The following Ordinance promulgated by the Governor of Kerala on the 23rd day of August, 2021 is hereby published for general information.

By order of the Governor,

V. HARI NAIR,
Law Secretary.
ORDINANCE No. 97 OF 2021

THE UNIVERSITY LAWS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2021

Promulgated by the Governor of Kerala in the Seventy-second Year of the Republic of India.

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further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 and the Kannur University Act, 1996.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, the University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 (72 of 2020) was promulgated by the Governor of Kerala on the 4th day of October, 2020;

AND WHEREAS, a Bill to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature could not be introduced in, and passed by, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala, during its session which commenced on the 31st day of December, 2020 and ended on the same day;

AND WHEREAS, a Bill to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature could not be introduced in, and passed by, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala, during its session which commenced on the 8th day of January, 2021 and ended on the 22nd day of January, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, in order to keep alive the provisions of the said Ordinance, the University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (31 of 2021) was promulgated by the Governor of Kerala on the 9th day of February, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, a Bill to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature could not be introduced in, and passed by, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala, during its session which commenced on the 24th day of May, 2021 and ended on the 10th day of June, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, in order to keep alive the provisions of the said Ordinance, the University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (68 of 2021) was promulgated by the Governor of Kerala on the 1st day of July, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, a Bill to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature could not be introduced in, and passed by, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala,
during its session which commenced on the 22nd day of July, 2021 and ended on the 13th day of August, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, under sub-clause (a) of clause (2) of Article 213 of the Constitution of India, the said Ordinance will cease to operate on the 2nd day of September, 2021;

AND WHEREAS, difficulties will arise if the provisions of the said Ordinance are not kept alive;

AND WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala is not in session and the Governor of Kerala is satisfied that 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 of Kerala is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance:

1. Short title and commencement.—(1) This Ordinance may be called the University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 5th day of October, 2020.

2. Acts 17 of 1974, 5 of 1975, 12 of 1985 and 22 of 1996 to be temporarily amended.—During the period of operation of this Ordinance, the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) and the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in sections 3 to 6.

3. Amendment of Act 17 of 1974.—In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), after the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 56, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:

“(2A). Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and the Statutes made thereunder, the Syndicate may receive and consider application for affiliation of a new course in an affiliated college for the academic year 2020-21 within one month from the date of commencement of this Ordinance.”.

4. Amendment of Act 5 of 1975.—In the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), after the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 56, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:

“(2A). Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and the Statutes made thereunder, the Syndicate may receive and consider application for affiliation of a new course
in an affiliated college for the academic year 2020-21 within one month from the date of commencement of this Ordinance.”.

5. Amendment of Act 12 of 1985.—In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985), after the second proviso to sub-section (2) of section 58, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2A). Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and the Statutes made thereunder, the Syndicate may receive and consider application for affiliation of a new course in an affiliated college for the academic year 2020-21 within one month from the date of commencement of this Ordinance.”.

6. Amendment of Act 22 of 1996.—In the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996), after the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 61, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2A). Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and the Statutes made thereunder, the Syndicate may receive and consider application for affiliation of a new course in an affiliated college for the academic year 2020-21 within one month from the date of commencement of this Ordinance.”.

7. Repeal and saving.—(1) The University Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (68 of 2021) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) and the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) and the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) respectively as amended by this Ordinance.

ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN,
GOVERNOR.