WHEREAS, the Central Government is empowered under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 to declare, on the advice of the UGC, an institution of higher learning as a deemed-to-be-university.

2. AND WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, vide its Notification No.9-12/2001-U.3 dated 06.05.2002, on the advice of UGC, had declared Symbiosis International Education Centre, Pune as an Institution Deemed to be University, consisting of the following three institutions:

   i. Symbiosis Society’s Law College
   ii. Symbiosis Institute of Business Management
   iii. Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies & Research

3. AND FURTHER WHEREAS, the Ministry vide its notification No.F.9-12/2006-U.3(A) dated 10.11.2006 permitted Symbiosis International Educational Centre, Pune for inclusion of the following Institutions under its ambit:

   i. Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development;
   ii. Symbiosis Institute of International Business;
   iii. Symbiosis Institute of Telecom Management;
   iv. Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies;
   v. Symbiosis Institute of Mass Communication;
   vi. Symbiosis Institute of Operations Management;
   vii. Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology;
   viii. Symbiosis Institute of Geo-Informatics;
   ix. Symbiosis Institute of Health Sciences, and
   x. Symbiosis Institute of Design

4. AND WHEREAS, the Ministry, vide Notification F.No.10-6/2007-U.3A dated 17.04.2008, granted permission to the Deemed to be University to start an Off-Campus Centre at Bengaluru. The name of Symbiosis International Education Centre has also been changed to Symbiosis International University and subsequently changed to Symbiosis International.
5. **And whereas**, after Notification of the UGC (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy Regulations, 2018, Symbiosis International (Deemed to be University), Pune, Maharashtra, which is placed in Category-I, has submitted its application on 28.07.2018 for starting of an Off-Campus Centre at Hyderabad, Telangana, which was forwarded to UGC for examination and advice.

6. **And whereas**, the Chairman, UGC constituted a Committee for examining the application, which has, after due deliberations, recommended that keeping in view the academic credentials of Symbiosis International (Deemed to be University), Pune, NAAC accreditation, Category I in the UGC Graded Autonomy, visit by earlier UGC Expert Committee, assurance by the Institution to withdraw the court case and in view of the fact that the Institution has created necessary infrastructure and appointed faculty at Hyderabad (Telangana), the Ministry of HRD may consider approval of the off-campus at Hyderabad in accordance with the procedure already approved.

7. **And whereas**, The UGC further recommended that keeping in view the future of the students, the students already passed out and presently enrolled in the campus may be treated as valid.

8. **Now, therefore**, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the advice of the UGC, do hereby permit Symbiosis International (Deemed to be University) to start an Off-Campus Centre at Hyderabad, Telangana, with effect from the issuance of this Notification and duly treat the degrees of the students already passed out and presently enrolled in the Campus valid. This declaration is further subject to the following conditions:

   i. The Hyderabad Campus shall be reviewed by UGC biennially for six years and subsequently after five years as prescribed under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016, as amended from time to time.

   ii. All conditions that were stipulated in the Ministry’s earlier Notifications shall continue to be in force and shall be complied with by the Institution.

   iii. The management as well as all the moveable and immovable assets/properties of the Off-Campus at Hyderabad, Telangana shall legally vest with Symbiosis International, Pune, Maharashtra and registered as such in the interest of future of students, members of faculty, employees and for maintaining the standards of higher education.

   iv. There shall be no diversion of assets or funds/revenues of the Institution Deemed-to-be-University/or of its Off-Campus Centre(s), without prior permission of the UGC.

   v. Symbiosis International, Pune, Maharashtra as well as its Off-Campus Centre at Hyderabad, Telangana shall not engage or indulge in any activities that are of commercial and profit making in nature.
vi. The academic programmes to be offered at the Off-Campus Centre at Hyderabad, Telangana shall conform to the norms and standards prescribed by the UGC and other Statutory Councils concerned.

vii. The Off-Campus Centre at Hyderabad, Telangana shall start new academic courses only in accordance with the norms and guidelines issued by the UGC, from time to time, on the subject.

viii. Symbiosis International, Pune, Maharashtra shall take appropriate steps to commence research programmes as well as doctoral and innovative academic programmes at all its constituent units as well as its Off-Campus Centre(s).

ix. Symbiosis International, Pune, Maharashtra shall take all the required steps to get all the eligible academic courses/programmes of its Off-Campus Centre accredited for valid accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)/ National Board of Accreditation (NBA), as the case may be, in terms of the provisions as contained in the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016, as amended from time to time.

x. All the prescribed norms and procedures of the UGC and other Statutory Councils concerned in the matter of admission of students, intake capacity of students, renewal of approval to the academic course / programme, revision of intake capacity of students, starting of new courses / programmes, etc. shall continue to be in force, and shall be adhered to by Symbiosis International, Pune, Maharashtra and its Off-Campus Centre(s).

xi. As and when necessary, Symbiosis International, Pune, Maharashtra shall update or revise or modify its Memorandum of Association (MoA) / Rules with the approval of the UGC.

xii. The MoA/Rules, Regulations, Bye-laws of Symbiosis International, Pune, Maharashtra shall clearly specify/reflect the names of all its constituent units and Off-Campus Centre(s), as are approved by the Central Government.

xiii. Symbiosis International, Pune, Maharashtra shall adhere to the instructions of the UGC as contained in the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016, as amended from time to time.

xiv. Symbiosis International, Pune, Maharashtra and its Off-Campus Centre shall follow the fee structure as per the Rules and Regulations of the UGC.

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4. The Principal Secretary (Higher Education), Government of Telangana, Telangana Secretariat, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana.
5. The Vice-Chancellor, "Symbiosis International", 8th Floor, Symbiosis VishwaBhawan, SenapatiBapat Road, Pune, Maharashtra-411004.
6. Press Information Bureau, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. The Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, AIU House, 16, Kotla Marg, New Delhi-2.
8. Web Master, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. It is requested that CMIS Unit may kindly be instructed to display the Notification on the website (Home site) of the Department.

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