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ANDHRA PRADESH ACTS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS Etc.,

The following is the authoritative text in English Language of the Ordinance promulgated by the Governor on the 4th August, 2026 is being published under Article 348(3) of the Constitution of India for general information:-

ANDHRA PRADESH ORDINANCE No. 8 OF 2026.

Promulgated by the Governor in the Seventy-seventh year of the Republic of India.

AN ORDINANCE FURTHER TO AMEND THE ANDHRA PRADESH PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES (ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION) ACT, 2016.

Whereas, the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 (Act No.3 of 2016) and amended from time to time was enacted to facilitate the establishment and regulation of Private Universities in the State with a view to expanding access to Higher Education, promoting research and innovation, ensuring quality standards, and improving the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Higher Education;

And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh is committed to promoting quality Higher Education, research, innovation, entrepreneurship, skill development, and global academic collaboration in alignment with the objectives of the National Education Policy and the vision of transforming Andhra Pradesh into a knowledge-driven economy and a preferred destination for Higher Education and research;

And whereas, the said Act provides for establishment of Private Universities under Greenfield and Brownfield categories, including exclusive Women's Universities, subject to fulfilment of the conditions prescribed under the Act and the rules made thereunder;

And whereas, the two Sponsoring Bodies have submitted proposals to the Government to elevate their two Colleges seeking establishment of two Private Universities with the names of "Vishnu Women's University" and "Chalapathi University" under the "Brownfield category" in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and Rules. The Sponsoring Bodies have submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR), infrastructure details, academic credentials, financial commitments, and other statutory compliances as required under the Act;

And whereas, the Expert Committee constituted by the Government under section 8 of the Act examined the two proposals, assessed the eligibility criteria and compliance requirements prescribed under the Act and Rules, and recommended establishment of the said Universities under the "Brownfield category";

And whereas, the proposed Universities are expected to contribute significantly towards advancement of Higher Education in the State by promoting multidisciplinary education, research, innovation, entrepreneurship, industry collaboration aligned with emerging technologies and global standards. The Sponsoring Bodies have also expressed willingness to provide seats under Government quota at subsidized fee structure as prescribed under the Act and Rules, thereby ensuring access to deserving students from socially and economically disadvantaged sections;

And whereas, the proposed Universities are also expected to attract investment in Higher Education infrastructure, create employment opportunities, strengthen academia-industry partnerships, and contribute to the overall socio-economic development of the State;

And whereas, after careful consideration of the matter, under section 10 of the said Act, 2016, the Government issued two Letters of intent to two Sponsoring Bodies for establishing the Private Universities with names "Vishnu Women's University" and "Chalapathi University" at their preferred locations i.e., West Godavari and Guntur Districts respectively subject to the terms and conditions as stated in the Letter Rc.No.56/UE-CHE-2026, and dated 09.07.2026 & Letter Rc.No.55/UE-CHE-2026, dated 09.07.2026;

And whereas, the Government has decided to amend the Schedule to the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation)

Act, 2016 for inclusion of "Vishnu Women's University" and "Chalapathi University" as Private Universities under the "Brownfield category";

And whereas, in view of the ongoing admissions season for the Academic Year 2026-2027, it is desired to promulgate an ordinance to give effect immediately;

And whereas, the Government has decided to amend the Schedule of Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016 suitably;

And whereas, the Legislature of the State is not in session now and the Governor of Andhra Pradesh is satisfied that the circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 213 of the Constitution of India, the Governor hereby promulgates the following Ordinance:-

Short title and Commencement.

1. (1) This ordinance may be called as the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Fourth Amendment) Ordinance, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of Schedule.

Act No. 3 of 2016.

2. In the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2016, in the Schedule, after Serial No.15, the following entries shall be added in Columns (1), (2), (3) and (4) respectively, namely,-

Sl. No.	Name and location (address) of the Private University	Name and address of the Sponsoring Body	Details of the Registration of the Sponsoring Body
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
"16.	Vishnu Women's University, Green Meadows Campus, Vishnupur, Bhimavaram, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh–534 202.	Sri Vishnu Educational Society, Sitha Nilayam, Plot No.153, Dwarakapuri Colony, Panjagutta, Hyderabad-500 082.	Reg.No:2118/1992 Dated:03.06.1992.
17.	Chalapathi University, AR Nagar, Mothadaka, Guntur District –522016.	Chalapathi Educational Society, Chalapathi Nagar, Lam, Guntur –522 034.	Reg.No:610/1995 Dated:29.12.1995.".

S. ABDUL NAZEER,
Governor of Andhra Pradesh.

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Legal and Legislative Affairs & Justice,
Law Department.