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PART I

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, PUNJAB

Notification

The 26th December, 2011

No. 50-Leg./2011.—The following Act of the Legislature of the State of Punjab received the assent of the Governor of Punjab on the 24th December, 2011, is hereby published for general information :—

THE GURU KASHI UNIVERSITY ACT, 2011

(Punjab Act No. 37 of 2011)

AN

ACT

to establish and incorporate a University in the State of Punjab to be known as the Guru Kashi University, for the purposes of making provisions for instruction, teaching, education, research, training and related activities at all levels in disciplines of higher education including professional, medical, technical, general education, religious, language and literature and to provide for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

Whereas Balaji Educational Trust had sponsored and made a proposal to the State Government for setting up a self financing University in the State of Punjab on the basis of the Punjab Private Universities Policy, 2010 to make provisions for all the streams of higher education at all levels;

Whereas the State Government, after due consideration of the said proposal in the light of the Punjab Private Universities Policy, 2010, has come to the conclusion that Balaji Educational Trust (Regd.) is capable of meeting its obligation and running the University and has, therefore, accepted the proposal for the establishment of the said Private University;

And whereas in these circumstances, it is deemed expedient to establish the Guru Kashi University for the aforesaid purposes,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Sixty-second Year of the Republic of India, as follows :—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Guru Kashi University Act, 2011.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University ;
- (b) "authorities" means the authorities of the University ;
- (c) "Board of Management" means the Board of Management of the University ;
- (d) "Board of Studies" means a body, to be constituted by the Governing Body ;
- (e) "campus" means a contiguous area within which University is situated ;
- (f) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Trust ;
- (g) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University ;
- (h) "Chief Finance and Accounts Officer" means the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer of the University ;
- (i) "Dean" means a Dean of the University ;
- (j) "Governing Body" means the Governing Body of the University ;
- (k) "institution" means any institution or institute or college or academic centre (by whatever name it may be called), situated within the campus and run or managed by the University ;
- (l) "prescribed" means prescribed by statutes, ordinances and regulations ;
- (m) "Registrar" means the Registrar of the University ;
- (n) "State Government" means the Government of the State of Punjab ;
- (o) "statutes", "ordinances" and "regulations" mean the Statutes, ordinances and regulations of the University, made by it under this Act ;

- (p) "teacher" includes Professor, Reader, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer and any such other person, imparting instruction on full time or part time in the University or in any of its institutions ;
- (q) "Trust" means Balaji Educational Trust ;
- (r) "University" means the Guru Kashi University established under section 3 of this Act ;
- (s) "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the University ; and
- (t) "Visitor" means the Visitor of the University.

3. (1) There shall be established a private university by the name of the Guru Kashi University in the State of Punjab. Establishment of the University

(2) The University shall be run and managed by the Trust in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(3) The University shall be a body corporate by the name mentioned in sub-section (1) and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal. It shall have the power to acquire, hold, dispose of property both movable and immovable and to make contract and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

(4) The headquarters of the University shall be located at Sardulgarh Road, Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

(5) The University shall be self-financed and it shall not be entitled to receive any grant or other financial assistance from the State Government.

4. The objects of the University shall be,—

Objects of the University

- (i) to provide for instruction, teaching, education, research and training at all levels in all disciplines of higher education including professional, medical, technical, general education and in any other stream and subject, as per the needs of the industry and the society in general, as may be deemed necessary by the University through all the modes of education, as may emerge or become relevant in future ;
- (ii) to make provision for study and research on the life and teaching of Sikh Gurus and their cultural and religious impact in the context of Indian and world civilizations ;
- (iii) to promote Punjabi studies, to provide for research in Punjabi language and literature and to undertake measures for the development of Punjabi language, literature and culture ;

- (iv) to promote the academic aspirations of the rural students ;
- (v) to undertake industry oriented teaching, training and research extension programmes and to provide employable skills with a view to contribute to the development of the society ;
- (vi) to provide for research, creation, advancement and dissemination of knowledge, wisdom and understanding ;
- (vii) to institute degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions on the basis of examinations or any such other method ; and
- (viii) to do all such other act and things, which may be necessary or desirable to further the objects of the University.

Powers and
functions of the
University.

5. The University shall have the following powers and functions to be exercised and performed by or through its officers and authorities, namely :--

- (i) to make provisions for instruction, teaching and research relating to the courses through traditional as well as new innovative modes including online education modes ;
- (ii) to conduct and hold examinations grant or confer degrees, diplomas certificates, awards, grades, credits, academic distinctions as well as other distinctions and certificates ;
- (iii) to institute and confer the designation of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Reader, Lecturer or any other equivalent designation, as may be required by the University or its institutions and to appoint persons as such ;
- (iv) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships and studentships, as may be prescribed ;
- (v) to provide for equivalence of the degrees, diplomas and certificates of the students completing courses fully or partially from any other recognized University, Board or Council or any other competent authority ;
- (vi) to provide for dual degree, diploma or certificate *vis-a-vis* other Universities on reciprocal basis ;
- (vii) to set up central library, departmental libraries, museums and allied matters ;
- (viii) to demand such fees and other charges as may be prescribed ;

- (ix) to hold, manage and run the funds of the Trust and endowments created in favour of the University ;
- (x) to institute and confer honorary degrees as may be prescribed ;
- (xi) to print and publish the works of academic excellence ;
- (xii) to take special measures for increasing educational facilities amongst the educationally backward strata of the society ;
- (xiii) to encourage and promote sports and martial arts ;
- (xiv) to create technical, administrative, ministerial and other necessary posts and to make appointments thereto ;
- (xv) to receive grants from the University Grants Commission and other Central or State agencies or any other person ;
- (xvi) to receive and accept gifts, donations and to raise loans and advances ;
- (xvii) to undertake research projects on mutually acceptable terms and conditions in respect of agriculture, industry and business ;
- (xviii) to provide consultancy services ;
- (xix) to encourage and promote extra-curricular activities for personality development of the teachers, students and employees of the University ;
- (xx) to purchase, acquire and take on lease or mortgage any immovable and movable property and sell, lease, mortgage, alienate and transfer any immovable or movable property belonging to or vested in the University ;
- (xxi) to prescribe the fee structure for various categories of students ;
- (xxii) to seek collaboration with other institutions on mutually acceptable terms and conditions ;
- (xxiii) to fix, determine and provide salaries, remunerations, honoraria to teachers and employees of the University in accordance with the norms, specified by the University Grants Commission ;

(xxiv) to do self-certification, which shall be exempted from obtaining any permission, approval, license, certificate, no objection certificate, authorization or any other document from the State Government or any other body set-up by the State Government or under any State Act or Central Act in so far as it is applicable to the State ;

(xxv) to frame statutes, ordinances and regulations for carrying out the objects of the University ; and

(xxvi) to do all such other acts, which may be necessary or desirable to further the objects of the University.

6. The following shall be the officers of the University, namely —

(i) the Visitor ;

(ii) the Chancellor ;

(iii) the Vice-Chancellor ;

(iv) the Registrar ;

(v) the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer ; and

(vi) such other officers of the University, as may be declared by it by statutes to be the officers of the University.

7. (1) The Governor of Punjab shall be the Visitor of the University.

(2) The Visitor shall preside over the convocation of the University for conferring degrees and diplomas. The Visitor shall have the right to call for any information relating to the affairs of the University.

(3) The Visitor, in consultation with the Chancellor, may cause the inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing to be made by such person, as he may direct in respect of administrative, academic or executive matters of the University.

(4) The Visitor shall, in every case, give notice to the University of his intention to cause the inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing to be made and the University shall appoint a representative, who shall be present at such inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing, as the case may be.

(5) The Visitor may inform the Vice-Chancellor about the results of such inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry and the Vice-Chancellor shall communicate to the Governing Body, the views of the Visitor alongwith such advice as the Visitor may have tendered and the action to be taken on such advice.

Officers of the
University.

The Visitor.

(6) The Vice-Chancellor shall inform the Visitor about the action taken or proposed to be taken by the University with respect to the inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey, inquiry or any other such like thing, as the case may be.

(7) If the State Government considers it appropriate in public interest to make inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing, as the case may be, in respect of any matter relating to the University or its institutions, a reference shall be made by the State Government to the Visitor who will, in consultation with the Chancellor, cause the intended inspection, scrutiny, investigation, survey or inquiry or any other such like thing, to be made.

8. (1) The Chairman shall be the Chancellor of the University and in the absence of the Visitor, the Chancellor shall preside over the convocation of the University.

The Chancellor

(2) The Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Governing Body and he shall decide or approve all appointments, nominations, removals, suspensions and reinstatements of the employees and officers of the University either *suo moto* or on the recommendation of the authority concerned of the University.

(3) The Chancellor may amend or revoke any decision taken by any authority or officer of the University and may exercise his powers either *suo moto* or otherwise to do all necessary things to facilitate the smooth functioning of the University.

(4) The Chancellor shall have the power to do all such other acts, as may be required to further the objects of the University and any matter incidental thereto and the decisions taken by the Chancellor shall be final and binding on all concerned of the University.

(5) If in the opinion of the Chancellor, it is necessary to take immediate action on any matter for which powers are conferred on any other officer or authority of the University by or under this Act, he may take such action, as he deems necessary and shall, thereafter, at the earliest possible, report his action to such officer or authority, who would have in the ordinary course dealt with the matter.

(6) If, in the opinion of the Chancellor, any decision of any officer or authority of the University is beyond the powers conferred under this Act or statutes, ordinances or regulations made thereunder or is likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the University, he shall ask such officer or authority to revise its decision within a period of fifteen days and in case the officer or authority refuses to revise such decision, wholly or partly or fails to take any decision within a period of fifteen days, the decision of the Chancellor, thereon shall be final.

(7) If, at any time, upon the representation made or otherwise, it appears to the Chancellor that the Vice-Chancellor or any other officer of the University,—

- (a) has made default in performing any duty imposed upon him under this Act or otherwise; or
- (b) has acted in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the University; or
- (c) is incapable of managing the affairs of the University.

the Chancellor may, notwithstanding the fact that the term of that officer has not expired, by an order in writing and stating the reasons therein, require the officer to relinquish his office from such date, as may be specified in the order. The officer concerned shall be deemed to have relinquished the office from the date so specified :

Provided that no such order shall be passed, unless the grounds on which such action is proposed to be taken are communicated to that officer and he is given reasonable opportunity of being heard.

9. (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor from amongst the panel of five persons recommended by the Governing Body and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, hold office for a term of three years:

Provided that the Vice-Chancellor shall continue to hold office even after the expiry of his term, till new Vice-Chancellor joins, but, in any case, this period shall not exceed one year.

(2) No person shall be appointed as Vice-Chancellor, unless he possesses such qualifications, as may be prescribed by the University Grants Commission or its equivalent body, created or constituted by the Central Government.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University and shall exercise general superintendence and control over the affairs of the University and shall execute the decisions of various authorities of the University.

(4) In case of absence of the Visitor and the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall preside over the convocation of the University.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such powers and perform such duties, as may be prescribed.

10. (1) The Registrar shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel of three names recommended by the Governing Body in such manner, as may be prescribed. The Registrar

(2) No person shall be appointed as Registrar unless he possesses such qualifications as may be prescribed by the University Grants Commission or its equivalent body created or constituted by the Central Government.

(3) All contracts shall be signed and all documents and records shall be authenticated by the Registrar on behalf of the University.

(4) The Registrar shall be the Member-Secretary of the Governing Body, the Board of Management and Academic Council but he shall not have the right to vote.

(5) The Registrar shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties, as may be prescribed.

11. (1) The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall be appointed by the Chancellor in such manner, as may be prescribed. The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer

(2) No person shall be qualified to be appointed as Chief Finance and Accounts Officer unless he is a Chartered Accountant.

(3) The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties, as may be prescribed.

12. (1) The University may appoint such other officers, as it may deem necessary for its functioning. Other Officers

(2) The manner of appointment of such other officers of the University and their powers and functions shall be such as may be prescribed.

13. The following shall be the Authorities of the University, namely : - Authorities of the University

(i) the Governing Body ;

(ii) the Board of Management ;

(iii) the Academic Council , and

(iv) such other authorities, as may be declared by the statutes to be the authorities of the University.

The Governing
Body

14. (1) The Governing Body of the University shall consist of the following persons, namely :—

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| (a) | the Chancellor ; | .. | Chairperson |
| (b) | the Vice-Chancellor ; | .. | Member |
| (c) | three persons nominated by the Trust, out of whom two shall be eminent educationists ; | .. | Members |
| (d) | one expert of management or information technology from outside the University nominated by the Chancellor ; | .. | Member |
| (e) | one expert of finance nominated by the Chancellor ; | .. | Member |
| (f) | the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Higher Education or his representative, not below the rank of Joint Secretary ; and | .. | Member |
| (g) | one eminent educationist nominated by the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Higher Education in consultation with the Chancellor. | .. | Member |

(2) The Governing Body shall be the supreme body of the University. It shall exercise the following powers, namely :—

- (a) to provide general superintendence and to give direction for controlling the functioning of the University in accordance with the statutes, ordinances and regulations ;
- (b) to review the decisions of other authorities of the University in case these are not in conformity with the provisions of the statutes, ordinances and regulations ;

- (c) to approve the budget and annual report of the University ;
- (d) to lay down the extensive policies to be followed by the University ;
- (e) to recommend to the Trust, the voluntary liquidation of the University, if such situation arises when smooth functioning of the University does not remain possible, inspite of all efforts ; and
- (f) to exercise such other powers, as may be prescribed by the statutes.

(3) The Governing Body shall meet at least twice in a calendar year.

(4) The quorum for meeting of the Governing Body shall be five.

15. (1) The Board of Management shall consist of the following members, namely :—

The Board of Management

- (a) the Chancellor or his nominee : .. Chairperson
- (b) the Vice-Chancellor ; .. Member
- (c) two members of the Trust, .. Members
nominated by the Trust ;
- (d) the Director of the Directorate .. Member
concerned relating to education
as representative of the
State Government ;
- (e) three persons, who are not .. Members
the members of the Trust,
nominated by the Trust ;
- (f) two persons from amongst .. Members
the teachers nominated by the
Trust ; and
- (g) two teachers nominated .. Members
by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The powers and functions of the Board of Management shall be such as may be prescribed.

(3) The Board of Management shall meet at least twice in a calendar year.

(4) The quorum for meeting of the Board of Management shall be five.

The Academic Council

16. (1) The Academic Council shall consist of the following persons, namely :—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor ; Chairperson
- (b) one eminent academician .. Member
nominated by the State
Government as its representative ;
and
- (c) such other members, as may Member
be prescribed.

(2) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, statutes, ordinances and regulations, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University.

(3) The quorum for meeting of the Academic Council shall be such as may be prescribed.

Other Authorities

17. The composition, constitution, powers and functions of authorities under clause (iv) of Section 13, shall be such, as may be prescribed.

Disqualification for membership of an authority or body

18. A person shall be disqualified for being a member of any of the authorities or body of the University, if he.—

- (a) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court ;
- (b) is an undischarged insolvent ;
- (c) has been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude ; or
- (d) has been punished for indulging in or promoting unfair practice in the conduct of any examination in any form, anywhere.

19. No act or proceedings taken under this Act by any authority or other body of the University shall be invalid merely on the ground of,— Acts or proceedings not to be invalidated due to vacancies.

- (a) any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the authority or body ; or
- (b) any defect or irregularity in election, nomination or appointment of a person acting as member thereof ; or
- (c) any defect or irregularity in such act or proceeding not affecting the merits of the case.

20. Any vacancy occurred in any authority or body of the University due to death, resignation or removal of a member or due to change of capacity in which he was appointed or nominated shall be filled up as early as possible by the authority or body, which had appointed or nominated such a member : Filling up of emergent vacancies.

Provided that the person appointed or nominated as a member of any authority or body of the University on an emergent vacancy, shall remain member of such authority or body only for the remaining tenure of the member, in whose place, he is appointed or nominated, as the case may be.

21. The authorities or officers of the University may constitute such committees, as may be necessary for performing specific tasks by such committees. The constitution of such committees and their duties shall be such, as may be prescribed. Committees.

22. (1) The Governing Body may, from time to time, make statutes or may amend or repeal the same. Power to make statutes.

(2) Every statute or any amendment made therein or repeal thereof, shall require the approval of the Chancellor.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the statutes may provide for following matters, namely :—

- (a) the constitution, powers and functions of the authorities and other bodies of the University as may be constituted from time to time ;
- (b) the terms and conditions of appointment of the Vice-Chancellor and his powers and functions ;

- (c) the manner, terms and conditions of appointment of the Registrar and Chief Finance and Accounts Officer and their powers and functions ;
- (d) the manner, terms and conditions of appointment of other officers and teachers and their powers and functions ;
- (e) the terms and conditions of service of employees of the University ;
- (f) the procedure for arbitration in case of dispute between University, officers, teachers, employees and students ;
- (g) the conferment of honorary degrees ;
- (h) the exemption of students from payment of tuition fee and for awarding them scholarships and fellowships ;
- (i) the policy of admissions, including regulation of reservation of seats ;
- (j) the fees to be charged from students ;
- (k) the number of seats in different courses ; and
- (l) all other matters, for which statutes are required to be made under this Act.

(4) After the approval of the Chancellor, the statutes of the University shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval.

(5) The State Government shall consider the statutes submitted by the University and shall give its approval thereon without or with such modifications, if any, as it may deem necessary and return the statutes to the University.

(6) The University shall, with the approval of the Governing Body, communicate its agreement to the statutes as approved by the State Government, and if it desires not to give effect to any or all of the modifications made by the State Government, it may give reasons therefor.

(7) After the statutes are finally approved by the State Government, these shall be published in the Official Gazette of the University.

(8) The statutes so made, shall not be amended without the approval of the State Government within five years from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette of the University.

23. (1) The Governing Body may, from time to time, make ordinances or may amend or repeal the same. Power to make ordinances.

(2) Every ordinance or any amendment therein or repeal thereof, shall require the approval of the Chancellor.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the ordinances may provide for the following matters, namely :—

- (a) the admission of students to the University and their enrolment as such ;
- (b) the courses of study to be laid down for the degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University ;
- (c) the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions ;
- (d) the conditions for award of fellowships, scholarships, stipends, medals and prizes ;
- (e) the conduct of examinations, including the terms of office and manner of appointment and the duties of examining bodies, examiners and moderators ;
- (f) fees, to be charged for the various courses, examinations, degrees and diplomas of the University ;
- (g) the conditions of residence of the students of the University ;
- (h) taking of disciplinary action against the students ;
- (i) the creation, composition and functions of any other body, which is considered necessary for improving the academic standard of the University ;
- (j) the manner of co-operation and collaboration with other universities and institutions of higher education ; and
- (k) all other matters which by this Act or statutes made thereunder are required to be provided by the ordinances.

(4) After the approval of the Chancellor, the ordinances of the University shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval.

(5) The State Government shall consider the ordinances submitted by the University and shall give its approval thereon without or with such modifications, if any, as it may deem necessary and forward the ordinances to the University.

(6) The University shall, with the approval of the Governing Body, communicate its agreement to the ordinances as approved by the State Government and if it desires not to give effect to any or all of the modifications made by the State Government, it may give reasons therefor.

(7) After the ordinances are finally approved by the State Government, these shall be published in the Official Gazette of the University.

(8) The ordinances so made, shall not be amended without the approval of the State Government within five years from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the University.

Power to make regulations.

24. (1) The Governing Body may, from time to time, make regulations or may amend or repeal the same.

(2) Every regulation or any amendment made or repeal thereof, shall require the approval of the Chancellor.

(3) After the approval of the Chancellor, the regulations of the University shall be submitted to the State Government for its approval.

(4) The State Government shall consider the regulations submitted by the University and shall give its approval thereon without or with such modifications, if any, as it may deem necessary and return the regulations to the University.

(5) The University shall, with the approval of the Governing Body, communicate its agreement to the regulations as approved by the Government, and, if it desires not to give effect to any or all of the modifications made by the State Government, it may give reasons therefor.

(6) After the regulations are finally approved by the State Government, these shall be published in the Official Gazette of the University.

(7) The regulations so made, shall not be amended without the approval of the State Government within a period of five years from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette of the University, however, thereafter these may be amended by the University at its own level as prescribed under this Act.

25. (1) The University shall be prohibited from conferring any degrees, not recognized by the University Grants Commission or its equivalent body constituted by the Central Government.

University to follow Rules, Regulations, etc. of the Regulating Bodies.

(2) It shall be mandatory for the University to follow the University Grants Commission (Establishment and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 or any other regulations, made for Private Universities by the University Grants Commission or other Regulatory Bodies.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall be bound to comply with all the Regulations and norms of the Regulating Bodies and provide all such facilities and assistance to such bodies, as are required by them to discharge their duties and carry out their functions.

26. (1) The University shall have General Fund to which shall be credited.—

General Fund

- (a) fees and other charges received by the University ;
- (b) any income received from consultancy and other work undertaken by the University ;
- (c) bequests, donations, endowments and any other grants ; and
- (d) funds and grants received from any source by the University for research projects from any Government and non-Government agencies.

(2) The General Fund shall be utilized for the following purposes, namely :—

- (a) for the repayment of debts including interest charges thereto incurred by the University ;
- (b) for the upkeep of the assets of the University ;
- (c) for the payment of the cost of audit of the funds created ;

- (d) for meeting the expenses of any suit or proceedings ;
- (e) for the payment of salaries and allowances of the officers and employees of the University and for the payment of any benefits to any such officers and employees ;
- (f) for the payment of travelling and other allowances of the members of the authorities of the University and of the members of any committee or board ;
- (g) for the payment of fellowships, freships, scholarships, assistantships and other awards to students belonging to economically weaker sections of the society or research associates or trainees, as the case may be, or to any student otherwise eligible for such awards ;
- (h) for the payment of any expenses incurred by the University ;
- (i) for acquisition of land or any kind of development work or likewise activities for the purpose of the University ;
- (j) for the payment of cost of capital and repayment of loans incurred by the Trust for setting up and running the University and the investments made therefor ;
- (k) for the payment of charges and expenditure relating to the consultancy work undertaken by the University ; and
- (l) for the payment of any expenditure, salaries, taxes, liabilities etc. by the Trust for or on behalf of the University.

(3) The University shall devise such accounting system to handle the administration of finance and accounts in a simple and efficient manner so that unnecessary procedural complications could be avoided.

27. The University may have such other funds also, as may be prescribed.

28. The accounts of the income and expenditure of the University shall be audited by the Chartered Accountants of the University and shall be submitted once in a year by the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer to the Governing Body for its approval.

Other funds

Annual account
and audit.

29. At the beginning of each academic session and in any case, not later than 30th day of August of every calendar year, the University shall prepare and publish a semester wise or annually, as the case may be, a tentative Schedule of Examinations including various academic activities to be conducted at the University. Examinations.

Explanation.—“Schedule of Examinations” means a table giving details about the time, day and date of the commencement of each paper which is a part of a scheme of examinations and shall also include the details of practical examinations.

30. (1) The University shall strive to declare the results of examinations conducted by it within a period of forty-five days from the last date of the examination of particular course and shall, in any case, not later than sixty days from such date. Declaration of Results

(2) No examination or the result of an examination shall be held invalid only for the reason that the University has not followed the Schedule of Examination.

31. The convocation of the University shall be held in every academic year for conferring degrees, diplomas, certificates or any other academic distinction or for any other purpose in the manner, as may be prescribed. Convocation

32. If any question arises with respect to the appointment or entitlement of any person, to be a member of any authority or other body of the University, the same shall be referred to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final and binding. Disputes as to the constitution of University authorities and bodies.

33. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the State Government may, in consultation with the Chancellor, by an order published in the Official Gazette, make such provision, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as it may deem necessary for removing the difficulty. Power to remove difficulties.

34. No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against any officer or employee of the University for anything done in good faith or intended to be done in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or the statutes, ordinances or regulations made thereunder. Protection of action taken in good faith.

Transitory provisions.

35. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act and the statutes, ordinances or regulations made thereunder, the Trust may, subject to the availability of the funds, discharge all or any of the functions of the University for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act or the statutes. The ordinances and the regulations so made and for that purpose, may exercise such powers and perform such duties which by this Act or by such statutes, the ordinances and the regulations are to be exercised or performed by any authority or officer of the University, until such authority comes into existence or officer is appointed.

Repeal and saving

36. (1) The Guru Kashi University Ordinance, 2011 (Punjab Ordinance No. 11 of 2011), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Ordinance, referred to in sub-section (1), shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act.

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