (3) Subject to the provision of this Act and Statutes, the Syndicate shall perform the functions and exercise the powers, as specified hereunder namely :-
- (a) appointment of members of the Faculties and Boards of Studies and determination of the procedure to be followed in the conduct of business of the said Faculties and Boards and the quorum required at the meetings thereof;
  - (b) appointment of examiners and determination of their remuneration, duties and Powers;
  - (c) award of scholarships and prizes;
  - (d) imposition of punishments for malpractice of examinees and misconduct of students;
  - (e) control of Examinations and publication of results;
  - (f) determination of the standard of instruction and in particular whether the standard laid down by the Academic Council shall be raised or lowered to bring it in conformity with the Degrees or Examinations concerned;
  - (g) passing of the Annual Budget of the University;
  - (h) to consider the Annual Report, Annual Accounts and Audit Report of the University and to pass resolutions thereon;
  - (i) determination of the degrees and diplomas to be granted by the University;
  - (j) making proposals for the conferment of honorary degrees, subject to the approval of the Chancellor;
  - (k) withdrawal of degree on the recommendation of the Academic Council;
  - (l) making proposals for research and for advancement and dissemination of knowledge;
  - (m) management of funds, properties of the University and sanctioning the budget of the University;
  - (n) declaring a college, an institution or a department as autonomous

<sup>39</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>40</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>41</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>42</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>43</sup> Omitted vide by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>44</sup> Omitted vide by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

college, autonomous institution or autonomous department, as the case may be;

- (o) framing of new or additional statutes or amendment or repeal of the Statutes as provided in sub-section (4) of section 24;
- (p) to review policies and programmes of the University and suggest measures for its improvement and development.
- (q) exercise the powers of the University not otherwise provided for.

(4) the Syndicate may delegate such of its functions and powers to the Vice-Chancellor as it deems necessary.

#### Academic Council

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(1) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:- Ex-officio Members:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor of the concerned University;
- (b) the Director;
- (c) the Director of the Medical Education and Training;
- (d) Omitted<sup>45</sup>
- (e) the Director, Correspondence Course, wherever the faculty exists;
- (f) Omitted<sup>46</sup>
- (g) the Chairman, Post Graduate Council of the concerned University;

Other Members:

- (h) all the heads of Departments of the Post Graduate and under Graduate subjects of the concerned University and the constituent colleges of the concerned University including the Principals of the constituent colleges;
- (i) ten heads of Departments of the Post Graduate subjects of affiliated colleges, not below the rank of Associate Professor/Reader, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;
- (j) Principals of not more than one-third the number of affiliated colleges of the University, subject to a maximum of twenty, as may be nominated by the Chancellor keeping in view the representation of the Districts, institutions for women, minorities, professional subjects and Post Graduate Studies and the Non-Government Colleges;

**(j-1) three Researchers and three industry representatives to be nominated by the Chancellor:"<sup>47</sup>**

- (k) two persons of Academic eminence nominated by the Chancellor;
- (l) not more than ten teachers of Colleges within the jurisdiction of the concerned University as may be co-opted as members by the Academic Council so as to secure such representation of different branches of learning as such Council may consider adequate;
- (m) Librarian of the concerned University;
- (n) the officer-in-charge of students welfare of the concerned University. Provided that in respect of Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishvavidyalaya the ex-officio members specified in clause (c) shall not be taken as ex-officio members.

Provided further that nothing in clauses (i), (j) and (l) shall apply to a University.

(2) The term of office of the members referred in clauses (j), (k) and (l) of sub-

<sup>45</sup> Omitted vide by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2020

<sup>46</sup> Omitted vide by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2020

<sup>47</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

**Powers of the  
Academic Council**

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section (I) shall be four years.

- (1) The Academic Council shall, subject to provisions of this Act and Statutes, have power to make Regulations relating to all matters which by such Act or the Statutes may be provided by Regulations besides prescribing therein courses of studies and curricula, shall have general control of teaching in the Colleges within the jurisdiction of the concerned University and shall be responsible for the maintenance of standards of instruction.
- (2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers, the Academic Council shall have power:-
  - (a) **to advise the syndicate on all academic matter including system of imparting education through any means of communication such as seminars, broadcasting, telecasting, internet, correspondence courses, contact programs or the combination of any two or more such means;" and<sup>48</sup>**
  - (b) to determine the standard of proficiency to be required for ordinary degrees;
  - (c) to determine whether any new subject of instruction shall be included in the curriculum of any college or whether any subject shall be omitted there from;
  - (d) to formulate, modify or revise schemes for the constitution or reconstitution of departments of teaching;
  - (e) to make regulations relating to courses, examinations and the conditions subject to which students shall be admitted to examinations for degrees of the University;
  - (f) to call for reports from persons engaged in research and to make recommendations to the Syndicate thereon;
  - (g) to control and manage the University Library or Libraries, to frame regulations regarding its or their use and to appoint a Library Committee or Committees;
  - (h) to make Regulations for encouragement of co-operation and reciprocity among the colleges with a view to promoting uniformity of standards in academic life and pursuit;
  - (i) to recognise on such conditions, as may be prescribed, the degrees, diplomas and certificates granted by other Universities and Institutions of higher learning and accord such recognition on reciprocal basis wherever applicable;
  - (j) to recommend to the Syndicate for withdrawal of a degree conferred on any person; and
  - (k) to define the conditions under which exemption relating to admission of students to examinations may be given.
  - (l) **to recommend to the syndicate for acquiring NAAC, NBA, NIRF ranking or any other ranking by the University and its constituent colleges and affiliated colleges.<sup>49</sup>**

**Finance Committee**

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**Finance Committee**

- (1) **The composition of the Finance committee shall be-**

**Ex-officio members:**

- (a) **the Vice Chancellor - Chairperson;**
- (b) **the Representative of Finance Department not below the rank of**

<sup>48</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

<sup>49</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

**Deputy Secretary;**

- (c) the Representative of General Administration and Public Grievance Department not below the rank of Deputy Secretary;
  - (d) the Secretary to Government in Higher Education Department or any officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary nominated by him;
  - (e) The Representative of Law Department not below the rank of Deputy Secretary;
  - (f) the Registrar;
  - (g) the Comptroller of Finance - shall be the Member Secretary Other members;
  - (h) Three members to be nominated by the Syndicate out of whom at least one shall be member of syndicate; and
  - (i) one person to be nominated by the Senate.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall preside over all the meetings and in his absence, the members present shall elect a chairperson to preside over such meetings;
  - (3) The quorum of the meeting shall consist of five members out of which one member specified at clause (b) and (e) is a must be present.
  - (4) All members of Finance Committee, other than the ex-officio members, shall hold office for a period of three years.
  - (5) The Finance Committee shall primarily ensure that the general system of financial management in the University is made as per the provisions contained in the General Financial Rules or any other provision of the State Government in this regard and the Delegation of Financial Power Rules of the State or other relevant provisions of the Government in this regard in the State for all the funds of the University.
  - (6) The Finance Committee shall meet at least four times in an academic year (at least twice each semester) to examine the accounts, all issues related to Legal matters, scrutinize the proposals for expenditure, audit, all human resource management issues having financial impact and those items which have not been included in the budget.
  - (7) All the audit reports of the University and their compliances shall be assessed by the Finance Committee and furnish their recommendation to the Syndicate.
  - (8) All the proceedings of the Finance Committee, annual accounts, financial estimates, views on audit reports and compliances prepared by the Finance Committee shall be placed before the syndicate for consideration and approval.
  - (9) The Finance Committee shall recommend limits for the total recurring expenditure and the total non-recurring expenditure for the year, based on the income and resources of the University.<sup>50</sup>
- Building and works committee**      **13-A**
- (1) The composition of the Building and works committee shall be,- Ex -officio members:
    - (a) The Vice Chancellor - Chairperson;
    - (b) the representative of Government to Syndicate;
    - (c) the Registrar Member Secretary;
    - (d) the Comptroller of Finance;**Other members:**
    - (e) Two Professors or Associate Professors of the University to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

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<sup>50</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

- (f) Two members to be nominated by the Syndicate out of whom at least one shall be a member of syndicate;
  - (g) Superintending Engineer (Civil) of Public Works Department (PWD) of respective territorial jurisdiction; and
  - (h) Superintending Engineer (General Electrical Division) Public Works Department (PWD) of respective territorial jurisdiction.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall preside over all the meetings and in his absence, the members present shall elect a chairperson to preside over such meetings;
  - (3) Half of the members of the Building and Works Committee shall form the quorum for holding the meeting.
  - (4) The Building and Works Committee shall primarily ensure that appropriate infrastructure in all respect such as construction of adequate buildings for academic and research purpose, disable friendly buildings, hostels especially Girls' hostels or foreign students, laboratories, Centre of Excellence, Playground, stadium, etc.
  - (5) The Building and Works Committee of the University may, after thorough examination, properly prioritise and recommend the specific project to be stated along with their costs and quarterly/yearly requirement of funds till completions.
  - (6) After Building and Works Committee recommendations, the University may place the proposal for the specific building project before the Finance Committee for its approval. After Finance Committee approval, the University may place the same before the Syndicate for its Approval. Then this Proposal may be forwarded to State Government for consideration and funding.
  - (7) The Building and Works Committee shall meet at least four times in an academic year (at least twice in each semester) to review the review and examine the requirement of the infrastructure and progress of works taken up by the University.<sup>51</sup>

**Membership to cease if the person ceases to hold the office by virtue of which he became a member.**

**14**

Any person who has become a member of any of the authorities of a University by the process of nomination. Election or selection shall, on ceasing to hold the office or on ceasing to hold membership of the association or body, as the case may be, by virtue of which he was nominated, elected or selected, cease to hold office as such member.

**Suspension of any member by Chancellor**

**15**

- (1) The Chancellor, shall have the power to suspend any member other than an ex-officio member of any authority of a University **and members of the Odisha Legislative Assembly elected to the Senate**<sup>52</sup> for the whole or part of the remaining portion of the term, if after enquiry he is satisfied that such member has committed serious misconduct and further continuance of such member in such authority is detrimental to the interest of the University:  
Provided that no suspension order member an opportunity of being heard.
- (2) If a member of any authority or body of a University is charge sheeted criminally on charges of corruption or moral turpitude, the Chancellor may, if he is satisfied that the continuance of such a member will be detrimental to the interest of the University place such member under suspension till the final disposal of the case ending in his acquittal in the court of law or till the end of the term of such member, whichever is earlier.

<sup>51</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

<sup>52</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

<b>Filling of casual vacancies</b>	<b>16</b>	All vacancies arising by reason of death or otherwise among the members of any of the authorities of the University who were nominated, elected or selected shall be filled up as soon as convenient may be, by nomination, election or selection, as the case may be, and person so nominated, elected or selected shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of his predecessor in office.
<b>Proceedings of University and bodies not invalidated by vacancies etc.</b>	<b>17</b>	<p>No act or proceeding of any authority, committee or body of a University shall be invalid merely by reason of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) existence of any vacancy in , or</li> <li>(b) any defect in the nomination, selection, election or appointment of a person acting as member thereto, or</li> <li>(c) any irregularity in its procedure not affecting the merits of the case.</li> </ul>
<b>Admission of Educational institutions as Colleges.</b>	<b>18</b>	<p>(1) No educational institution shall be admitted as college, unless the following conditions are complied with, namely :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it is a college recognised by Government as such imparting higher education.</li> <li>(b) concurrence of Government to the proposal has been obtained;</li> <li>(c) the institution has appointed teachers with qualifications prescribed by the University Grants Commission or the State Government, as the case may be;</li> <li>(d) the institution has buildings, library, laboratory and other infrastructure required for imparting education;</li> <li>(e) the admission of the institution as a college has, on an application made in that behalf been approved by the Syndicate; and</li> <li>(f) all provisions of the Statutes relating to admission of educational institutions as colleges have been fully complied with;</li> </ul> <p>Provided that in case the institution has substantially complied with the provisions of the Statutes, it can be admitted provisionally as a college for one academic session at a time for a maximum period of two academic sessions.</p> <p>(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub section (1) any educational institution, which is considered to be devoted to higher field of research, may be admitted to such privileges of the University as it may determine from time to time.</p>
<b>Exclusion of Colleges from privileges of University.</b>	<b>19</b>	<p>(1) Any two members of the Syndicate or the Director may bring forward a proposal in the Syndicate that a college be deprived, either in whole or in part, or its privileges.</p> <p>(2) The Syndicate shall cause an inquiry into the defects of the college pointed out in the aforesaid proposal with due notice to the Governing Body of the college and shall allow a period of two months to the college to rectify the defects mentioned in the notice.</p> <p>(3) In case the Governing Body of the college fails to rectify the defects during the aforesaid period the Syndicate may decide to deprive the college, either in whole or in part, of its privileges and shall submit a copy of its proceedings along with a copy of the enquiry report with objections filed by the Governing Body,</p>



if any, to the Chancellor, who shall have power to rescind or modify the order of the Syndicate.

**Termination of privileges granted by other Universities to Educational Institutions.**

- 20** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other law for the time being in force no educational institution in the area within the jurisdiction of any University, except institutions under the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology established under the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology Act, 1965, and the institution called the National Law School of India University established under the National Law School of India Act, 1986, and shall, after the commencement of this Act, be associated in any way with or seek admission to any privilege of any other University and any such privilege granted by any such other University to any educational institution in the aforesaid area prior to the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been withdrawn on the commencement of this Act:

Provided that any educational institution which, in accordance with the provisions of this section, has been deprived of such privilege shall, notwithstanding anything contained in Section 18, be deemed to have been granted like privilege by the University within whose jurisdiction the institution is situated.

**Appointment of teachers of the University.**

- 21** (1) **On and from the commencement of the Odisha Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2024, but subject to the provisions hereafter provided, the direct recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor and other academic staff in the University shall be, on the basis of merit through an all India advertisement, followed by a duly constituted selection committee as provided hereunder and following UGC Regulations issued from time to time, on minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in Universities and Colleges and measures for maintenance of standards in Higher Education and in the manner as provided under this Act.**
- (2) **Unless otherwise provided in this Act and not contrary to the UGC Regulations as provided, all teachers and other academic staff of the University, as prescribed by UGC, shall be appointed by the Syndicate which is the Appointing Authority, in the manner prescribed below;"**
- (3) **(a) For such appointment of teachers in the University, there shall be a selection committee which shall consist of the following members as per the relevant UGC Regulations, along with other members namely:-**
- (i) Vice-Chancellor or his nominee as Chairperson.**
  - (ii) One academician not below the rank of Professor nominated by the Chancellor;**
  - (iii) three subject experts selected by the Vice-Chancellor out of the panel of names, recommended by the syndicate;**
  - (iv) Dean of the Faculty or Head of the Department as applicable; and**
  - (v) One academician from SC/ST/OBC/Women/Minority/PWD as per the candidate present, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, if any, of the selection committee members does not belong to that category;**
- (b) Four members shall constitute quorum, in which two subject experts members and one academician nominated by the Chancellor is a must.**

- (4) The University, considering the existing and anticipated vacancy of succeeding year, of faculty of the University shall make advertisement of the vacancies through the Registrar as and when required and at least once in a year and invites applications in physical mode and online mode on a digital platform developed for this purpose, from candidates, by way of advertisement in three widely circulated national daily and in three widely circulated local language newspapers as well as in the University website with copy to office of the Chancellor and the Government.
- (5)
- (a) Any four members of the concerned school or department or internal quality assurance cell of the concerned department of the University or any other person assigned by the Vice-Chancellor along with Registrar shall scrutinize the applications and shortlist eligible candidates for examination and/or interview, the details of which will be shared with each candidate and will be published in the website.
  - (b) The selection committee thereafter will proceed with the examination and/or interview, following the UGC Regulations in force, for selection of candidates for appointment as faculties and other academic staff, as the case may be, from among the shortlisted candidates;
  - (c) All the members of the Selection Committee are required to furnish a declaration that none of the candidates for whom they have conducted examination and/or interview are related to him in any manner or else the concerned Selection Committee member shall recuse himself.
- (6) The selection committee soon after completion of the examination and or the interview shall finalize the merit list of the candidates giving due importance to the reservation principle for all categories candidates as per the prevailing law in force and handover the merit list to the Vice- Chancellor for final acceptance by the syndicate on satisfaction.
- (7) The Vice-Chancellor, shall place the final merit list in order of merit along with relevant records to the syndicate preferably, within a month for approval. After approval by the Syndicate on satisfaction, the same shall be published in order of merit in the website of the University and the website developed for this purpose:  
 Provided that if the Syndicate is unable to accept the recommendations made by the Selection Committee, it shall record its reasons and submit the case to the Chancellor for final orders whose decision thereon shall be final"
- (8) The final merit list will remain valid for a period of one year or till initiation of next selection process of teachers and other academic staff, whichever is earlier.
- (9) The Registrar will render all necessary assistance in the selection process of teachers of the University, to the Vice-Chancellor and all the records relating to the selection process will remain in his/her custody for all future reference.

- (10) For the purpose of maintenance of transparency and fairness in the selection process of teaching faculty in the Universities, the Chancellor may issue necessary guideline, in a manner as prescribed, from time to time.
- (11) On and from the commencement of the Odisha Universities (Amendment) Act, 2024, the probation, confirmation, promotion under career advancement scheme of all the continuing teachers and other academic staff as well as of the newly appointed shall be as per the relevant UGC Regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in Universities and colleges and other measures for the maintenance of standards in higher education and the State guidelines, issued in this regard from time-to-time.

**Appointment of  
Non- Teaching  
Employees of the  
University**

**21-A**

- (1) On and from the dote of commencement of the Odisha Universities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020, the direct recruitment to all non-teaching posts of the Universities, shall be made on the recommendation of the State Selection Board which shall conduct examination or examination and interview, as the case may be, for such posts in such manners ds may be prescribed;  
Provided that, on valid grounds, the Chancellor may exempt selection of any class of non-teaching employees from this provision and may authorize the University to undertake the selection by itself through q selection committee comprising of the Registrar, a representative of Higher Education Department, one Syndicate member selected by the Syndicate and wherever necessary, two experts to be appointed by the Vice- Chancellor.
- (2) The Registrar of the concerned University shall, ordinarily, by the last date of December every year, make a requisition to the State Selection Board the number of vacancies in the post of non-teaching category for direct recruitment including anticipated vacancies of the next calendar year indicating number of posts reserved for different reserved category candidates in accordance with the provisions of relevant Acts or Rules, Orders, Resolutions or instructions issued, from time to time, by the State Government and such other information, as prescribed and, if any, as may be required by the State Selection Board.
- (3) All non-teaching employees of the university shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the State Selection Board.
- (4) The State Selection Board shall be competent to conduct common selection test for the vacancies of some category posts of all universities upon receipt of requisition from the Registrars of all university by the last date of December.
- (5) On the basis of result of such examination or examination and interview, as the case may be, the State Selection Board shall prepare and forward the merit list of candidates for existing and anticipated vacancies to the Vice-Chancellor of concerned university which shall be equal to number of vacancies communicated by the Registrar of such University.

**Provided that where the merit list is prepared by the State Selection Board on the basis of the common selection test, the names of selected candidates shall be forwarded to the university according to choice of posting exercised by the selected candidates which shall be honoured as per descending order in the merit list and the Selection Board shall recommend names to university concerned accordingly.<sup>53</sup>**

<b>Creation of Post</b>	<b>22</b>	The State Government shall create all posts of officers, teachers and other employees of o University and shall also determine the scales of pay, allowances and service conditions attached to each such post.
<b>Audit of Accounts</b>	<b>23</b>	<p>(1) The accounts of the University shall at least once in every year and at intervals of not more than fifteen months, be audited in accordance with the provisions of the Odisha Local Fund Audit Act, 1948, and the provisions of that Act shall apply to such audit.</p> <p><b>“Provided further that all amounts received/ generated by the University shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.”<sup>54</sup></b></p> <p><b>(1-a) A copy of the annual accounts together with the audit report thereon and its compliance shall be submitted to the Chancellor, Senate along with the observation of the Syndicate.</b></p> <p><b>'Provided that in case it is observed that the action of the officiating or of any former Vice- Chancellor has caused pecuniary loss to the University and/ or to the State Government then the Chancellor, by order in writing, direct the University to take action for recovery of pecuniary loss from the concerned Vice-Chancellor or former Vice-Chancellor after giving due opportunity of being heard, following provisions of OPDR Act as land revenue.</b></p> <p><b>(1-b) A copy of the annual accounts together with the audit report, as submitted to the Chancellor, shall also be submitted to the State Government, which shall, as soon as may be, cause the same to be laid before the Odisha Legislative Assembly for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one or more sessions. Appropriate matters relating to audit compliance may be placed before the Public Accounts committee of the Odisha Legislative Assembly as deemed proper.”<sup>55</sup></b></p> <p>(2) <b>The University shall, within thirty days of audit reports from Local Fund Audit or Comptroller and Auditor General shall render necessary compliance to all quarters and all the audit reports along with the compliances shall be displayed in the website of the University for three years for information of all concerned.</b> <sup>56</sup></p> <p>(3) The State Government shall have power to conduct special audit if required in respect of utilisation of funds granted by the Government to a University and such University shall comply with the directions issued by the Government on</p>

<sup>53</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>54</sup> Added by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>55</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

<sup>56</sup> Substituted by O.U. (Amendment) Act,2024

such audit report.

- (4) **The University shall make necessary provision for pre-audit, internal audit of its funds from empanelled audit firms. The State Government shall have power to engage the empanelled audit firms for the purpose, if the University fails to do so and the cost for the same will be borne by the University concerned.** <sup>57</sup>

## Statutes

24

- (1) Subject to the provision of this Act, the Statutes: -

(i) shall provide for the following matters, namely :-

- (a) the procedure to be followed for the election, selection of nomination of members of the different authorities of the University;
- (b) omitted
- (c) the extent of autonomy which a College, and institution or a department may have and the matter in relation to which such autonomy may be exercised;
- (d) the procedure to be followed at the meetings of the authorities of the University and the quorum required therefor; and

(ii) may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely :-

- (a) the constitution, powers and duties of the Faculties, Boards of Studies, Finance Committee or such other authorities or bodies as the University may, from time to time, deem necessary to appoint;
- (b) the Constitution and functions of Governing Bodies of Colleges;
- (c) the admission of Educational institutions as Colleges and the withdrawal of privileges of Colleges so admitted;
- (d) the residential arrangements for students of the University;
- (e) the mode of appointment and duties of examiners;
- (f) the conferment and withdrawal by the University of Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other Academic distinctions;
- (g) the general discipline and control of the University;
- (h) the accounts to be kept and the use to be made of the funds of the University;
- (i) manner of recruitment of officers excluding the Vice-Chancellor, teachers and other employees and conditions of their services;
- (j) powers and duties of the officers, teachers and other employees of the University;
- (k) rules to regulate the conduct of University employees;
- (l) inspection of affiliated colleges;
- (m) special arrangements for Women, the Scheduled Castes

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<sup>57</sup> Inserted by O.U. (Amendment) Act, 2024

and the Scheduled Tribes;

(n) any other matter which is required to be or may be prescribed;

(2) In relation to matters not provided for in the Statutes, the corresponding rules, if any, of the State Government shall mutatis Mutandis apply to the University.

(3) The first Statutes shall be framed by the State Government.

(4) Subject to the provisions contained in sub-sections (5), (5) and (7) the Syndicate may, from time to time, make new or additional Statutes or may amend or repeal the Statutes.

(5) The Syndicate may, from time to time, make any proposals for new Statutes or for the amendment or repeal of any of the existing Statutes to the Chancellor.

Provided that in academic matters or matters relating to teachers or students, the Syndicate shall consult the Academic Council before making any such proposal.

(6) On receipt of a proposal under sub-section (5), the Chancellor in consultation with the State Government, may either disallow it or allow it with or without modification.

(7) No Statute or addition to the Statutes or amendment or repeal of the Statutes made by the Syndicate shall have validity until it is allowed by the Chancellor.

(8)

(i) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (a), (5), (6) and (7) the State Government may, from time to time, propose addition of new Statutes, or amendment or repeal of an existing statute.

(ii) Every such proposal shall be made to the Chancellor.

## Regulations

25

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and Statutes, the Academic Council may make Regulations providing for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

(a) encouragement of co-operation and reciprocity among the Colleges of the concerned University;

(b) admission of students to the University and prescribing the examinations to be recognised as equivalent to the examinations held by the University;

(c) University courses and examinations and the conditions subject to which students of Colleges shall be admitted to examinations for the degrees and diplomas of the University keeping in view the uniformity and parity in syllabi and academic standards up to the degree stage in all the Universities;

(d) granting of exemptions relating to the admission of students to examinations;

(e) management of the libraries of the University; (f) constitution of departments of teaching; (g) welfare of students of the affiliated institutions.

(2) Regulations so made shall come into force on such date as the Academic Council may specify in that behalf;

(3) Provided that the concerned Vice-Chancellor may, if in his opinion it is

necessary so to do, give immediate effect to any such Regulation.

<b>General Fund of the University</b>	<b>26</b>	<p>The University shall have a fund called the General Fund to which shall be credited :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it's income from fees, endowments and grants, if any; and</li> <li>(b) Contributions which may be made by the State Government on such conditions as they may impose, towards the development of laboratories, libraries, museums and workshops; salaries of such teachers of the University as are appointed for research work and towards the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in particular branches of learning.</li> </ul>
<b>Foundation Fund</b>	<b>27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The University shall have a fund called the Foundation Fund.</li> <li>(2) The Foundation Fund shall consist of :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any contributions to the Fund which may be made by the State Government, any local authority or other public body or by any other Government or person; and</li> <li>(b) any contribution to the Fund which may be made by the Concerned University</li> </ul> </li> <li>(3) The Foundation Fund shall be invested in securities, issued or guaranteed by the Central Government or by any State Government, and such Government shall not be varied without the consent of the Chancellor;</li> <li>(4) The corpus of the Foundation Fund shall be kept intact but the interest thereon may be utilised for the purposes of the concerned University laid down in the Statutes.</li> </ul>
<b>Constitution of other Funds</b>	<b>28</b>	<p>The University shall have such other funds and maintain such accounts as the Syndicate thereof may determine.</p>
<b>Removal from Membership and Withholding of Degrees</b>	<b>29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The Syndicate may remove any person from membership of any of the authorities or other bodies of such University if he has been convicted by a Court of Law of an offence involving moral turpitude or may on the recommendation of the Academic Council withdraw the degree, diploma or mark of honour conferred on or granted to such person by the University for such period as it considers proper if he has been guilty of gross misconduct.</li> <li>(2) The Syndicate may in the case of any student for any of the reasons specified in sub-section (1)- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) remove his name from the Register of University students; or</li> <li>(b) withhold his degrees, diplomas or marks of honour for such period not exceeding two years as it may fix ;</li> </ul> <p>Provided that in the case of conviction in a court of law for an offence involving moral turpitude the period of such withholding may exceed two years.</p> </li> <li>(3) No degree, diploma or mark of honour shall be withdrawn or withheld and no name shall be removed from the register of University students under sub-section (1) or (2) without giving the person concerned a reasonable opportunity of being heard.</li> <li>(4) Any person aggrieved by an order under sub-section (1) or sub- section (2) may, within thirty days of the communication of the order, prefer an appeal before</li> </ul>

the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final.

- (5) The Syndicate may, on sufficient cause shown in that behalf, restore or confer the degrees, diplomas or. Marks of honour withdrawn or withheld as the case may be or direct re-entry of the name of the student removed from the register of University students :

Provided that no degree, diploma or mark of honour shall be restored, conferred or re-entered in the register of University students unless the proposal is accepted by not less than two-third of the members of the Syndicate.

- (6) A member of any of the authorities of the University other than an *ex-officio* member, shall be deemed to have vacated his office-

- (a) on resignation in writing addressed to the Vice-Chancellor; or
- (b) if he absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the authority of which he is a member; or
- (c) if he acquires directly or indirectly by himself or by any other persons any pecuniary interest in any contract or employment in or on behalf of the University or becomes an officer in any company registered under the Companies Act, 1959, which has any such interest and if the Chancellor, in consultation with the concerned Syndicate, considers that on the grounds aforesaid the membership shall be terminated;

Provided that the concerned Vice-Chancellor may, for good and sufficient reasons, exempt any member from the operation of clause (b):

- (7) Provided further that the provisions of clause (c) shall not apply to the teachers and employees of the concerned University and its constituent and affiliated colleges.

#### **Disqualification**

**30**

A person shall be disqualified for election, nomination or selection as member of any of the authorities of a University, if he :-

- (a) is, at the date of election, nomination or selection, of unsound mind or deaf mute; or
- (b) is an uncertified bankrupt or undischarged insolvent; or
- (c) has been convicted of and sentence by a criminal court to imprisonment for an offence involving moral turpitude ; or
- (d) is being elected, nominated or selected consecutively for a second term.

Explanation:- For the purpose of this clause the expression "term" shall include "part of a term"

#### **Supersession of authorities and taking over management**

**31**

- (1) If the State Government, after making such enquiry as they deem fit, are satisfied that the management of any University has not been or cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of this Act or that there has been such default in the performance of its duties by any of the authorities of such University that the administration of such University is not likely to promote its objective, they may, after consultation with the Chancellor, by an order notified in the Gazette (hereinafter referred to is the "notified order") take over the management of the affairs of such University and appoint an officer to be the Administrator for such University.

- (2) The notified order shall remain in force for such period, not exceeding one year, as the State Government may specify therein.

- (3) A copy of every notified order shall, as soon as may be after it is issued, be laid before the State Legislature.

- (4) Upon issue of the notified order sub-section (1):-



- (a) the authorities of the concerned University shall be deemed to have been superseded and the members thereof holding office immediately before the issue of the notified order shall be deemed to have vacated their offices as such;
  - (b) the concerned Vice- Chancellor shall be deemed to have vacated his office as such ;
  - (c) the powers and functions of the authorities and the Vice-Chancellor shall, during the operation of the notified order, be exercised and performed by the Administrator;
  - (d) the Administrator shall for the purpose of signing the Diplomas granted by such University, be designated as the Vice-Chancellor thereof;
  - (e) every person ceasing to hold office as aforesaid and having possession; custody or control of any property of, or any books, documents of other papers relating to such University shall deliver the property, books, documents and other papers to the Administrator or to such person as may be authorised by the Administrator in this behalf;
  - (f) The State Government may take all necessary steps for securing possession of the properties, books, documents and other papers as aforesaid.
- (5) No person, who ceases to hold office by reason of the issue of a notified order, shall be entitled to any compensation for the loss of office.
- (6) The Administrator shall take all necessary steps for the reconstitution of the authorities and for the appointment of the Vice-chancellor so that the members of the said authorities and the Vice-Chancellor can assume office upon the expiry of the notified order:
- Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in any other provision of this Act; the State Government may, in consultation with the chancellor, appoint the officer acting as the Administrator to be the Vice- Chancellor of the concerned University with effect from the date of expiry of the notified order for such term not exceeding three years as they may fix.
- (7) All elections, selections and nominations for the purpose of reconstitution of the said authorities shall be held in advance in accordance with the provisions of this Act and Statutes and all persons who are to take part at any such election selection or nomination by virtue of holding office as member of any authority shall notwithstanding the fact that they have not assumed such office, be eligible to take such part.

**Alteration of jurisdiction of Universities and establishment of new Universities.**

- 32**
- (1) The State Government may, by notification-
    - (a) alter the territorial jurisdiction of any University;
    - (b) establish one or more new Universities by altering the territorial jurisdiction of all or any of the existing Universities; or
    - (c) Change the name of any University.
  - (2) The alteration of jurisdiction, establishment of any new University or Change in the name of any existing University made under sub-section (1) shall take

effect on and from such date as may be appointed in the aforesaid notification (hereinafter referred to as the appointed date),

(3) The State Government may, where the circumstances so require, by general or special order, provide for all or any of the following matters arising out of or in relation to the alteration of jurisdiction, establishment of a new University or change of name made under sub-section (1)-

- (a) cessation of the term of office of the Vice-Chancellor and Members of Authorities, Committees and other Bodies of the concerned University or Universities, as the case may be, who were holding office as such immediately prior to the appointed date;
- (b) reorganisation or reconstitution of the authorities, committees and other bodies of the concerned University or Universities, as the case may be ;
- (c) administration of the affairs of the concerned Universities, University or, as the case may be, till the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor and constitution or reconstitution of the authorities, committees and other bodies thereof;
- (d) constitution or reconstitution of the authorities, committees and other bodies of the University or Universities, as the case may be ;
- (e) amalgamation, allocation, utilisation or apportionment of assets and liabilities;
- (f) absorption of the officers and employees of the University or Universities affected by the notification issued under sub-section (1);
- (g) any matter necessary, ancillary or incidental to such alteration, establishment or change in name for which this Act and the Statutes make no provision or make insufficient provision and provisions in that behalf are necessary in the opinion of the State Government.

(4) Every notification made under sub-section (1) shall, as soon as may be after it is made, be laid before the State Legislature.

(5) where as a result of an order made under sub-section (3), it is necessary to appoint a Vice-Chancellor or to reconstitute or constitute an authority, a committee or body, such appointment, reconstitution, or constitution as the case may be, shall be made within one year from the appointed date.

## Repeal and Savings

**33**

(1) The Utkal University Act, 1966, the Berhampur University Act, 1966, the Sambalpur University Act, 1966, Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya Act, 1-981, (hereinafter referred to as the said Acts) and the Odisha Universities Ordinance, 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the Ordinance) are hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal :-

- (a) The Authorities constituted officers, teachers and other employees appointed, notifications issued including notification for appointment of Administrator, orders made, action taken, things done or contracts entered into under the said Acts or the Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been constituted, appointed, issued, made, taken, done or entered into under this Act.
- (b) authorities, which shall not include an Administrator, continuing in office

under the said Acts, immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to hold office for a period of one year from the date of commencement of this Act or until they are constituted in accordance with the provisions of this Act, whichever is earlier;

- (c) any person holding office as Vice-chancellor under the said Acts shall be deemed to be the Vice-chancellor appointed under this Act, and shall, subject to the other provisions of this Act, continue to hold office till he is replaced by another Vice-chancellor, appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (d) Statutes and Regulations made under the said Acts or the ordinance shall in so far as they are not Inconsistent with this Act, be deemed to have been made under this Act and shall continue in force until new provisions are made under this Act.

The Ravenshaw University Act, 2005 is hereby repealed.

Notwithstanding the repeal under sub-section (1), the provisions contained in subsection (2) of Section 33 of the Odisha Universities Act' 1989 shall apply mutates mutandis to the said repeal.

**Removal of doubts  
and difficulties.**

**34**

If any doubt or difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act the State Government may, as occasions may require, by order, do anything not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or the Statutes, which appears to them necessary for the purpose of removing the doubt or difficulty:

Provided that no order shall be issued under this section after the expiration of a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act.

**Schedule**  
**Sub-section (6) of Section 3**

<b>Universities with territorial jurisdiction</b>		
<b>Sl No.</b>	<b>Name of the University with date of establishment</b>	<b>Territorial Jurisdiction</b>
1.	Utkal University, Bhubaneswar (27.11.1943)	1-Angul (Excluding colleges under Athamallick sub-division), 2- Cuttack, 3- Dhenkanal, 4- Kendrapara, 5- Jagatsinghpur, 6-Jajpur, 7- Nayagarh, 8- Puri, 9- Khurdha
2.	Sambalpur University, Sambalpur (01.01.1967)	1-Angul (Colleges of Athamallick Subdivision only). 2- Baragarh, 3- Boudh, 4- Deogarh, 5- Jharsuguda, 6-Sambalpur, 7- Sundargarh
3	Berhampur University, Berhampur (02.01.1967)	1-Ganjam, 2- Gajapati, 3-Kandhamal
4	Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Visvavidyalaya, Puri (07.07.1981)	Sanskrit Colleges only Whole of Odisha
5	Fakir Mohan University, Balasore (03.07.1999)	1-Balasore, 2- Bhadrak
6	Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University, Baripada (13.07.1998)	Mayurbhanj
7	Ravenshaw University, Cuttack (15.11.2006)	(Unitary)
8	Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur (30.05.2015)	Unitary University
9	Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar (30.05.2015)	1-Anugul, 2- Cuttack, 3- Dhenkanal, 4- Kendrapara, 5- Jagatsinghpur, 6- Jajpur, 7- Nayagarh, 8- Puri, 9- Khurdha (Only Women's Colleges under this districts only)
10	Maa Manikeshwari University, Bhawanipatna, Kalahandi (01.09.2020)	1-Kalahandi, 2- Nuapada
11	Rajendra University, Bolangir (01.09.2020)	1-Bolangir, 2- Sonapur

12	Madhusudan Law University, Cuttack (28.04.2021)	All Law Colleges except constituent law colleges
13	Khallikote Unitary University, Berhampur (01.08.2021)	Unitary University
14	Vikram Dev University, Jeypore (01.06.2023)	1- Koraput, 2-Rayagada, 3-Nawarangpur, 4-Malkangiri
15	Dharanidhar University, Keonjhar (01.06.2023)	Keonjhar

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