

# **ANNA UNIVERSITY CHENNAI ACT 1978**

## **(TAMIL NADU ACT 30 OF 1978) \*\***

*An Act to provide for the establishment of a University  
of Technology in the State of Tamil Nadu*

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Twenty ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

### **CHAPTER I**

### **PRELIMINARY**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Anna University Chennai Act, 1978
- (2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

#### **1-A Application of this Act:-**

This Act applies to -

- [a] all constituent colleges ;
- [b] all colleges and institutions deemed to be affiliated to, or approved by, the University under this Act.
- [c] all colleges and institutions situate within the University area and affiliated to, or approved by, the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act or the statutes, ordinances and regulations made thereunder".

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**\*\*** *Principal Act came into force w.e.f. 4.9.78.*

*Amended vide Anna University [Amendment] Act 2001, which came into force with effect from 31.12.2001. [T.N. Act 26 of 2001]*

## 2. Definitions:-

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -

- [a] "affiliated college" means any college or institution, situate within the University area and affiliated to the University and providing courses of study in engineering, technology and allied sciences for admission to the examinations for degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions of the University and includes a college deemed to be affiliated to the University under this Act and includes an autonomous college;
- [aa] "appointed day" means such date as the Government may, by notification, appoint under sub-section [2] of section 1;
- [ab] "approved college" means any college situate within the University area and approved by the University and providing courses of study for admission to the examinations for titles and diplomas of the University and includes a college deemed to be approved by the University under this Act;
- [ac] "autonomous college" means any college designated as an autonomous college by or under the statutes;
- [ad] "Chairman" means the head of the faculty;
- [ae] "college" means a college or institution established or maintained by or affiliated to the University and providing any course of study or training in engineering, technology and allied sciences for admission to the examination for degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions of the University".
- [b] "constituent college" means every college and institution specified in Schedules I, I-A and I-B.
- [c] "Dean" means the head of the constituent college.
- [d] "Director" means the head of research and development or the head of every centre of Advanced Study, as may be prescribed."
- [e] "Faculty" means a Faculty of the University.
- [f] "Government" means the State Government

- [g] 'hostel' means a unit of residence for students of the University maintained or recognised by it either as a part of, or separate from a constituent college;
- [h] 'prescribed' means prescribed by the statutes, ordinances or regulations made under this Act.
- [ha] "Principal" means the head of an affiliated college :
- [i] "State" means the State of Tamil Nadu.
- [j] "Statutes" ordinances' and 'regulations' means respectively the statutes, ordinances and regulations of the University made or continued in force under this Act.
- [k] "teachers" means such Deans, Directors, Professors, Assistant Professors, Readers, Lecturers and other like persons as may be declared by the statutes to be teachers.
- [l] 'University' means the Anna University established under Section 3
- [m] 'University area' means the area comprising the districts of Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram in the State of Tamil Nadu"

## **CHAPTER II**

### **THE UNIVERSITY**

#### **3. Establishment of the University:**

3. [1] For the development of engineering, technology and allied sciences and for furthering the advancement of learning and prosecution of research in engineering, technology and allied sciences, on and from the appointed day, there shall be established a University by the name of Anna University.
- [2] The University shall be a body corporate, shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued by the said name.
- [3] Omitted
- [4] Omitted
- [5] No institution affiliated to or associated with or maintained by any other University in the State shall be recognised by the University for any purpose except with the prior approval of the Government and the concerned University.

- [6] The principal seat of the University shall be the College of Engineering, Guindy, Madras, or any other place which the Government may, by notification, specify in this behalf.

#### **4. Objectives of the University**

*The University shall have the following objects, namely:-*

- [i] to provide facilities and offer opportunities for higher education in engineering, technology and allied sciences by instruction, training, research, development and extension and by such other means as the University may deem fit;
- [ii] to devise and implement a programme of education in engineering, technology and allied sciences that is relevant to the current needs of the society, alive to the long term requirements and responsive to the anticipated changes and developments, in terms of breadth of diversity and depth of specialisation;
- [iii] to further the advancement of knowledge in engineering, technology and allied sciences; to prosecute and promote research; to disseminate and advance the knowledge thereon for the betterment of society and to bring about a widespread awareness of the tools and methods continuously generated by the advances in engineering, technology and allied sciences; and
- [iv] to serve as a centre for fostering co-operation and exchange of ideas between the academic and research community on the one hand and the industrial and Governmental employers on the other and to promote entrepreneurship among the students.

#### **5. Powers and functions of the University :**

*The University shall have the following powers and functions namely: -*

- [a] to provide for instruction and training in engineering, technology and allied sciences;
- [b] to provide for research and for advancement and for dissemination of knowledge in engineering, technology and allied sciences;
- [c] to institute degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions in engineering, technology and allied sciences;

- [d] to hold examinations and confer degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions on persons who have -
  - [i] pursued a prescribed course of study ; or
  - [ii] carried out research in the University or in any other centre or institution recognised by the University under the prescribed conditions;
- [e] to confer honorary degrees or other academic distinctions in the prescribed manner and under the prescribed conditions;
- [f] to prescribe conditions under which the award of any degree, diploma and other academic distinctions to persons may be withheld;
- [g] to act as coordinator among the constituent colleges, laboratories and institutions of the University.
- [h] to recognise an institution of higher learning for such purposes as the University may determine and to withdraw such recognition;
- [i] to cooperate 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;
- [j] to establish and maintain colleges or institutions relating to engineering, technology and allied sciences;
- [k] to establish and maintain, laboratories, libraries, research stations and museums for teaching and research;
- [l] to institute teaching and research posts and to appoint persons to such posts;
- [m] to create administrative and other posts and to appoint persons to such posts;
- [n] to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, prizes and medals in accordance with the statutes;
- [o] to establish and maintain or recognise hostels for students of the University and residential accommodation for the staff of the University and to withdraw any such recognition;

- [p] to demand and receive payment of such fees and other charges as may be prescribed from time to time;
- [q] to supervise and control hostels and to regulate and enforce discipline among the students of the University and to make arrangements for promoting their health and general welfare;
- [r] to act as trustees or managers for any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift for the purpose of education or research or otherwise in furtherance of the work and welfare of the University and to invest any funds representing the same, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the statutes made thereunder;
- [s] to assess the needs of the State and the country in terms of subjects, fields of specialisation, levels of education and training of technical manpower both on short and long term basis and to initiate necessary programmes to meet those needs;
- [t] to organise advanced studies and research programmes, based on a deep understanding of the trends in engineering, technology and in allied sciences so that the profession will be ensured of men who are not only up to date, but also will be able to provide the lead;
- [u] to promote research, design and development activities that have a relevance to social needs and the development programmes of the nation;
- [v] to initiate measures to enlist the cooperation of industries and Governmental employers to provide complementary facilities;
- [w] to provide for continuous experimentation in imparting knowledge, organisation of training and preparation of text-books and other instructional materials;
- [x] to arrange for progressive introduction of continuous evaluation and reorientation of the objectives in educational measurement;
- [y] to further entrepreneurial ability among its students;
- [z] to educate the public with regard to the requirement of, and opportunities, in the profession of engineering, technology and allied sciences and its responsibilities and service to society;
- [aa] to enter into any agreement for the merger in the University of any other College or Institution, and for taking over its rights, and liabilities, and for any other purpose not repugnant to the provisions of this Act;



[ab] to do all such acts and things, whether incidental to the powers and functions aforesaid or not, as may be necessary or desirable, to further the objects of the University.

[ac] to affiliate colleges to the University under conditions prescribed and to withdraw such affiliation:

Provided that no college shall be affiliated to the University unless the permission of the government to establish such college has been obtained and terms and conditions, if any, of such permission have been complied with;

[ad] to approve institutions providing training for admission to the examinations for degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions of the University under conditions prescribed and to withdraw such approval:

Provided that no institution shall be approved by the University unless the permission of the Government to establish such institution has been obtained and the terms and conditions, if any, of such permission have been complied with;

[ae] to designate any college as an autonomous college with the prior concurrence of the Government under conditions prescribed and to cancel such designation:

[af] to conduct evaluation or inspection of the Colleges at required interval and to take suitable action as prescribed to improve academic excellence of the colleges;

[ag] to monitor academically the affiliated colleges in order to prescribe the control mechanism to achieve academic excellence.

**5-A. Colleges not to be affiliated to any other University:-**

No College within the University area shall be affiliated to any University other than the Anna University.

**Admission to the University**

6. [1] The University shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the statutes, be open to all persons.

- [2] Nothing contained in sub-section [1] shall require the University -
- [a] to admit to any course of study any person who does not possess the prescribed academic qualification or standard;
  - [b] to retain on the rolls of the University any student whose academic record is below the minimum standard required for the award of a degree, diploma or other academic distinction; or
  - [c] to admit any person or retain any student whose conduct is prejudicial to the interests of the University or the rights and privileges of other students and teachers.
- [3] Subject to the provisions of sub-section [2], the Government may, by order, direct that the University shall reserve such percentage of seats therein for the students belonging to the Scheduled Casts, Scheduled Tribes and Backward class as may be specified in such direction and where such direction has been given, the University shall make the reservation accordingly.

#### **Inspection and Enquiry**

7. [1] The Government shall have the right to cause an inquiry to be made by such person or persons as they may direct in respect of any matter connected with the University.
- [2] The Government shall, in every case, give notice to the University of their intention to cause an inquiry to be made and the University shall be entitled to be represented at such inquiry.
- [3] The Government shall communicate to the University their views with reference to the result of such inquiry and may, after ascertaining the opinion of the University thereon, advise the University upon the action to be taken and fix a time limit for taking such action.
- [4] The University shall, within the time limit so fixed, report to the government the action taken or proposed to be taken on the advice tendered by the Government.
- [5] If the University does not take action within the time fixed or if the action taken by the University is in the opinion of the Government not satisfactory, the Government may, after considering any explanation offered or representation made by the University, issue such directions as they may deem fit and the University shall comply with such directions.



## **CHAPTER - III**

### **8. Officers of the University:-**

The University shall consist of the following officers, namely: .

1. The Chancellor
2. The Pro-Chancellor
3. The Vice-Chancellor
4. The Deans
5. The Chairmen of Faculties
6. The Registrar
7. The Finance Officer
- 7-A. The Controller of Examinations, and
8. Such other persons as may be declared by the statutes to be officers of the University.

### **9. The Chancellor**

- [1] The Governor of the State shall be the Chancellor of the University.
- [2] The Chancellor shall be the head of the University and shall, when present, preside at any convocation of the University and confer degrees, diplomas or other academic distinctions upon person entitled to receive them.
- [3] No honorary degree or other distinction shall be conferred by the University upon any person without the approval of the Chancellor.
- [4] The Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on him by or under this Act.

### **10. The Pro-chancellor**

- [1] The Minister administering the subject of technical education in the State of Tamil Nadu for the time being shall be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.
- [2] In the absence of the Chancellor, or during the Chancellor's inability to act, the Pro Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chancellor.

**11. The Vice-chancellor**

- [1] Every appointment of the Vice-Chancellor shall be made by the Chancellor from out of a panel of three names recommended by the Committee referred to in sub-section [2] and such panel shall not contain the name of any member of the said Committee.

Provided that if the Chancellor does not approve any of the persons in the panel so recommended by the Committee, he may take steps to constitute another Committee, in accordance with sub-section [2], 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.

- [2] For the purpose of sub-section [1] the Committee shall consist of three persons, of whom one shall be nominated by the Syndicate, one shall be nominated by the Academic Council, and one shall be nominated by the Chancellor;

Provided that the person so nominated shall not be a member of any of the authorities of the University.

- [3] The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for not more than two successive terms.

Provided that

- [a] the Chancellor may direct that a Vice-Chancellor whose term of office has expired, shall continue in office for such period not exceeding a total period of one year, as may be specified in the direction;
- [b] the Vice-Chancellor may by writing under his hand addressed to the Chancellor and after giving two month's notice resign his office.
- [4] When any temporary vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-Chancellor or if the Vice-Chancellor is, by reason of absence or for any other reason, unable to exercise the powers and perform the duties of his office, the Syndicate shall as soon as possible, make the requisite arrangements for exercising the powers and performing the duties of the Vice-Chancellor.
- [5] The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time officer of the University and shall be entitled to such emoluments, allowances, and privileges as may be prescribed by the statutes.

### **Powers and duties of the Vice-Chancellor**

12. [1] The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic head of the University.
- [2] The Vice-Chancellor shall, in the absence of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor, preside at the convocation of the University and confer degrees, diplomas or other academic distinctions upon persons entitled to receive them.
- [3] The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise control over the affairs of the University and shall be responsible for the due maintenance of discipline in the University.
- [4] The Vice-Chancellor shall ensure the faithful observance of the provisions of this Act and the statutes, ordinances, and regulations made thereunder.
- [5] In any emergency, which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor, requires immediate action to be taken, he shall, by order, take such action as he deems necessary and shall, at the earliest opportunity, report the action taken to such officer or authority or body, as would have, in the ordinary course, dealt with the matter:
- Provided that no such order shall be passed unless the person likely to be affected, has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard.
- [6] Any person, aggrieved by any order of the Vice-Chancellor under sub-section [5], may prefer an appeal to the Syndicate within thirty days from the date on which such order is communicated to him and the Vice-Chancellor shall give effect to the order passed by the Syndicate on such appeal.
- [7] The Vice-Chancellor shall give effect to the decisions of the Syndicate.
- [8] The Vice-Chancellor shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Syndicate, the Academic Council and the Finance Committee. The Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to be present at, and to address, any meeting of any authority or other body of the University, but shall not be entitled to vote thereat unless he is a member of such authority or body.
- [9] The Vice-Chancellor shall convene meetings of the Syndicate, the Academic Council and the Finance Committee.
- [10] The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for the coordination and integration of teaching and research, extension, education and curriculum development.
- [11] The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such duties, as may be prescribed by statutes.

### **13. Deans and Chairmen:-**

Every Dean and every Chairman of a Faculty shall be appointed in such manner and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the statutes.

### **14. The Registrar**

- [1] The Registrar shall be a whole-time officer of the University appointed by the Syndicate for such period and on such terms as may be prescribed by statutes.
- [2] The Registrar shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed.
- [3] In all suits and other legal proceedings by or against the University, the pleadings shall be signed and verified by the Registrar and all process in such suits and proceedings shall be issued to and served on, the Registrar.

### **15. The Finance Officer**

- [1] The Finance Officer shall be a whole-time officer of the University appointed by the Syndicate for such period and on such terms as may be prescribed by statutes.
- [2] The Finance Officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed.

### **15.A. The Controller of Examinations:-**

- [1] The Controller of Examinations shall be an academician in the field of engineering, technology and allied sciences and a whole time officer of the University appointed by the Syndicate on such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Syndicate.
- [2] The Controller of Examinations shall hold office for a period of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for a further period of three years:  
Provided that no person appointed as Controller of Examinations shall hold office on attaining the age of superannuation.
- [3] The Controller of Examinations shall exercise such powers and perform such functions and discharge such duties as may be prescribed in the statutes.

## **CHAPTER - IV**

### **16. Authorities of the University:-**

The authorities of the University shall be the Syndicate, Academic Council, the Finance committee, Faculties and Board of Studies of each Faculty and such other bodies of

the University as may, from time to time, be declared by the statutes to be authorities of the University.

**17. Syndicate:-**

- [1] The Chancellor shall, as soon as may be, after the first Vice-Chancellor is appointed under section 39, constitute the Syndicate.
- [2] The Syndicate shall, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor, consist of the following members, namely:-

**Class I Ex-Officio Members**

- [1] The Secretary to Government, incharge of Higher Education
- [2] The Secretary to Government, incharge of Industries
- [3] The Secretary to Government, incharge of Information and Technology;
- [4] The Secretary to Government, incharge of Law; and
- [5] The Director of Technical Education

**Class II Other Members**

- [1] Two members from among the Deans nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.
- [2] One member from among the Chairmen of the Faculties nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor;
- [3] Two members from among the Professors and Heads of the Departments of the constituent colleges, nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.
- [4] One member from the Directors of various centres of the University nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor.
- [5] Four members representing public and private sectors, industries and research institutions having special knowledge and practical experience in industry and commerce, nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.
- [6] Two members elected by the Academic Council from among its members - one from among the members belonging to the constituent

colleges and one from among the members belonging to the affiliated colleges;

[7] Four members from among the senior Professors and Principals of the affiliated colleges nominated by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor; and

[8] One member elected by the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the State from among themselves.

17 [3] The Vice-Chancellor shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Syndicate.

[3-A](i) In case the Secretary to Government, incharge of Higher Education, or the Secretary to Government, incharge of Industries or the Secretary to Government, incharge of Information and Technology, or the Secretary to Government, incharge of Law, is unable to attend the meetings of the Syndicate for any reason, he may depute any Officer of his department, not lower in rank than that of Deputy Secretary to Government, to attend the meetings:

[ii] In case the Director of Technical Education is unable to attend the meetings of the Syndicate for any reason, he may depute any officer of the department, not lower in rank than that of Deputy Director, to attend the meetings.

17 [4] The term of office of the members of the Syndicate other than the ex-officio members shall be three years and such members shall be eligible for election or re-nomination

Provided that a member of the Syndicate who is elected or nominated in his capacity as, a member of a particular electorate or body, or the holder of a particular appointment, shall cease to be a member of the Syndicate from the date on which he ceases to be, a member of that electorate or body, or the holder of that appointment, as the case may be.

17. [5] The members of the Syndicate shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the University except such daily and travelling allowances as may be prescribed;

Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall preclude any member from drawing his normal emoluments to which he is entitled by virtue of the office he holds.



17. [6] A member of the Syndicate may tender resignation of his membership at any time before the term of his office expires. Such resignation shall be conveyed to the Chancellor by a letter in writing by the member, and the resignation shall take effect from the date of its acceptance by the Chancellor.

17. [A] **Restriction for election or nomination to Syndicate and Academic Council in certain cases.**

[1] Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 17 or Section 18 or Statute 9 of Schedule II, any person who has completed two terms of three years each, continuously in any one or both of the following authorities of the University, namely:-

- i] the Syndicate
- ii] the Academic Council

shall be eligible, after a period of three years has elapsed from the date of his ceasing to be such member, for election or nomination to any of the above mentioned authorities.

Provided that for the purpose of this sub-section if a person was elected or nominated to one authority and such person became a member of another authority, by virtue of the membership in the first mentioned authority the period for which he held office in the first mentioned authority, alone shall be taken into account.

2. Nothing in sub-section [1] shall have application in respect of -

- [i] ex-officio members referred to in section 17[2], Class-I and
- [ii] ex-officio members referred to in clause [1] of Statute 9 of Schedule II.

### **The Academic Council**

18. [1] The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the statutes, have the control and general regulation of teaching and examination in the University and be responsible for the maintenance of the standards thereon.

[2] The constitution of the Academic Council, the term of office of its members, its powers and functions and rules of procedure at its meetings shall be prescribed by the statutes.

### **Faculties and Boards of Studies**

19. [1] The University shall include Faculties of Engineering Technology and Science and such other faculties as may be prescribed by the statutes.
- [2] Each faculty shall have a Chairman who shall be appointed in such manner as may be prescribed.
- [3] Each faculty shall comprise of such departments of teaching with such assignment of subjects of study as may be prescribed.
- [4] There shall be a Board of Studies for each Faculty, the constitution and functions of which shall be such as may be prescribed.
- [5] The constitution and functions of the Faculties shall in all other respects be such, as may be prescribed.

### **Constitution of Committees and delegation of powers**

20. All the authorities of the University shall have power to constitute or reconstitute committees and to delegate to them such of their powers as they deem fit; such committees shall, save as otherwise provided, consist of members of the authority concerned and of such other persons, if any, as the authority in each case, may deem fit.

## **CHAPTER - V**

### **21. FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS -**

#### **General Fund:**

*The University shall have a General Fund to which shall be credited -*

- a] its income from fees, grants, donations and gifts, if any.
- b]. any contribution or grant made by the Central Government, any State Government, the University Grants Commission or like authority, any local authority or any corporation owned or controlled by the Government; and
- c] endowments and other receipts.

**Explanation** - In this section the expression "University Grants commission" means the Commission established under section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 [Central Act 3 of 1956].

### **Other Funds**

22. The University may have such other funds as may be prescribed by the statutes.

### **Management of funds**

23. The funds and all moneys of the University shall be managed in such manner, as may be prescribed.

### **Grants**

24. The Government shall, every year, make non-lapsable lumpsum grants to the University as follows:
- a] a grant not less than the net expenditure incurred in the financial year immediately preceding the appointed day in respect of the activities of the institutions of engineering, technology and allied sciences which are transferred to the University.
  - b] a grant not less than the estimated expenditure on pay and allowances of the staff, contingencies, supplies and services of the University;
  - c] a grant to meet such additional items of expenditure, recurring and non recurring, as the Government may deem necessary for the proper functioning and development of the University.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

25. The Syndicate shall constitute a Finance Committee consisting of the Vice Chancellor and other members as may be prescribed by the statutes.

### **Annual Accounts**

26. 1] The annual accounts shall be submitted to such examination and audit, as the Government may direct and a copy of the annual accounts and audit report shall be submitted to the government.
- 2] The University shall settle objections raised in the audit and carry out such instructions as may be issued by the government on the audit report.
- 3] The Government shall cause the annual accounts and the audit report to be laid before the Legislative Assembly together with their comments.

## **CHAPTER - VI**

### **27. Conditions of Service :**

#### ***Pension, Gratuity etc.***

- 1] The University shall institute for the benefit of its officers, teachers and other persons employed in the University such pension, gratuity, insurance and provident fund as it may deem fit, in such manner and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed.
- 2] Where the University has so instituted a provident fund under sub-section [1] the Government may declare that the provisions of the Provident Funds Act, 1925 [Central Act XIX of 1925] shall apply to such fund as if the University were a local authority and the fund a Government Provident Fund.
- 3] The University may, in consultation with the Finance Committee, invest the provident fund amount in such manner, as it may determine.

### **28. Conditions of Service:**

Subject to the provisions of this Act, the appointment, procedure for selection, pay and allowances and other conditions of service of officers, teachers and other persons employed in the University shall be such, as may be prescribed.

**Explanation:** For the purposes of this section the word "officer" shall not include the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor.

## **CHAPTER - VII**

### **29. Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations :**

#### ***Statutes***

Subject to the provisions of this Act, the statutes may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:-

- i] the holding of convocation to confer degrees;
- ii] the conferment of honorary degrees and academic distinctions;

- iii] the constitution, powers and functions of the authorities of the University.
- iv] the manner of filling vacancies among members of the authorities.
- v] the allowances to be paid to the members of the authorities and committees thereof;
- vi] the procedure at meetings of the authorities including the quorum for the transaction of business at such meetings;
- vii] the authentication of the orders or decisions of the authorities;
- viii] the formation of departments of teaching at the University and its constituent colleges;
- ix] the term of office and method of appointment and conditions of service of the officers of the University other than the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor;
- x] The qualification of the teachers and other persons employed in the University and affiliated colleges or institutions;
- xi] the classification, the method of appointment and determination of the terms and conditions of service of teachers and other persons employed in the University;
- xi-a] the powers to be exercised and the duties to be performed by the teachers and other persons employed in the University.
- xii] the institution of pension, gratuity, insurance or provident fund for the benefit of the officers, teachers and other persons employed in the University;
- xiii] the institution of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, bursaries, medals and prizes and the conditions of award thereof;
- xiv] the establishment and maintenance of halls and hostels;
- xv] the conditions for residence of students of the University in the halls and hostels and the levy of fees and other charges for such residence;
- xvi] the conditions of registration of graduates and the maintenance of register thereof;
- xvi-a] the conditions of affiliation of colleges to the University;
- xvi-b] the manner in which, and the conditions subject to which, a college may be designated as an autonomous college or the designation of such college may be cancelled and matters incidental to the administration of autonomous colleges

including the constitution or reconstitution, powers and duties of Standing Committee on Academic Affairs, Staff Council, Boards of Studies and Boards of Examiners;

xvii] Any other matter which is required to be or may be prescribed by the Statutes.

### **30. Statutes how made**

1. The first statutes shall be those as set out in Schedule II.
2. The Syndicate may, from time to time, make statutes and amend or repeal the statutes in the manner hereinafter provided in this section.
3. The Academic Council may propose to the Syndicate the draft of any statute to be passed by the Syndicate and such draft shall be considered by the Syndicate at its next meeting;

Provided that the Academic Council shall not propose any amendment to any statute affecting the status, powers or constitution of any authority of the University, until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing its opinion upon the proposal and any opinion so expressed shall be considered by the Syndicate.

4. The Syndicate may consider the draft proposed by the Academic Council under sub-section [3] and may either pass the draft statute or reject or return it with or without amendments to the Academic Council for reconsideration.
5.
  - a] Any member of the Syndicate may propose to the Syndicate the draft of a statute and the Syndicate may either accept or reject the draft, if it relates to a matter not falling within the purview of the Academic Council.
  - b] In case such draft relates to a matter within the purview of the Academic Council, the Syndicate shall refer it for consideration to the Academic Council, which may, after following the procedure laid down in the proviso to sub section [3], either report to the Syndicate that it does not approve the draft or submit the draft to the syndicate in such form as the Academic Council may approve and the Syndicate may either pass with or without amendment or reject the draft.
6. A statute passed by the Syndicate shall be submitted to the Chancellor who may assent thereto or withhold his assent. A statute passed by the Syndicate shall have no validity until it has been assented to by the Chancellor.



### **31. Ordinances:**

- 1] Subject to the provisions of this Act and statutes, the ordinances of the University may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely;
  - [i] the admission of the students to the University, its constituent colleges and monitoring the admission of the students in the affiliated colleges;
  - ii] the courses of study leading to all degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions of the University.
  - iii] the conditions under which the students shall be admitted to the courses of study leading to degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions of the University.
  - iv] the conduct of examinations of the University and the conditions on which students shall be admitted to such examinations;
  - v] the manner in which exemptions relating to the admission of students to examinations may be given;
  - vi] the conditions and mode of appointment and duties of examining bodies and examiners;
  - vii] the maintenance of discipline among the students of the University.
  - viii] the fees to be charged for courses of study, research, experiment and practical training and for admission to the examinations for degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions of the University; and
  - ix] any other matter which by this Act or the statutes is to be made or may be provided for by an ordinance.
- 2 Save as otherwise provided in this section, ordinances shall be made by the Academic Council.
3. All ordinances made by the Academic Council shall take effect from such date as may be fixed by the Academic council, but every ordinance so made shall be submitted, as soon as may be after it is made, to the Syndicate and shall be considered by the Syndicate at its next meeting.
4. The Syndicate shall have power, by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, to modify or cancel any such ordinance and such ordinance shall from the date of such resolution have effect in such modified form or be of no effect as the case may be.

### **32. Regulations:**

1. The Syndicate and the Academic Council may make regulations consistent with the provisions of this Act, the statutes and the ordinances, for all or any of the other matters which by this Act and the statutes and ordinances are to be provided for by regulations and also for any other matter solely concerning such authorities.
2. Each of the authorities referred to in sub-section [1] shall make regulations providing for the giving of notice to the members thereof of the date of meeting and of the business to be considered at meetings and for the keeping of the proceedings of the meetings.
3. The Syndicate may direct the amendment in such manner as it may specify, of any regulation made under this section or the annulment of any regulation made thereunder by itself or by the Academic Council.

## **CHAPTER - VIII**

### **33. Transfer of Colleges Employees and Funds**

#### **Transfer of Certain Colleges and Institutions to the University:**

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Madras University Act, 1923 [Tamil Nadu Act VII of 1923] relating to the establishment of the University of Chennai or the statutes, ordinances, regulations and orders made thereunder, on and from the appointed day the College of Engineering, Guindy, Chennai specified in Schedule I and the institutions specified in Schedule I-A shall be disaffiliated from the University of Madras to which they were affiliated on the date immediately preceding such day. The institutions specified in Schedule I-A shall form constituent colleges of the University and the provisions of this Act shall apply accordingly.
2. On and from the appointed day the control and management of the College of Engineering, Guindy, Chennai specified in Schedule I and the institutions specified in Schedule I-A all properties, assets and liabilities of the Government, the University of Madras and the Governing Council of Madras Institute of Technology in relation thereto shall stand transferred to and vest in the University.
3. The Government may, at any time after the appointed day, transfer to the University any of their lands for its use, on such terms and conditions as they deem proper.
4. The Government may, at any time after the appointed day, transfer to the University the control and management of any of their colleges and institutions situated within the jurisdiction of the University on such terms and conditions as they deem proper.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law relating to the establishment of a University in the State or the statutes, ordinances, regulations and order made thereunder, on and from the date to be notified by the Government, the colleges or institutions referred to in sub-section [4] shall be disaffiliated from the University to which they were affiliated on the date, immediately preceding the notified date and shall be transferred to, and maintained by, the University as its constituent colleges or institutions and the provisions of this Act shall apply accordingly.

#### **34. Special provisions for students : -**

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the statutes, ordinances or regulations, every student of the College of Engineering, Guindy, Chennai specified in Schedule I and of every institution specified in Schedule I-A who immediately before the appointed day was studying in that College of Engineering, Guindy, Chennai specified in Schedule I, or institution or was eligible for any examination held or conducted by the University of Madras or the Madras Institute of Technology, as the case may be, shall be permitted to complete his course of study or be admitted to the examination of the University and the University shall make arrangements -
  - [a] for the instruction, teaching, training and holding examination for such students for such period and in such manner as may be determined by the first Vice Chancellor in accordance with the course of study in the University of Madras or the Madras Institute of Technology, as the case may be; and
  - [b] for the conferment of the corresponding degree, diploma or other academic distinctions of the University upon the qualified student on the result of such examination.
2. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub section (1) or any other provision of the Act, every person who, immediately before the appointed day, was a student of -
  - [i] "the College of Engineering, Guindy, Chennai specified in Schedule I or any of the institutions specified in item [I] of Schedule I-A or
  - ii] the M.E. or M.Sc [Applied Mathematics] Courses of the Madras Institute of Technology, shall be admitted to the examinations held or conducted by the University of Madras and the corresponding degree, diploma or other academic distinctions of the University of Madras shall be conferred upon the qualified students on the result of such examination, by the University of Madras".

### **35. Compensation Payable:**

The compensation payable by the University to the University of Madras in respect of the properties, assets and rights to the University of Madras and vested in the University, under sub-section [2] of section 33, shall be such, may be agreed upon between the University and the University of Madras:

Provided that where no such agreement is reached within the period of three years from the appointed day, the government may after giving an opportunity to the University of Madras, and the University for making their representations in that behalf, determine the compensation payable to the University of Madras and the compensation so determined shall be final and binding on the University of Madras and the University.

### **36. Transfer of Service of certain employees**

1. Every person who, immediately before the appointed day, is serving in:-
  - a] the Madras Institute of Technology, Chrompet, Madras; and
  - b] the departments of the University of Madras specified in item I of the Schedule 1 A, shall as from the said date, become an employee of the Anna University and shall cease to be an employee of the Madras Institute of Technology or the University of Madras, as the case may be
2. a] As soon as may be, after the appointed day, the Government may, after consulting the Vice-Chancellor, direct by any general or special order that-
  - i] such of the employees of the Government who immediately before the appointed day were serving in the College of Engineering, Guindy, Chennai, specified in Schedule I and
  - ii]. such of the employees of the Government in the department of Technical Education, who immediately before the appointed day, were liable on orders of transfer issued by the competent authority under the rules then existing for such transfers to serve in the College of Engineering, Guindy, Chennai, specified in Schedule I as are specified in such order shall stand allotted to serve in connection with the affairs of the Anna University, with effect from such date, as may be specified in such order.

Provided that no such order shall be issued in respect of any such employee without his consent for such allotment.

b] An order may be issued under clause [a] of this sub-section so as to have retrospective effect on and from a date not earlier than the 4th September 1978.

c] With effect from the date specified in the order under clause [a] of this sub-section, the persons specified in such order shall become employees of the Anna University and shall cease to be employees of the Government.

3. Every person referred to in sub-section [1] and sub-section [2], shall hold office under the Anna University by the same tenure, at the same remuneration and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rights and privileges as to pension or gratuity, if any, and other matters, as he would have held the same on the appointed day or the date specified in the order, under sub-section [2], as the case may be, as if this Act had not been passed.

4. a] Where the Anna University is satisfied that, for the purpose of securing uniformity in the terms and conditions of service applicable to officers, teachers and other persons employed in the said University, it is necessary so to do or that, in the interest of the said University, a revision of the terms and conditions of service applicable to officers, teachers or other persons employed in the said University is called for, the Anna University may, notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section [3], or in any other law for the time being in force, or in any agreement or contract for the time being in force alter the terms and conditions of service, to such extent and in such manner, as it may think fit:

Provided that the remuneration and other terms and conditions of service of any such officer, teacher or other person employed in the Anna University shall not be varied by the said University to his disadvantage

b] If any alteration of the terms and conditions of service made under clause [a] of this sub-section is not acceptable to any officer, teacher or other person employed in the Anna University, the said University may, unless otherwise the contract of service of such officer, teacher or other person employed in the University provides for a shorter notice of termination, terminate his employment by giving him compensation equivalent to three months' remuneration.



- c] The compensation payable to any officer, teacher or person employed in the Anna University under clause [b] of this sub-section shall be, in addition to and shall not affect any pension, gratuity, provident fund or insurance or any other benefits to which the officer, teacher or other person employed in the said University is entitled under the contract of service.

**37. Transfer of accumulation in Provident Fund etc.**

The sums at the credit of the provident fund accounts of the employees referred to in sub-sections [1] and [2] of section 36 as on the dates of their becoming employees of the University shall be transferred to the University and the liability in respect of the said provident fund, pension, gratuity and family benefit accounts of such employees shall be the liability of the University.

**38. Payment of certain moneys by the University of Madras**

1. The University of Madras shall, out of its funds as on the appointed day, pay to the University such amount as the Government may, in consultation with the University of Madras, specify.
2. The amount payable under sub-section [1] shall be in addition to the amounts transferred under section 37.

**CHAPTER VIII A**

**TRANSFER OF CERTAIN OTHER COLLEGES,  
EMPLOYEES AND FUNDS**

**38.A Certain Acts not to apply:-**

- [1] Subject to the provisions of sub-sections [2] to [6], the Chennai University Act, 1923 [Tamil Nadu Act VII of 1923], the Madurai Kamaraj University Act, 1965 [Tamil Nadu Act 33 of 1965], the Bharathiar University Act, 1981 [Tamil Nadu Act 1 of 1982], the Bharathidasan University Act, 1981 [Tamil Nadu Act 2 of 1982], the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Act, 1990 [Tamil Nadu Act 31 of 1990], and the Periyar University Act, 1997 [Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1997] (hereinafter in this section referred to as the University Acts) shall, with effect on and from the date of the commencement of the Anna University [Amendment] Act, 2001 [hereinafter referred as the notified date], cease to apply in respect of every college and institution to which this Act applies.



2. Such cessor shall not affect -
  - a. the previous operation of the University Acts in respect of the colleges and institutions referred to in sub-section [1]
  - b. any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against the University Acts; or
  - c. any investigation, legal proceedings or remedy in respect of such penalty, forfeiture or punishment and any such investigation, legal proceedings or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed, as if the Anna University [Amendment] Act 2001 had not been passed.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section [1], all statutes, ordinances and regulations made under the University Acts and in force on the notified date shall, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue to be in force in respect of the colleges and institutions referred to in the said sub-section [1], until they are replaced by statutes, ordinances and regulations made under this Act.
4. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the statutes, ordinances and regulations continued in force under sub-section [3] or made under this Act, every person who immediately before the academic year 2001-2002 was a student of a college or institution within the University area affiliated to, or approved or maintained by the Chennai, Madurai Kamaraj, Bharathiar, Bharathidasan, Manonmaniam Sundaranar and Periyar Universities or was eligible to appear for any of the examinations in engineering, technology and allied sciences of the said Universities, shall be permitted to complete his course of study in the respective Universities; and the Anna University shall make arrangements for the instruction, teaching and training for such students for such period and in such manner as may be determined by the Anna University, in accordance with the course of study, in the respective Universities, and such students shall, during such period, be admitted to the examinations held or conducted by the respective Universities and the corresponding degree, diploma or other academic distinctions of the Universities shall be conferred upon the qualified students on the result of such examinations, by the Universities concerned.
5. All colleges within the University area which immediately before the notified date:

- a. continue to be affiliated to or recognised by the Chennai, Madurai-Kamaraj, Bharathiyar, Bharathidasan, Manonmaniam Sundaranar and Periyar Universities; and
  - b. provide courses of study for admission to the examination for degrees and diplomas of the Universities specified in clause [a], shall be deemed to be colleges affiliated to the Anna University under this Act and the provisions of this Act shall, as far as may be, apply accordingly.
6. Subject to the provisions of sub-section [2] but without prejudice to the provisions of sub-sections [3] to [5], anything done or any action taken before the notified date under any provisions of the University Acts in respect of any area to which the provisions of this Act apply, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act and shall continue to have effect accordingly unless and until superseded by anything done or any action taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

**38.B. Transfer of certain colleges to University:**

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Chennai University Act, 1923 [Tamil Nadu Act VII of 1923], the Madurai-Kamaraj University Act, 1965 [Tamil Nadu Act 33 of 1965], the Bharathiar University Act 1981 [Tamil Nadu Act 1 of 1982], the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Act, 1990 [Tamil Nadu Act 31 of 1990] and the Periyar University Act, 1997 [Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1997], or the statutes, regulations and ordinances made thereunder, on and from the notified date, the Colleges specified in Schedule I-B shall be transferred to, and maintained by, the Anna University as the constituent colleges of that University.
2. On and from the notified date, the control and management, of the colleges specified in sub-section [1] and all properties, assets and liabilities of the Government, in relation thereto, shall stand transferred to, and vest in, the University.

**38.C. Transfer of certain employees:**

- [1] Every person who, immediately before the notified date, is serving in the colleges specified in Schedule I - B shall, as from the said date, become an employee of the University and shall cease to be an employee of the Government.

- [2] a) As soon as may be, after the notified date, the Government may, after consulting the Vice-Chancellors of the Anna University and the University concerned, direct, by general or special order, that such of the employees of the University concerned, as are specified in such order, shall stand allotted to serve in connection with the affairs of the Anna University, with effect on and from such date, as may be specified in such order:
- Provided that no such order shall be issued in respect of any such employee without his consent for such allotment.
- b). With effect on and from the date specified in the order under clause [a], the persons specified, in such order, shall become employees of the Anna University and shall cease to be employees of the University concerned.
- [3]. Every person referred to in sub-sections [1] and [2] shall hold office under the Anna University by the same tenure at the same remuneration and upon the same rights and privileges as to pension or gratuity, if any, and other matters as he, would have held the same on the notified date or the date specified in the order under clause [a] of sub-section [2], as the case may be, as if the Anna University [Amendment] Act, 2001 had not been passed.
- [4]. The liability to pay pension and gratuity to the persons referred to in sub-section [1] and [2] shall be the liability of the Anna University.

**38.D. Transfer of accumulation in provident fund and other like funds:**

1. The sums at the credit of the provident fund accounts of the persons referred to in sub-section [1] of section 38-C as on the notified date and of the persons referred to in sub-section [2] of that section as on the date specified in the order under clause [a] of the said sub-section [2], shall be transferred to the Anna University and the liability in respect of the said provident fund accounts shall be the liability of the Anna University.
2. There shall be paid to the Anna University out of the accumulations in the superannuation fund and other like funds, if any, of the Chennai, Madurai-Kamaraj, Bharathiar, Bharathidasan, Manonmaniam Sundaranar or Periyar Universities or, as the case may be, of the Government, such amounts as have been credited to the superannuation fund or other like funds, if any, on behalf of the persons referred to in sub-sections [1] and [2] of Section 38 - C. The amounts so paid shall form part of the superannuation fund or other like funds, if any, that may be established by the Anna University for the benefit of its employees.

**38. E. Payment of certain moneys to the Anna University :-**

1. The Chennai, Madurai-Kamaraj, Bharathiar, Bharathidasan, Manonmaniam Sundaranar or Periyar University, as the case may be, shall, out of its funds as on the notified date, pay to the Anna University such amount as the Government may, in consultation with the University concerned, specify.
2. The amount payable under sub-section[1] shall be in addition to the amounts transferred under section 38-D.

**38. F. Transfer of certain University employees to Government :-**

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 38-C, 38D and 38-E, the Government may, after consulting the Vice-Chancellor of the Anna University, direct, by general or special order, that such of the persons who have become employees of the University under sub-section [1] of section 38-C, other than teachers, as are specified in such order shall stand allotted to the Directorate of Technical Education, with effect on and from such date as may be specified in such order, at such remuneration and upon such right and privileges as to pension, gratuity and other matters, as if they had not become employees of the University.

Provided that no such order shall be issued without the consent of such employees.

2. The sums at the credit of the Provident fund accounts of the employees specified in the order under sub-section[1] as on the date specified in that order shall be transferred to the Government and the liability in respect of the said provident fund accounts shall be the liability of the Government.
3. All amounts as have been credited to the superannuation fund or other like funds, if any, on behalf of the employees specified in the order under sub-section[1] shall be paid to the superannuation fund or other like funds, if any, of the Government. The amount so paid shall form part of the superannuation fund or other like funds, if any, established by the Government for the benefit of its employees"

## **CHAPTER VIII-B**

### **Transfer of Constituent Colleges, Employees and Funds**

**38.G. Transfer of Constituent Colleges from the University :-**

- 1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, or the statutes, regulations, and orders made thereunder, on and from the notified date, the colleges, specified in Schedule I-B, shall cease to be constituent colleges of Anna University Chennai.

- 2) On and from the notified date, the control and management of the colleges specified in Schedule I-B and all properties, assets and liabilities in relation thereto shall stand transferred to, and vest in, the Government.

Explanation - For the purposes of this Section and Sections 38-H and 38-I "notified date" means the date of commencement of the Anna University (Amendment) Act. 2006.

**38. H. Transfer of certain employees :**

1. Every person, who has become an employee of the University under sub-section (1) of section 38-C and is serving in the colleges specified in Schedule I-B immediately before the notified date shall, as from the said date, become an employee of the Government and shall cease to be an employee of the Anna University Chennai.
2. The liability to pay pension and gratuity to the persons referred to in sub-section (1) shall be the liability of the Government.

**38. I. Transfer of accumulation in provident fund and other like funds :-**

1. The sums at the credit of the provident fund accounts of the person referred to in sub-section (1) of Section 38-H as on the notified date shall be transferred to the Government and the liability in respect of the said provident fund accounts shall be the liability of the Government.
2. There shall be paid to the Government out of the accumulations in the superannuation fund and other like funds, if any, of the Anna University Chennai, such amounts as have been credited to the superannuation fund or other like funds, if any, on behalf of the persons referred to in sub-section (1) of Section 38-H. The amount so paid shall form part of the superannuation fund or other like funds, if any, established by the Government for the benefit of its employees".

## **CHAPTER IX**

### **TRANSITORY PROVISIONS**

**39. Appointment of the First Vice-Chancellor**

Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section [1] of section 11, within six months from the appointed day, the first Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Government on a