

### **Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous)**

"College With Potential For Excellence" (Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University)

NAAC Accreditation Year 2000 at Five Star Level Year 2007 at A<sup>+</sup>Level Year 2013 - at A Grade with CGPA of 3.70 on 4 point scale Year 2021-at A++ Grade with CGPA of 3.83 on 4 point scale

30-12-2021

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the application made by **Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) to Honourable Government of Kerala** with request for deemed university status, dated **October 25th, 2021**.

The application was greeted with a positive response and we now await a formal response in this regard. Please find a copy of the letter submitted dated September 09, 2021 as well as a notarized undertaking endorsing the financial details of the institution.

We look forward to an earliest positive response from your esteemed side.

Binoy Joseph Ph.D. Principal







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Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan Honourable Chief Minister of Kerala Thiruvananthapuram – 695001.

September 9, 2021

Respected Sir,

It is an honour and privilege to meet you on behalf of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and the CMI management. We thank you for this esteemed opportunity and approach you with humility on the topic of our meeting: - request for support from the government for *Deemed to be University* status for Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous).

It is with immense pride that the CMI management would like to inform you that Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) is one among the five institutions from Kerala listed in the Deemed to be University Monitoring Portal of UGC. Our long-cherished aspiration has now become closer than ever before and it is our utmost intent to pursue this goal to its natural culmination.

Visionary reformer and religious leader of the 19<sup>th</sup> century – St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, founded the congregation of CMI (Carmelites of Mary Immaculate) fathers. Education is the charisma of the CMI congregation and its members have been well trained and specialized in teaching at all levels of education from its very inception. The tireless efforts of the CMI have been instrumental in establishing educational institutions of high quality across the country and abroad. At present, the CMIs manage a network of more than 800 Schools, 1 University, 13 Special Schools, 41 Arts, Science, Commerce & Physical Education Colleges, 10 B.Ed. Colleges, 4 Nursing Colleges, 4 Engineering Colleges, 1 Medical College, 3 Law Colleges, 6 Research Centres, 7 Technical Institutes, 41 Hostels & Boarding Houses, 17 Cultural Centres, 2 Super Specialty Hospitals and 114 Non-formal Education Centres. Our institutions have always maintained the tradition and reputation of being the best and the most sought after names in education – for instance, Christ University, Bangalore – one of CMI's vibrant campus hosts more than 15000 students from India and abroad.

For the past five and a half decades, RCSS (Autonomous) has been a beacon of knowledge and hope among the academic community. RCSS (Autonomous), listed as College with Potential for Excellence in Education, has been accredited A++ by UGC's NAAC based on its all-India high score of 3.83/4. The college has consistently ranked in the top two colleges in India for programmes in social work and its management programme was ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in the NIRF ranking of MHRD, Government of India (GoI). Further, the College won the second spot in the Swachh Campus Ranking 2019 conducted by MHRD as a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission, GoI. The Ministry of Science and Technology, GoI have recognized the college as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO). RCSS (Autonomous), affiliated to the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala offers a range of programmes from undergraduate to doctoral levels, including B. Com, MBA, MCA, MA (HRM) among others.

One of RCSS (Autonomous)'s strength has been its international linkages. The college features as one among the 168 institutions in the country listed for the prestigious Study in India programme of MHRD, GoI. This is a natural consequence of our NAAC and NIRF rankings. The college has been a recipient of the coveted UKIERI (UK-India Education and Research Initiative) research projects. RCSS (Autonomous) has very strong international linkages with more than 60 prestigious

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universities and institutions across the world and regularly hosts national and international conferences and workshops.

The faculty of the college have been recruited from across India's premier institutions including IITs, IIMs and have been recognized internationally for their research contributions in leading academic journals. Our alumni serve in illustrious organizations including Microsoft, KPMG, Deloitte, Google, ICICI, Infosys, Goldman Sachs, WIPRO and a host of other organizations in the corporate world. Our institutions have served on several government projects and its social commitment has been evident with its dedicated center for DDU-GKY (Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana) programme initiated by the Ministry of Rural Development, Gol.

The Rajagiri group comprises of 2 autonomous institutions including Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous), Rajagiri College of Management and Applied Sciences, Rajagiri Business School, two Public Schools and Rajagiri Hospital. These institutions have displayed continuous streaks of excellence in their areas. For instance, Rajagiri Business School offers the AICTE-recognized PGDM programme and has been accredited nationally by NBA and internationally by ACBSP. The school is now getting ready for a visit from the prestigious international accreditation agency, AACSB, having satisfied all its preliminary requirements. Rajagiri's academic institutions are spread across three campuses in Kochi over sprawling 150 acres of land. Institutions in these campuses offer programmes from pre-primary to doctoral levels in multiple disciplines including management, engineering, commerce, arts, psychology, humanities and others. In our aspiration to the university goal, we look forward to the effective amalgamation of these different academic entities and disciplines in due time to create a truly multidisciplinary Higher Education Institution (HEI) envisioned by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. We believe that RCSS (Autonomous) is well-poised to move towards faculty and institutional autonomy underlined by NEP 2020.

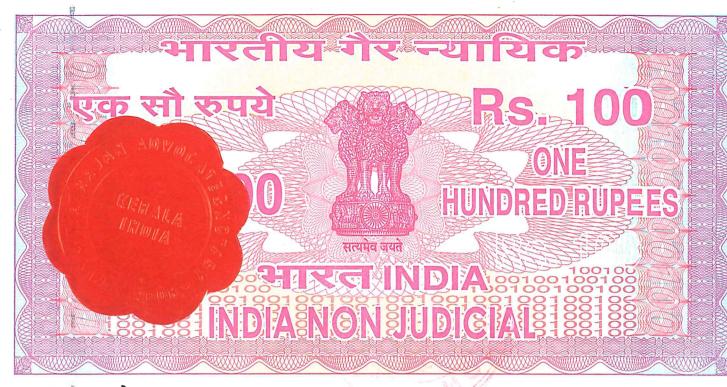
For almost 150 years, the CMI congregation has been making selfless and effective contributions to the society in the field of education. We have zealously worked towards providing value-based quality education to the society at large, irrespective of religious differences, including the cause of the underprivileged and downtrodden in our journey of academic excellence and social commitment. We would like to present before you our request for the *Deemed to be University* status for RCSS (Autonomous) solely based on the merit of our persistently remarkable contributions to the State and the country as a whole in the education scene. The CMI congregation assures its dedication to the practice of academic professionalism and informed sensitivity to the requirements of changing times to take up higher responsibilities and create a bolder statement of distinct identity and prominence on the education map of Kerala. We believe that your esteemed government's valuable support will help us to meet our academic goal of becoming a *Deemed to be University* in the nearest future and look forward to the same in full measure.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Fr. (Dr.) Saju Madavanakkadu CMI Secretary for Education Rajagiri Group of Institutions





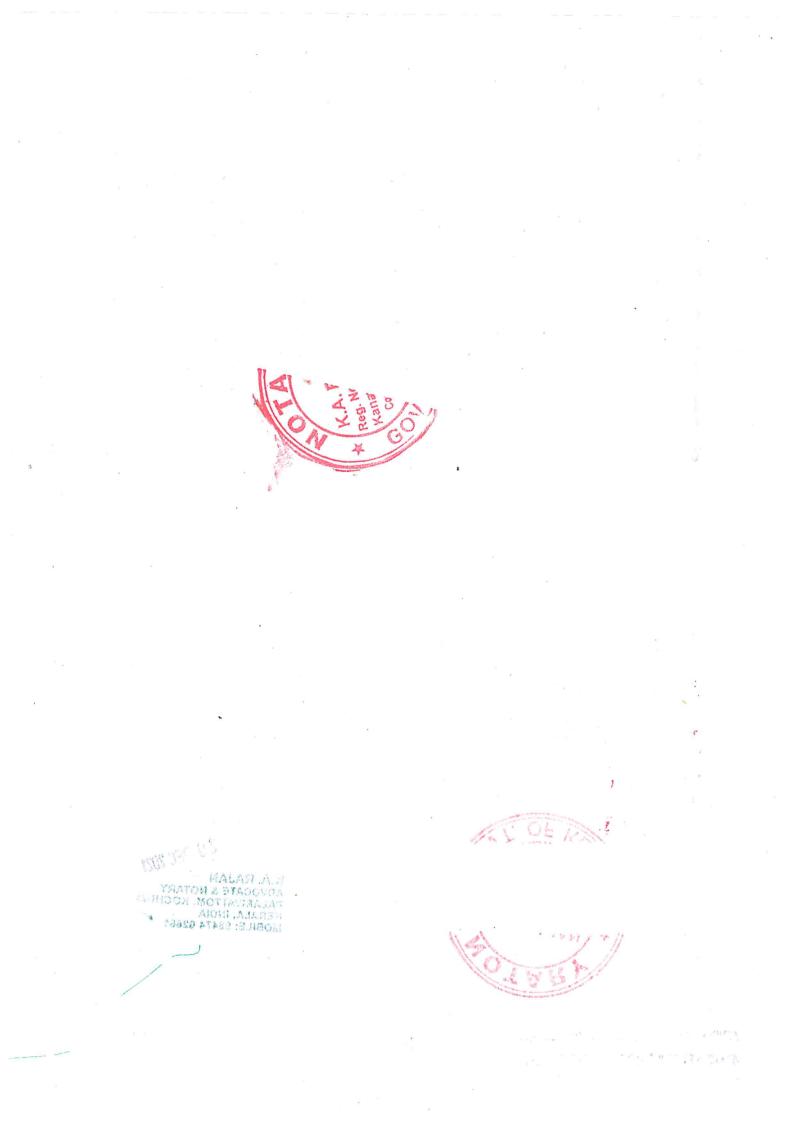
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# **UNDERTAKING**

I, Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, President, authorised signatory of the Sponsoring Body/Educational Agency of the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Kochi, Kerala, hereby undertake that this institution is not "funded" either by the State Government/Central Government, but the salaries of the staff paid

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by the State Government. We have requested the state government, to continue to pay the salary of the staff, even after the College is declared to be a Deemed to be University. Copies of our request to the

government appended herewith.

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#### സംഗ്രഹം

ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ വകുപ്പ് - സംസ്ഥാനത്തെ സ്വകാര്യ ഡീംഡ് യൂണിവേഴ്ലിറ്റികളുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് വിശദമായ നയരൂപീകരണവും നിയമനിർമ്മാണവും നടത്തുന്നതിന് ആവശ്യമായ റിപ്പോർട്ട് ലഭ്യമാക്കുന്നതിന് കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ കൗൺസിലിനെ ച്ചമതലപ്പെടുത്തി - ഉത്തരവ് പുറപ്പെട്ടവിക്കുന്നു.

### ഉന്നതവിദ്യാഭ്യാസ (ബി) വകപ്പ്

G.O.(Rt)No.8/2022/HEDN തീയതി,തിരുവനന്തപുരം, 03/01/2022

#### <u>ഉത്തരവ്</u>

രാജഗിരി കോളേജ് ഓഫ് സോഷ്യൽ സയൻസ് എന്ന സ്വയം ഭരണ കോളേജ് ഡീംഡ് യൂണിവേഴ്ലിറ്റി ആക്കുന്നതിന് അന്മമതി ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുകൊണ്ട് സർക്കാരിന് അപേക്ഷ നൽകകയുണ്ടായി.

സർക്കാർ ഇക്കാര്യം വിശദമായി പരിശോധിച്ചു. ഭാവിയിൽ സംസ്ഥാനത്തെ മറ്റ് സ്വയംഭരണ കോളേള്ളകളും ഡീംഡ് സർവ്വകലാശാലകൾ ആക്കുന്നതിന് സർക്കാർ അനുവാദത്തിനുവേണ്ടി സമീപിക്കുവാൻ സാധ്യതയുള്ളതായി കാണുന്നു. ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ സ്വകാര്യ ഡീംഡ് സർവ്വകലാശാലകളുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് വിശദമായ നയരൂപീകരണവും നിയമനിർമ്മാണവും നടത്തുന്നതിനാവശ്യമായ റിപ്പോർട്ട് ലഭ്യമാക്കുന്നതിന് കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ കൗൺസിലിനെ ചുമതലപ്പെടുത്തി ഉത്തരവ് പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കുന്നു.

(ഗവർണറുടെ ഉത്തരവിൻ പ്രകാരം)

Santhosh Kumar S R

Additional Secretary

മെമ്പർ സെക്രട്ടറി, കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ കൗൺസിൽ.

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സെക്ഷൻ ഓഫീസർ

പകർപ്പ്: –

ബഇ. ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ വകപ്പ് മന്ത്രിയുടെ പി. എസ് – ന് ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ വകപ്പ് അഡീഷണൽ ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ പി.എ –യ്ക് ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ വകപ്പ് അഡീഷണൽ സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ സി.എ –യ്ക്ക്.