CHHATTISGARH ACT (No. 26 of 2004)

PANDIT SUNDARLAL SHARMA (OPEN) UNIVERSITY CHHATTISGARH ACT, 2004

An Act to establish and incorporate an open University, at State level for introduction and promotion of open university and distance education system. in the field of higher education and to provide for matters connected there with or incidental there to.

Be it enacted by the Chhattisgarh Legislature in the 55th year of the Repbulic of India, as follows:-

- 1. Short title, extent and commencement
- (1) This Act may be called the Pandit Sundar Lal Sharma (Open) University *Chhattisgarh Adhiniyam, 2004;
- (2) It extends to the whole of Chhattisgarh,
- (3) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in official gazette.

2. Definitions

In this Act and the Statute, unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University;
- (b) "Co-ordination Committee" means the committee established under section 34 of the Chhattisgarh Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, 1973 (No.22 of 1973);
- (c) "Department" means a department of the University of the subject concerned;
- (d) "Distance education system" means the system of imparta. "lucation through any means of communication, such as broadcasting, telecasting, audio visual means, audio methods, correspondence course, seminar, contact programme or the combination of any two or more of such means;
- (e) "Employee" means any person appointed by the University, includes teachers and other academic staff of the University;
 - (f) "Finance Committee" means the Finance Committee of the University:
- (g) "Indira Gandhi National Open University" means the University established under Section 3 of the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985 (No. 50 of 1985);
 - (h) "Kulpati" means the Kulpati of the University;
 - (i) "Ordinance" means ordinance made under this act;
- (j) "Planning Board" means the Planning Board of the University:
- (k) "Regional Centre" means a centre established or maintained by

the University for the purpose of coordinating and supervising the work of standard centres in any region and for performing such other functions as may alconferred.

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health and welfare of the employees;

(twenty four) do all such acts as may be necessary or incidental to the exercise of all or any of the powers of the University as are necessary and conducive to the promotion of all or any of the objects of the University.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, but without prejudice to the provisions of sub-section (1), it shall be the duty of the University to take all such steps as it may deem fit for the promotion of the University and the distance education systems and for the determination of standards of teaching, evaluation and research in such systems. In carrying out its objects the University shall strive for cooperation with the Indira Gandhi National Open University and shall observe, to the extent feasible, the educational norms and standards prescribed by it for open learning systems.

6. University open to all classes, castes and creeds

7. Officers of the University The University shall not discriminate against any citizen of India on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or language.

The following shall be the officers of the University:-

(one) The Kuladhipati

(two) Kulpati

(three) Registrar

(four) Regional Director

(five) Finance Officer and

(six) such other Officers as may be declared by the Statute to be the officers of the University.

8. The Kuladhipati

- The Governor of Chhattisgarh shall be the Kuladhipati of the University.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4), the Kuladhipati shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made, by such person or persons as he may direct, to the University, its buildings, laboratories and equipment, and of any Regional Centre, a Study Centre and also of the examination, instruction and other work conducted or done by the University, and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the administration and finances of the University.
- (3) Where an inspection or inquiry has been ordered by the Kuladhipati, the University may depute representative to represent the University in such in-

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