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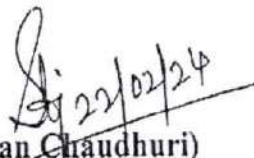
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## **NOTIFICATION**

The following Act of the Tripura Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor of Tripura on the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 and is hereby published for General information.

  
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**THE TRIPURA ACT No. 1 of 2024.**

**MATA TRIPURA SUNDARI OPEN UNIVERSITY, TRIPURA ACT, 2024.**

An

Act

to provide for the establishment and incorporation of '**MATA TRIPURA SUNDARI OPEN UNIVERSITY, TRIPURA**' in the State of **TRIPURA** and matters connected therewith and incidental thereto;

*Whereas, it is felt necessary to establish, incorporate and regulate an Open University in the State of Tripura to facilitate, promote, Develop and advancement of higher education through open & distance learning, online & E-learning as well as skill Development, vocational education entrepreneurship development, skill based education in the emerging areas of manufacturing, textile, design, logistics and transportation, automation, maintenance, etc. and to raise skill level in various ancillary fields related to these areas and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;*

And whereas, to provide for higher education leading to excellence and innovation in such branches of knowledge as may be deemed fit primarily at undergraduate, postgraduate degree levels fully conforming to the concept of the University being established under this Act;

And whereas, with a view to keep pace with the rapid development in all spheres of knowledge in the world and country, it is essential to create study facilities in the State to provide state of the art education facilities to the youth at their doorstep so that they can make out of them human resources compatible to liberalized economic and social order of the world;

And whereas, rapid advancement in knowledge and changing requirements of human resources make it essential that a resourceful and quick and responsive system of educational development be created which can work with entrepreneurial zeal under the an essential regulatory set up and such a system can be created by allowing the private institutions engaged in higher education having sufficient resources and experience to establish Universities and by incorporating such universities with such regulatory provisions as ensure efficient working of such institutions;

And whereas, the Government of Tripura is committed to making a state of art institute of higher education at par with national and global standards to create educational opportunities for national and international students including meritorious students of North-Eastern region of India and Tripura;

And whereas, The Mata Tripura Sundari Open University, Tripura is to be a global inclusive University offering multi, inter and trans-disciplinary course with innovative learning methodologies with local ethos, addressing national goals and fostering global orientation, creating global leaders by advancing critical thinking and knowledge, from maintaining sustenance of life on earth to ensuring the benefit of a healthy planet to all;



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Whereas, Himalayan Universal Education Foundation proposed to establish a knowledge driven and technologically enabled University in the State of Tripura;

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Tripura in the 74<sup>th</sup> Years of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement—**

- (1) This Act may be called "Mata Tripura Sundari Open University, Tripura Act, 2024";
- (2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may by Notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. **Definitions—**In this Act (unless the context otherwise requires)—

- a) "authorities" means the authorities of the university as specified by or under this Act;
- b) "Board of Management" means the Board of Management constituted under this Act;
- c) "campus" means the area of University within which it is established;
- d) "center of excellence" means the state-of the art training centre established in collaboration with industry or for the benefit of the industry and society, to provide all types of relevant skills to students, in-service employees, working professionals and to undertake joint projects;
- e) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the University;
- f) "community college" means an institution providing skill based academic programs as prescribed in the statutes;
- g) "constituent college" means a College directly run by the University;
- h) "Distance Education Bureau" means a regulatory body under University Grants Commission to regulate ODL and distance learning programme;
- i) "employee" means any person appointed by the sponsoring body or University and includes teachers, officers and other staff of the University;
- j) "fee" means monetary collection made by the University or its colleges, institutions, skill centers or study centers, as the case may be, from the students by whatever name it may be called, which is not refundable;
- k) "Government" or "State Government" means the Government of Tripura;
- l) "Governing Body" means the Governing Body constituted under this Act;
- m) "Higher Education" means pursuit of knowledge beyond learning at the stage of higher secondary school education;
- n) "Hostel" means a place of residence for the students or scholars of the University, or its institutions, colleges, skill centers, centers of excellence and study centers, established or recognized to be as such by the University;
- o) "National Council for Vocational Training" means National Council for Vocational Training established by the Central Government;
- p) "National Occupational Standards" means the National Occupational Standards developed by the Sector Skill Councils concerned;
- q) "National Skill Development Agency" means the National Skill Development Agency as constituted by the Central Government;
- r) "National Skill Development Corporation" means the National Skill Development Corporation as established by the Central Government;

- (iii) For the purposes of an inquiry under sub-section (ii) the State Government shall, by notification, appoint an officer or authority as the enquiring authority to enquire into the allegation of violation of the provisions of this Act;
- (iv) Every Enquiring Authority appointed under sub-section (iii) shall while performing its functions under this Act, have all the powers of the Civil Court under the code of Civil Procedure, 1908 trying a suit and in particular in respect of the following matters, namely
  - a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of any witness and examining him on oath,
  - b) Requiring the discovery and production of any document,
  - c) Requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any office,
  - d) Receiving evidence on affidavits,
  - e) Any other matter which may be prescribed.
- (v) If, upon receipt of the inquiry report, the State Government is satisfied that the University has violated any provision of this Act, the Government should direct the University to make necessary improvements and suggest proper implementation of the provisions of this Act;
- (vi) If it is observed that the University is violating the Act continuously three times, the State Government may de-recognise the University with prior approval of the University Grants Commission;
- (vii) During the period of the management of the University under sub- section (vi) the State Government may use the Permanent Endowment Fund, the General fund or the Development fund for the purposes of the management of the affairs of the University. If the funds of the University are not sufficient to meet the requisite expenditure of the University, the State Government may dispose of the assets or the properties of the University to meet the said expenses;
- (viii) Every notification under sub-section (vi) will be laid before both houses of the State legislature before implementation.

**51. Power of the State Government on policy matters:**

The State Government may issue such directions from time to time to the University on policy matters not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as it may deem necessary, such directions shall be complied with by the University.

**52. Status of assets/Liabilities on dissolution/De-Recognition:**

All assets and properties including the Permanent Endowment Fund, General Fund or any other fund and also the liabilities of the University will belong to the Foundation in case of dissolution of the University under any clause mentioned herein above in the Act.

**53. Power to remove difficulties:**

- (i) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions to this Act, the State Government may, by a notification or order, make such provisions, not inconsistent



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with the provisions of this Act, as appear to it to be necessary or expedient, for removing the difficulty;

- (ii) Provided that no notifications, order under sub-section (i) shall be made after the expiration of period of three years from the commencement of this Act;
- (iii) Every order made under sub-section (ii) shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made before the State legislature;
- (iv) No order made under sub-section (i) shall be called in question in any Court on the ground that no difficulty as referred to in that sub-section existed or was required to be removed.

Sd/-  
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