

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

1. *Establishment of the University.* — Bharathiar University was established under the Bharathiar University Act I of 1981 (Tamil Nadu University Act I of 1982).

2. *Laws of the University.* — The Laws of the University shall be a compilation of the Bharathiar University Act I of 1981 (Tamil Nadu Act I of 1982), rules framed thereon by the Government under the provisions of the Government, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations framed by the competent authorities.

3. *Short title.* — These Laws shall be called “Laws” of the Bharathiar University.

4. *Act, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, etc.* — In these Laws, the Sections and sub-sections of the Act reproduced and mentioned in the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations shall be cited by the serial numbers of the sections and sub-sections as given in the Act. The Statutes, Ordinances and regulations are numbered serially for every Chapter and cited as “Statute number under Chapter”.

5. *Definitions* — *Act S. 2.* In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires: —

(a) “Affiliated College” means any College situated within the University area and affiliated to the University and providing courses of study for admission to the examinations for degrees of the University and includes a college deemed to be affiliated to the University under this Act;

(b) “Approved College” means any College situated within the University area and approved by the University and providing courses of study for admission to the examinations for titles and diplomas of the University and includes a college deemed to be approved by the University under this Act;

(c) “Autonomous College” means any College designated as an autonomous College by Statutes;

(d) “College” means any College or any Institution maintained or approved by, or affiliated to the University and providing courses of study for admission to the examinations of the University;

(e) “Government” means the State Government;

(f) “Hostel” means a unit of residence for the students of the University maintained or recognised by the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act and includes a hostel deemed to be recognised by the University under this Act ;

(g) "Notified Date" means the date specified in the Notification issued under sub section (4) of section 1 ;

(h) "Post-graduate College" means a University College or an affiliated College situated within the University area and providing post-graduate courses of study leading up to the Post-graduate degrees of the University,

(i) "Prescribed" means prescribed by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations;

(j) "Principal" means the Head of the College,

(k) "Professional College" means a College established or maintained by the University or affiliated to the University and providing courses or study leading up to the professional degrees of the University,

(l) "Registered graduate" means a graduate registered under this Act;

(m) "Statutes", "Ordinances" and "Regulations" mean, respectively, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University made or continued in force under this Act;

(n) "Teachers" means such Lecturers, Readers, Assistant Professors, Professors and other persons giving instruction in University Colleges or Laboratories in affiliated or approved colleges or in hostels and Librarians as may be declared by the Statutes to be teachers;

(o) "Teachers of the University" means persons appointed by the University to give instruction on its behalf,

(p) "University" means the Bharathiar University;

(q) "University area" means the area to which this Act extends under sub-section (2) of section 1;

(r) "University Centre" means any area within the University area recognized by the Government on the recommendations of the University and containing one or more colleges competent to engage in higher teaching and research work and to promote University life in a manner calculated to prepare for the Institution of a new University;

(s) "University College" means a College or a College combined with a research institute maintained by the University, whether instituted by it or not, and providing courses of study leading up to the post-graduate and professional degrees;

(t) "University Grants Commission" means the Commission established under section 4 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Central Act 3 of 1956);

(u) "University Laboratory" means a Laboratory maintained by the University whether instituted by it or not, and intended for the carrying on and advancement of research work;

(v) "University Lecturer", "University Reader" or "University Professor" means Lecturer, Reader or Professor, respectively, appointed or deemed to be appointed as such by the University;

(w) "University Library" means a Library maintained by the University, whether instituted by it or not.

6. *Extent — Act S. 1 (2)* — The jurisdiction of the University extends to the area comprising the Districts of Coimbatore, Erode and The Nilgiris in the State of Tamil Nadu.

7. *Act S. 1 (3)*. — It applies to all Colleges and institutions situated within the University area and affiliated to or approved by the University in accordance with the provisions of this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made hereunder and also to all Colleges and institutions deemed to be affiliated to or approved by the University under this Act.

8. *Act S. 60 (6)*. — All Colleges including oriental Colleges, within the University area which immediately before the notified date —

(a) Continue to be affiliated to, or recognised by the University of Madras and

(b) Provide courses of study for admission to the examination for degrees of the University of Madras, shall be deemed to be colleges affiliated to the Bharathiar University under this Act and the provisions of this Act shall, as far as may be, apply accordingly.

9. *Act S. 60 (7)*. — All Colleges within the University area which immediately before the notified date, continue to be recognised by the University of Madras as oriental colleges providing courses of study for admission to the examinations of the said University, for titles and diplomas, shall be deemed to be colleges approved by the Bharathiar University under this Act and the provisions of this Act shall, as far as may be, apply accordingly.

10. *Act S. 60 (8)*. — All hostels within the University area which continue to be recognised by the University of Madras immediately before the notified date shall be deemed to be hostels recognised by the Bharathiar University under this Act and the provisions of this Act shall, as far as may be, apply accordingly.

11. *Act S. 60 (9)*. — Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) but without prejudice to the provisions of sub-sections (3) to (7) anything done or any action taken before the notified date under any provision of the Madras University Act, 1923 (Tamil Nadu Act VII of 1923) in respect of any area to which the provisions of this Act extend shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provision of this Act and shall continue to have effect accordingly unless and until superseded by anything done or any action taken under the corresponding provision of this Act.

12. *Statute 1. Notice etc. to be sent by Post*. — Any notice, intimating or information to be given to any person and any paper, minutes or proceedings to be sent statutorily to any person shall, unless otherwise provided, be given or sent by posting the same to the address of that person.

A member of any of the authorities of the University, or of any Board of examiners or Committee appointed under the laws, or any candidate for any examination or course of studies or for any convocation, shall, give an address to which communications may be sent; and the posting of communications to that address shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of the laws as to notice, intimation, etc.

13. *Statute 2. Act or Proceedings due on a holiday to be done the next working day.* — Where by any law, any act or proceeding is to be done or taken in the office of the University on a certain day or within a prescribed period, and the office is closed on that day or the last day prescribed, the act or proceeding shall be considered as done or taken in due time if it is done or taken on the date on which the office re-opens.

14. *Statute 3. Working Hours for Office and Teachers.* — The Office of the University shall be open daily for transaction of business between the hours 10.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. with a break of 30 minutes to be availed for lunch between 13.00 and 14.00 hours except on Saturdays, Sundays and Government Gazetted holidays. The Office may be closed for a day or part of a day on particular occasions at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor provided arrangements are made for the transaction of urgent business.

The hours of work for the University Departments of Study and Research shall be the same as the hours prescribed for the University Office, except in the case of members of staff engaged in conducting classes outside the prescribed hours. Their hours shall be such as may be prescribed by the Vice-Chancellor.

CHAPTER II

THE UNIVERSITY

1. *Act S. 3. Name of University.* — There shall be a University by the name "The Bharathiar University".

2. The University shall be a body corporate, shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

3. The Headquarters of the University shall be located within the limits of the City of Coimbatore or in any place within a radius of twenty-five kilometres around those limits.

4. *Act S. 4. Objects and Powers of the University.* — The University shall have the following objects and powers, namely :-

(1) to provide for instruction and training in such branches of learning as it may determine;

(2) to provide for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

(3) to institute degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions;

(4) to hold examinations and to confer degrees, titles, diplomas and other academic distinctions on persons who

(a) shall have pursued an approved course of study in a University College or Laboratory or in an affiliated or approved College, unless exempted therefrom in the manner prescribed by the Statutes and shall have, passed the prescribed examinations of the University, or