

The University of Nalanda Bill 2007

A BILL

A Bill to establish University of Nalanda in the State of Bihar.

Preamble.- WHEREAS the President of India while addressing the joint session of the Bihar Vidhan Mandal (2006) stressed the need for establishing a University that would be a place for meeting of minds from the national and international arena to do research on unity of minds with focus on philosophy linking science, technologies, economy and spirituality with reference to ancient and modern thinking’;

AND WHEREAS the President also recalled Nalanda as a seat of great learning, scholarship, philosophy and statecraft fifteen hundred years ago, and envisioned a new University that would aim at developing ‘enlightened citizenship’ based on mutual understanding and harmonious relationships among different religions leading to spirituality, value based education and economic development for equality;

AND WHEREAS it is considered necessary to encourage the establishment of such an international level institution of excellence and eminence in the State of Bihar for redeeming its glorious contribution to the humanity and civilizations;

AND WHEREAS fostering academic excellence and high quality research is desirable to enhance international understanding and peace;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to establish the University for the objects hereinafter specified;

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Bihar in the fifty eighth year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the University of Nalanda Act, 2007.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the official gazette, appoint.

2. **Definitions .-** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires: -

(a) “College” means a college or an institution maintained by or admitted to the privileges of the University under this Act;

(b) “Government” means the Government of Bihar;

(c) “Hall” means a unit of residence, by whatever name called, for students of the University provided, maintained or recognised by it;

(d) “Member” means a member of the Executive Council established under this Act and includes its Chairman;

(e) “prescribed” means prescribed by Regulations;

(f) “Principal” means the Head of a College (by whatever name called) and includes, when there is no Principal, the person for the time being duly appointed, to act as Principal, and in the absence of the Principal or the acting Principal, a Vice Principal duly appointed as such;

- (g) “Recognised Institution” means an institution of higher learning maintained or recognised by or associated with the University;
- (h) “Regulations” means the Regulations of the University made under this Act;
- (i) "School of Learning " means school of different disciplines established by the University;
- (j) “University” means the University of Nalanda, as established under this Act.

3. Jurisdiction.- The territorial limits in which the University shall exercise its power and perform its duties shall be the whole of the State of Bihar. However, the University would be able to establish centres in and outside India for promoting objects of the University in accordance with the laws of states and the countries concerned.

4. Establishment and Incorporation.- (1) With effect from the such date(s) as the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint, there shall be established a university by the name of ‘University of Nalanda’, comprising the Visitor, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the first members of the Court, the Executive Council and the Academic Council of the University and all such persons as may hereafter be appointed at such office or as members so long as they continue to hold such office or membership.

(2) The University shall be a body corporate with the name aforesaid having perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provisions of

- this Act, to acquire, hold and dispose of property and to contract, and may by the said name sue or be sued.
- (3) The headquarters of the University shall be in the district of Nalanda in Bihar (India).

5. Objects of the University.- (1) to recapture in the modern context the holistic traditions of knowledge creation, acquisition and dissemination as practised in Nalanda several centuries ago and the universal outlook with which scholars from many countries interacted there;

- (2) to work towards building an inclusive society in a world free of war, terror, violence and fear;
- (3) to create a unique partnership between the scholars and interested persons from Asian countries and other countries;
- (4) to understand Buddha's teachings in the contemporary context without excluding any other thoughts and practices from any other parts of the world;
- (5) to disseminate and advance knowledge, wisdom and understanding by teaching and research and by examples and influences of its corporate life and in particular the other objects set out in the preamble.
- (6) to enhance research for greater interaction between Asian countries, particularly between South Asia and East Asia including South East Asia, bound by strong historical commonalities in areas like trade, science, mathematics, astronomy, religion, philosophy and cross-cultural current.

6. Powers and Functions of the university.- The powers and functions of the University shall be to: -

- (1) make provision for providing, upgrading and promoting holistic and inclusive education and training and research in such education as set out in the objects, and to create an enabling and conducive environment for the pursuit of such education in close co operation with other experts, scholars and interested persons in India, Asian countries and other countries;
- (2) set up a Consortium of international partners and friendly countries in furtherance of the Objects of the University;
- (3) generate and maintain resources through consultancy services, continuing education programmes, national and international collaborations, and intellectual property rights;
- (4) institute and confer degree, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions;
- (5) hold examinations and to grant and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to and on persons subject to such conditions as the University may prescribe, and to withdraw any such degrees, diplomas, certificates, or other academic distinctions for good and sufficient cause;
- (6) confer honorary degrees in the manner prescribed;
- (7) institute Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and any other teaching posts required by the University and to appoint persons to such Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and other posts;

- (8) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;
- (9) institute and maintain Halls and Hostels;
- (10) supervise and control the residence and discipline of students of the University and make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- (11) regulate and enforce discipline among students and employees of the University and take such disciplinary measures in this regard as may be deemed necessary;
- (12) organise laboratories, libraries, museums and provide such other equipments for teaching and research as is required;
- (13) demand and receive such fees and other charges as may be prescribed;
- (14) hold and manage trusts and endowments which may be created in favour of the University;
- (15) institute and manage various departments and facilities, such as, printing and publication, extension services; information bureaus, employment bureaus and ICT portals and knowledge networks;
- (16) make special provisions for the spread of holistic and inclusive education amongst classes and communities which are socially and educationally disadvantaged;
- (17) make special provisions for participation of students and experts from Asian and other countries in education, teaching, research and other related activities;

- (18) make provisions for sports and games facilities, special physical, mental and spiritual exercise and peace keeping training as derived from the Buddhist, Asian and other ancient traditions;
- (19) create administrative, ministerial and other necessary posts and make appointments thereto;
- (20) receive gifts, donations or benefactions from the state governments, the union government or foreign governments and to receive bequests, donations and movable or immovable property from trustees, donors or transferors, as the case may be;
- (21) to recognise for any purpose, either in whole or in part, any institution or members or students thereof on such terms and conditions as may from time to time, be prescribed and to withdraw such recognition;
- (22) to co-operate with any other University, authority or association or any other public or private body having in view the promotion of purposes and objects similar to those of the University for such purposes as may be agreed upon, on such terms and conditions as may from time to time, be prescribed;
- (23) to enter into any agreement for the incorporation in the University of any other institution and for taking over its rights, properties and liabilities and for any other purpose not repugnant to this Act;
- (24) do all such other acts as may be required in order to further the objects of the University.

7. University open to all irrespective of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth.-

(1) No person shall be excluded from any office of the University or from membership of any of its authorities or from admission to any degree, diploma or other academic distinction or course of study on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, disability or any of them:

Provided that the University may maintain any college exclusively for women either for education, instruction or residence or, reserve for women or members of classes and communities which are educationally backward for purposes of admission as students in any college or for students from Asian countries and other countries as decided.

(2) It shall not be lawful for the University to impose on any person any test whatsoever relating to religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them in order to entitle him to hold any post or any office in the University or to enjoy or exercise any of the privileges of the University or benefactions thereof.

8. Visitor.- (1) There shall be a Visitor of the University.

(2) The Visitor shall be appointed as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

(3) The Visitor may, from time to time, appoint one or more persons to review the work and progress of the University and to submit a report thereon; and upon receipt of that report, the Visitor may after obtaining the views of the Governing Body thereon, take such action and issue such directions as he considers necessary in respect of any of the matters dealt with in the report and the University shall be bound to comply with such directions.

- (4) The Visitor shall also have the right to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may deem fit of the University, its buildings, laboratories and equipment and of any institution maintained by the University, and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University and to cause an inquiry to be made in respect of any matter connected with the University.
- (5) The Visitor shall in every case give notice to the University of his intention to cause an inspection or inquiry to be made, and the University shall be entitled to appoint a representative who shall have the right to be present and be heard at such inspection or inquiry.
- (6) The Visitor may address the Vice- Chancellor with reference to the result of such inspection and inquiry, and the Vice-Chancellor shall communicate to the Governing Body the views of the Visitor with such advice as the Visitor may offer upon the action to be taken thereon.
- (7) The Governing Body shall communicate through the Vice-Chancellor to the Visitor such actions, if any, as it is proposed to be taken or has been taken upon such inspection or inquiry.
- (8) Where the Governing Body does not within a reasonable time, take action to the satisfaction of the Visitor, the Visitor may after considering any explanation furnished or representation made by the Governing Body, issue such directions as he may think fit and the Governing Body shall be bound to comply with such directions.

(9) The Visitor may by order in writing annul any proceeding of the University, which is not in conformity with this Act, or the Regulations.

(10) The Visitor shall also have such other powers as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

9. Chancellor.- (1) There shall be a Chancellor of the University who shall be a person of international eminence.

(2) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor from a panel of not less than three persons recommended by the Governing Body, who may, if necessary, call for fresh recommendation.

(3) The Chancellor may not reside in the campus of the University, but will preside over the convocation if present and will represent the University as its Head.

10. Officers of the University.- (1) The following shall be the officers of the University:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) the Deans;
- (c) the Registrar;
- (d) the Finance Officer;
- (e) the Controller of Examination;
- (f) the Librarian;

(g) such other officers as may be declared by the Statutes to be officers of the University.

11. The Vice-Chancellor.-(1) There shall be a Vice Chancellor of the University.

(2) The Vice Chancellor shall be appointed by the Visitor in the manner as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

12. Powers and Duties of the Vice-Chancellor.- (1) The Vice Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall exercise general control over its affairs in accordance with the Regulations and give effect to the decisions of the authorities of the University.

(2) The Vice Chancellor shall have the power of convening meetings of any of the Authorities of the University.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Vice Chancellor to ensure that the provisions of this Act and the Regulations are faithfully observed and he shall have all powers necessary for this purpose.

(4) If, in the opinion of the Vice Chancellor, an emergency has arisen which requires immediate action to be taken, the Vice Chancellor shall take such action as he deems necessary and shall report the same for confirmation at the next meeting of the authority, which, in the ordinary course, would have dealt with such matter:

Provided that if action taken by the Vice Chancellor is not approved by the authority concerned he may refer that matter to the Visitor whose decision thereon shall be final:

Provided further that where any such action taken by the Vice Chancellor affects any person in the service of the University, such person shall be entitled to prefer,

within thirty days from the date on which he received notice of such action, an appeal to the Governing Body.

(5) The Vice Chancellor shall exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

13. Appointments, powers, duties and condition of service of Registrar.- (1) The Registrar shall be appointed by the Governing Body on the recommendation of a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose for a term of five years and would be eligible for re appointment.

(2) The terms and conditions of service of the Registrar shall be such as may be determined by the Governing Body.

(3) The Registrar shall be ex-officio secretary of the Governing Body and the Academic Council.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to:

- (a) be custodian of the records, common seal and such other property of the University as the Governing Body may commit to his charge;
- (b) keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Governing Body and the Academic Council;
- (c) conduct the official correspondence of the Governing Body and the Academic Council;
- (d) arrange for and superintend the examination of the University;
- (e) perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Vice Chancellor or the Governing Body of the University.

14. Authorities of the University.- (1)The following shall be the authorities of the University, namely:-

- (i) Court;
- (ii) Governing Body;
- (iii) The Academic Council;
- (iv) Finance Committee;
- (v) The Board of Studies; and
- (vi) Such other authorities as may be declared by the Regulations to be authorities of the University.

15. The Court.- (1) The court shall consist of the following members, namely:

- (a) the Chancellor;
- (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) the members of the Governing Body;
- (d) the Deans of Faculties;
- (e) the Finance Officer;
- (f) the Controller of Examination;
- (g) the Librarian;
- (h) the Heads of Institutions admitted to the privileges of the University;
- (i) four academic staff from amongst the University and affiliated institutions, to be selected by rotation, in order of seniority;
- (j) two students from each of the institutions representing junior most and senior most classes selected or elected by the student body of that class;

- (k) six persons, representing different professions and calling which may be of interest to the University, especially addressing the letter and spirit of the Objects, to be nominated by the Visitor;
 - (l) representative of the Government of India from the Ministry of Human Resource Development;
 - (m) two representatives of the State Government, of which one shall be the Secretary of the Department of Human Resource Development of the Government;
 - (n) representatives of partners and donors including those from outside the country, not exceeding nine in total to be decided by the Visitor;
 - (o) two eminent educationists or spiritual leaders with distinctions to be nominated by the Visitor.
- (2) The term of the members of the Court shall be three years except the ex-officio members who shall continue as long as they hold the respective office.
- (3) The annual meeting of the Court shall be held on date fixed by the Governing Body unless some other date has been fixed by the Court in respect of any year.
- (4) At the annual meeting of the Court, the Annual Report together with a statement of receipts and expenditure, the balance sheet as audited, and the financial estimates for the next year shall be presented.
- (5) Special meetings of the Court may be convened by the Governing Body or the Vice-Chancellor.
- (6) Fifteen members of the Court shall form the quorum for a meeting of the Court.

16. The Governing Body.- (1) The Governing Body shall consist of the following namely:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Deans of Faculties;
 - (c) the three Heads of Institutions, by rotation, admitted to the privilege of the University as per their date of admission;
 - (d) Secretary to the Government in the Department of Human Resource Development;
 - (e) two persons of national/international repute nominated by the Visitor who may have knowledge, interests and expertise to achieve the objects of the University;
 - (f) one professor, one reader and one lecture of the University, nominated for a term of three years by the Vice-Chancellor; provided that a person shall not be re-nominated for the immediate next term;
 - (g) representatives of the major partners and donors subject to a maximum of three members if necessary by rotation to be decided by the Visitor.
- (ii) the term of the office of the Governing Body shall be three years;
- (iii) no person shall continue to be a member of Governing Body in more than one capacity, and whenever a person becomes such a member in more than one capacity, he shall within two weeks thereof intimate to the Registrar in writing as to the capacity in which he desires to be such member and vacate the other seat, failing which the seat held by him earlier in point of time shall be deemed to have been vacated;

- (iv) Seven members of the Governing Body shall form the quorum for the meeting of the Governing Body.

17. Powers and Functions of the Governing Body.-(1) The Governing Body shall have the power of management and administration of the revenues and property of the University and the conduct of all administrative affairs of the University not otherwise provided for.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Act, and the Regulations, the Governing Body shall in addition to the other powers vested in it by and under the Regulations, have the following powers, namely:

- (a) to create teaching and other academic posts and to define the functions and conditions of service of the professor , readers, lecturers, other teachers and the academic staff employed by the University after taking into the account the recommendations of the Academic Council;
- (b) to prescribe the qualifications and other conditions of eligibility for teachers and other academic staff after taking into account the recommendations of the Academic Council;
- (c) to make appointments of such professors, readers, lecturers, other teachers and such academic staff as may be necessary, on the recommendations of the selection committees constituted for the purpose;
- (d) to make appointments to temporary vacancies of any academic staff;
- (e) to specify the manner of appointment to temporary vacancies of the academic staff;

- (f) to provide for the appointment of visiting professors, artistes and writers and determine the terms and conditions of such appointment;
- (g) to manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments and properties of the University and all other affairs of the University and to appoint such agents as may be considered fit by it;
- (h) to invest any money belonging to the University, including any unapplied income, in government or non government securities and acquisition of immovable property in India and abroad as may be prescribed:

Provided that no action under this clause shall be taken without consulting the Finance Committee.

- (i) to create administrative, ministerial and other necessary posts after taking into account the recommendations of the Finance Committee and to specify the manner of appointment thereto;
- (j) to regulate and enforce discipline amongst the employees in accordance with the Regulations;
- (k) to transfer or accept transfers of any immovable or movable property on behalf of the University;
- (l) to entertain, adjudicate upon or redress the grievances of the employees and the students of the university who may, for any reason, feel aggrieved;

- (m) to fix the remuneration payable to examiners and invigilators and traveling and other allowances payable after consulting the Finance Committee;
 - (n) to select a common seal for the University and to provide for the use of such seal;
 - (o) to delegate any of its powers to the Vice-Chancellor, Registrars, the Finance Officer or any other officer, employee or authority of the University, or to a committee appointed by it;
 - (p) to institute fellowships, scholarships, studentships; and
 - (q) to exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be conferred or imposed on it by the Regulations.
- (3) The Governing Body shall exercise all the powers of the University not otherwise provided for by the Act and the Regulations for the fulfillment of the objects of the University.

18 Academic Council.- The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:

- (i) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (ii) the Deans of School of Studies;
- (iii) the Heads of Affiliated Institutions;
- (iv) the Librarian;

(v) Not more than five persons from amongst the recognized teachers and or the University teachers to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor for a term of three years:

provided that at least one person would be nominated from the category of professor, reader and lecturer; and :

provided further that no person shall be re-nominated for immediate next term;

(vi) Not more than five persons shall be nominated by the Visitor who would culturally tuned to the vision and mission of the University;

(vii) Not more than five persons, who are not employees of the University, colleges or institutions, co-opted by the Academic Council for their special knowledge including representatives of employer's organizations; industries, trade and commerce; social and philanthropic institutions; academic, research and professional organizations; and from the communication fields.

19. Power and Functions of the Academic Council.- (1) Subject to the relevant provisions of the Act and Regulations, the Academic Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it by or under the Regulations, have the following powers, namely:

- (a) to exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University and to give directions regarding methods of instruction, evaluation or research or improvement in academic standards;
 - (b) to consider matters of general academic interest either on its own initiative or on a reference from a school of studies or the Governing Body and to take appropriate action thereon; and
 - (c) to frame such regulations as are consistent with the Regulations regarding the academic functioning of the University, including discipline, admissions, award of fellowships and studentships, fees and other academic requirements.
- (2) The members of the Academic Council, other than the ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of their appointment or co-option, as the case may be.
- (3) One-third members of the Academic Council shall form the quorum for a meeting.

20. Finance Committee.-(1)The Finance Committee shall consist of the following persons namely

- (i) the Vice Chancellor as Chairman;
- (ii) the Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Bihar, Department of Human Resource Development;
- (iii) the Registrar;

- (iv) two other members nominated by the Governing Body from amongst its members, one of whom shall be a professor;
 - (v) representatives of two international donors to be nominated by the Visitor, if necessary by rotation;
 - (vi) the Finance Officer, who will function as non-member secretary of the committee.
- (2) The nominated members of the Finance Committee shall hold office so long as they continue as members of the Governing Body.
- (3) The functions and duties of the Finance Committee shall be as follows:
- (a) to examine and scrutinize the annual budget of the University and to make recommendations on financial matters to the Governing Body;
 - (b) to consider all proposals for new expenditure and to make recommendations to the Governing Body;
 - (c) to consider the periodical statement of accounts and to review the finances of the University from time to time and to consider re-appropriation statements and audit reports and to make recommendations to the Governing Body;
 - (d) to give its views and make recommendation to the Governing Body on any financial question affecting the University either on its own initiative or on reference from the Governing Body or the Vice-Chancellor.

- (4) The Finance Committee shall meet at least thrice in every year. Three members of the Finance Committee shall form the quorum.
- (5) The Vice-Chancellor shall preside over the meetings of the Finance Committee, and in his absence, members present shall elect one of the members to preside over the meeting, provided that the Registrar or the Finance Officer shall not be elected for the same.

21. Dean of School of Studies and Faculties.- (1) Every Dean of a Faculty & School of Studies shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors of the School for a period of two years and he shall be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that when the office of the Dean is vacant or when the Dean is, by reason of illness or absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

- (2) The Dean shall be the Head of the Faculties / School of Studies and shall be responsible for the conduct and standard of teaching and research in the Faculty/ School. He shall have such other responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Regulations.
- (3) The Dean shall have the right to be present and to speak at any meeting of a board or committee of the School, as the case may be, but shall have no right to vote unless he is a member thereof.

22. Board of Studies.- The Academic Council may establish various Board of Studies to decide about the syllabus and other related matters.

23. Architecture of the University.-The architecture and the buildings for the University and its campus shall be carefully designed so as to reflect its vision and mission as set out in the Objects of the University.

24. Faculty of the University.-The University shall always maintain a minimum proportion of academic and non-academic staff in the ratio of 70:30, and members of the faculty shall be so selected that they are culturally tuned to the vision and mission of the University.

25. Regulations.-Subject to the provisions of this Act, the additional powers and duties of the officers and authorities of the University other than the Governing Body and the Academic Council shall be provided by the Regulations.

26 First Regulations.-(1) The first Regulations of the University shall be made by the State Government in consultations with the Visitor and shall be notified in the Official Gazette.

(2) The Governing Body may from time to time make new or additional Regulations or may amend or repeal the Regulations:

Provided that the Governing Body shall not propose the draft of amendment of the Regulations affecting the status, powers or constitution

of any existing authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the proposal and any opinion so expressed shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Governing Body

(3) Every new Regulations or addition to the Regulations or any amendment or repeal of a Regulation shall require the approval of the Governing Body who may approve, disallow or remit it for further consideration:

Provided that any new Regulation amending or repealing an existing Regulation shall have no validity unless it has been acceded to by the Visitor, who shall have power to remit the proposal back for reconsideration or to reject the same.

27. Regulations, for what.-Subject to the provisions of this Act the Regulations may provide for all or any of the following matters namely: -

- (a) the Constitution, powers and duties of the Academic council and such other authorities as may be deemed necessary to constitute from time to time;
- (b) the appointments, powers and duties of the Officers of the University including appointment of the Visitor and the Vice Chancellor;
- (c) the Constitution of Pension of Provident Fund and the establishment of an insurance scheme for the benefit of the officers and other employees of the University;

- (d) the conferment of Honorary degrees;
- (e) the withdrawal of degrees diplomas certificates and other academic distinctions;
- (f) the establishment and constitution of faculties, Departments, halls, hostels, colleges centres and schools;
- (g) the conditions under which colleges, schools and centres may be admitted to the privileges of the university and withdrawal of such privileges;
- (h) the admission of students to the university and their enrolment as such;
- (i) the courses of study to be laid down for all degrees, diplomas and certificates of the university;
- (j) the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to be awarded by the University, the qualification for the same and the amounts to be taken relating to the granting and obtaining of the same;
- (k) the fees to be charged for courses of the study in the university and for admission to the examination, degrees, diplomas and certificate of the university;
- (l) the conditions for the award of fellowship, scholarships, studentships, exhibitions, medals and prizes;
- (m) the conduct of examinations including terms of office and manner of appointment and the duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators;
- (n) the maintenance of discipline among students at the university;
- (o) the conditions of residence of students at the university;

- (p) the emoluments and terms and conditions of service of the officers and employees of the university;
- (q) the management of colleges, schools and centres founded or maintained by the university;
- (r) the supervision and inspection of colleges, institutions, schools and centres admitted to privileges of the university; and
- (s) all other matters which under, this Act, may be provided for by the regulations.

28. Financing and International Funding.- (1) The financing for establishing and running the University would be innovatively conceived with the international partners and friendly countries that would ensure its autonomy and educational excellence keeping in view the unique international nature of this University.

(2) The University will meet its expenses primarily through self-financing, and grants and donations from national and international partners.

(3) The Government may from time to time provide such amount to the University as it may deem fit.

29. Annual Report.-The Annual Report of the University shall be prepared and shall be submitted to the Governing Body for approval at its annual meeting on or before such date as may be prescribed by Regulations. The Annual Report shall be sent to the Government and the Visitor. A copy of the Annual Report, as soon as may be caused to be laid down by the government before both the Houses of the Legislature.

30. Annual Accounts.-The accounts of the income and expenditure of the University along with the Audit Report shall be submitted once in every year to the Governing Body and the Visitor.

31. Acts of proceedings of authorities and bodies not invalidated by vacancies.-

If any difficulty arises with respect to the establishment of the University or in connection with the first meeting of any authority of the University or otherwise in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the State Government may, at any time before the authority of the University has been constituted, by order, make any appointment or do anything consistent, for the purpose of removing the difficulty and every such order shall have effect as if such appointment or action had been made or taken in the manner provided in this Act.

32. Visitor's Decision.-If any question arises whether a person has been duly nominated or appointed or is entitled to be a member of any authority or body of the University, the matter shall be referred to the Visitor whose decision thereon shall be final.

33. Appointment of first Visitor.- Notwithstanding any thing in this Act and the Regulations, the first Visitor shall be appointed by the Government.

34. Appointment of first Vice-Chancellor and first Registrar.-Notwithstanding anything in this Act and the Regulations, the first Vice-Chancellor and the first Registrar shall be appointed by the Government in consultation with the Visitor on such salary and

terms and conditions to be fixed by it, and each of the said officers shall hold office for a term fixed by it but not exceeding five years.

35 Protection of action taken in good faith.- No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against any officer or other employee or against any authority of the University for anything which is done in good faith or intended to be done in pursuance of any of the provisions of this Act or the Regulations.

36. Secretariat for the Visitor.-The Government of Bihar shall provide the secretarial assistance to the Visitor for discharging his duties and functions for the University.

37. Power of State Government to transfer the University to the Central Government:- If at any time, State Government deems it expedient and in public interest, it may transfer the University to the Central Government on such terms and conditions as the State Government may determine.

38. Power to remove difficulties.- If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may, by order published in the official Gazette, make such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such order shall be made under this section after the expiry of three years from the commencement of this Act:

Provided further that every order made under this section shall be laid, as soon as it is made, before each House of Legislature.