

MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION)

(ICR DIVISION)

New Delhi, the 8th May, 2018

No.F.9-7/2017-U.3 (A).—**Whereas**, the Central Government is empowered under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 to declare, on the advice of the UGC, an Institution of higher learning as a Deemed to be University;

2. **And whereas**, an application was received on 22.09.2017 for grant of Deemed to be University status (under de novo category) to Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), Jadavpur, Calcutta, West Bengal under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956;

3. **And whereas**, the application was forwarded to UGC for advice as per the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

4. **And whereas**, UGC constituted an Expert Committee to recommend whether the application of Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), Jadavpur, Calcutta, West Bengal may be considered under de-novo category. The Committee was of the view that *“IACS, Jadavpur, Kolkata (West Bengal) is found to be an Institution with focus on teaching and research in unique and ‘emerging areas of knowledge’ not being pursued by existing institutions. As such, the Institute fulfils the basic criteria of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 for de-novo category Institution”*.

5. **And further whereas**, as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016, UGC constituted another Expert Committee for on the site inspection for verification of infrastructure and other facilities available with the Institute. The Committee visited the Institute from 26-27th December, 2017 and submitted its report before the Commission. The Commission considered the report of its Expert Committee in 529th meeting (Item No.2.08) held on 08.02.2018. The Commission resolved the following:

“Considered and approved under De-novo category. However, it was resolved that the Institute should not keep confined only to these 5 new emerging areas. It should make endeavour to expand in other areas in accordance with the UGC Regulations / Guidelines on the subject.”

6. **Now, therefore**, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the advice of the UGC, hereby declare Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), Jadavpur, Calcutta, West Bengal, as an Institution deemed to be University under de-novo category for a provisional period of five years with effect from disaffiliation of IACS from its affiliating Universities. The status of Deemed to be University shall be confirmed after five years based on the review report of UGC Expert Committee and the recommendation of the Commission, as per the provisions of the prevailing Regulations.

7. The declaration as made in Para 6 above is further subject to fulfilment of the conditions mentioned at Sr. No.4 of the endorsement to this notification;

SANJAY KUMAR SINHA, Joint Secretary