

AICTE approval status clarification

Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM) was declared as Deemed to be University u/s 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 vide Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) Notification No.F.9-37/2006-U.3 (A) dated August 13, 2007.

Subsequently, with the recommendations of the committee constituted with the experts from, UGC and AICTE, GITAM started Hyderabad campus in the year 2009 with approval of MHRD vide letter No: F.10-10/2008-U 3(A) dated December 18, 2008.

In the year 2017, statutory academic standards assessing body NAAC has accredited GITAM (Deemed to University) with A+ Grade. In the year 2018, Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) & University Grants Commission (UGC) conferred Category '1' graded autonomy status to GITAM (Deemed to be University).

In the last ten years GITAM has received accolades from various regulating bodies recognizing standards of GITAM. Recently, some people are defaming GITAM's reputation, by misrepresenting few facts on AICTE approval status of GITAM. Unfortunately, this slander is causing anxiety and frustration among few students and parents, and we are releasing this note to provide the facts on AICTE approval status of GITAM.

As per MHRD, a Category 1 University remains within the ambit of UGC and has the freedom to start new courses, off campus centers, skill development courses, research parks and any other new academic programs. (Gazette of India, No.54, dt. 12-2-2018)

In this context, GITAM received a correspondence from AICTE in September 2018, informing AICTE's intention to grant approval to GITAM as it is a Category '1' University and requesting information on courses offered at GITAM. This request from AICTE is counter intuitive to the autonomy conferred by MHRD Grade '1' status. We are pursuing this matter with AICTE and UGC.

It is also to clarify that the present pursuing matter with AICTE and UGC is on the admission for the academic year 2018-19. The students graduated and admitted up to academic year 2017-18 are in no way connected with this.

We also wish to bring to your notice that students of all batches passed out earlier or studied in academic year of 2017-18, are now pursuing higher education at various Central Government institutes such as IIM's, NICMAR and also in other countries. This confirms the fact that degrees conferred by GITAM are well respected and accepted at all eminent institutes in India and abroad. We'd like to add that, the batches till 2017-18 are already approved from UGC Committee comprised of AICTE members as per MHRD vide letter No: F.10-10/2008-U 3(A) dated December 18, 2008.

Governed by regulations of UGC and MHRD, it is our bounden duty to safeguard the interests and careers of the students who seek admission into GITAM (Deemed to be University).

All parents and students are here by assured that GITAM (Deemed to be University) always maintained standards beyond the mandatory norms as prescribed by various statutory authorities and will continue to do so.