

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

REPORT OF FACT FINDING COMMITTEE WHICH VISITED ~~VINAYAKA MISSIONS UNIVERSITY (ERSTWHILE VINAYAKA MISSION RESEARCH FOUNDATION, SALEM, TAMIL NADU)~~ ON 3RD - 4TH MAY, 2007 TO GO THROUGH THE FACTS IN REGARD TO REPORTS APPEARED IN THE PRESS/NEWSPAPER TO AWARD OF DEGREES IN RESPECT OF COURSES/PROGRAMMES IMPARTED THROUGH DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TO REVIEW THE FUNCTIONING OF THE DEEMED UNIVERSITY AS PER UGC GUIDELINES / NORMS.

BACKGROUND

Vinayaka Missions University, (VMU), Salem, was established as Deemed University under Section-3 of the UGC Act, 1956 by MHRD, Government of India in the year 2001. Vinayaka Missions University has been offering educational programmes in the field of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Homoeopathy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Allied Health Science, Education, IT, Management and Engineering through its eminent constituent Colleges, in Salem, Pondicherry, Karaikkal and Chennai. It has as on date the following 13 institutions under its ambit.

Name of the Institute	Year of Establishment as per Notification
1. Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariyar Dental College, Salem	2001
2. Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem	2001
3. Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College, Salem	2001
4. Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College, Salem	2004
5. Vinayaka Mission's Kirupanda Variyar Engineering College, Salem.	2004
6. Vinayaka Mission's College of Pharmacy, Salem	2004
7. Vinayaka Mission's College of Physiotherapy, Salem.	2004
8. Arupadal Veedu Institute of Technology, Paiyanoor, Kanchipuram.	2004
10. Vinayaka Mission's KV Arts and Sc. College, Salem	2004
11. Vinayaka Mission's Medical College, Karaikai, Pondicherry	2004







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| 12. | Aarupadai Veedu Medical College, Puducherry | 2004 |
| 13. | Vinayaka Mission's College of Nursing,
Karaikai, Pondicherry | 2004 |

On the basis of some reports published in the newspapers regarding functioning of Vinayaka Missions University, Salem with regard to admission/award of degrees against fake mark-sheets in respect of courses/programmes imparted through Distance Education, the Chairman, UGC, constituted a Fact Finding Committee consisting of the following members to visit the Institute to enquire into the matter and to review its functioning:

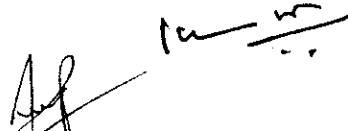
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Member UGC
Flat No.G-5, Mountview Apartments,
Door NO.8-3-269/3/5 & 11,
Road No.2, Banjara Hills,
Hyderabad-500 034 | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof.A.M.Pathan
Vice-Chancellor,
Maulana Azad National Urdu University,
Hyderabad | Member |
| 3. | Prof.M.H.Qureshi
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School of Social Sciences,
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
Mehrauli Road, New Delhi | Member |

Shri S.C.Chadha, Deputy Secretary, UGC, coordinated the visit.

The following is the terms of reference the Committee:-

1. Go through all the facts available and as reported in the press in regard to award of degrees in respect of courses/programmes imparted through distance mode.
2. Undertake to visit the Institute at Salem to verify the situation on ground and ascertain the facts in the matter.
3. To review the functioning of the Institute as per UGC Guidelines and norms/regulation laid down by UGC from time to time.


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The Committee visited Vinayaka Missions University, Salem on 3rd and 4th May, 2007 with a view to assessing the ground situation besides interacting with the management, faculty and other officials of the University and to review the functioning of the Deemed University at Salem. The report of Committee is based on the information collected in the form of :-

- (i) Newspapers clippings/complaints received from various persons forwarded by Ministry of Human Resource Development (Copy collectively enclosed as **Annexure-I**).
- (ii) Committee's interaction with the management, students, faculty and other officials of the Vinayaka Missions University, Salem.
- (iii) Reply of Vinayaka Missions University, Salem to the questionnaire given by the Committee. (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-II**).
- (iv) Review of functioning of Vinayaka Missions University, Salem, and its institutes including Directorate of Distance Education Programme as inspected by the Committee at Salem and the information provided by the Institute.
- (v) DEC approval granting recognition vide its letter No. DEC/VMRF/07/2057 dated 28.2.2007 to the courses under offer by Faculty of Distance Education of Vinayaka Missions University through distance mode for a period of 5 years with certain recommendations (copy enclosed as **Annexure III**)

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INTRODUCTION

At the outset, Shri S.C.Chadha, Deputy Secretary, UGC and Coordinator of the Visit welcomed the Chairman of the Expert Committee and briefed members about the purpose of the visit with reference to the terms and reference of the Committee. The newspapers clippings and the representations/complaints received by the UGC against Vinayaka Mission and Research Foundation, Salem, (now named Vinayaka Missions University, Salem) and admission problems in its distance education programmes were given to the Committee Members for perusal.

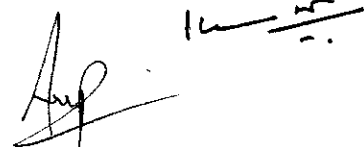
Prof.K.Ramamurthy Naidu, Chairman of the Committee briefed the Committee members about the terms and reference and requested them to examine all the aspects of the complaints / make review of the deemed university in a separate meeting before the start of the inspection.

At the outset, the Chancellor Dr.A.Shanmugasundaram gave a warm welcome to the Chairman and Expert Committee members. Prof. Dr.V.R. Rajendran, Registrar of the University briefly mentioned about the university and its composition/ activities and introduced the team of the University. Dr.Kurian gave a brief about the functioning of the Directorate of Distance Education.

Prof.K.Ramamurthy Naidu, Chairman of the Committee briefed the university authorities about the purpose of the visit and requested all the representatives to kindly cooperate in the work of the Committee. Thereafter a detailed power point presentation was made about the Vinayaka Missions University, and activities of its 13 Institutes including distance education programmes.

Then, the Committee visited various departments, labs, library, hostels, hospital and inspected the infrastructural facilities available with the University, at Salem.


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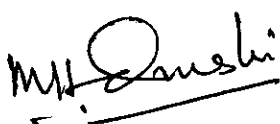
After thorough study and inspection, the Committee gives its inspection report which is categorised into two parts i.e. (i) Enquiry Report in regard to the news-clippings and various complaints received for admission/award of degrees in respect of courses/programmes imparted through distance mode and (ii) about the review of the functioning of the Vinayaka Missions University, Salem in the administration of its institutes as under:-

ENQUIRY REPORT

Background about Distance Education Programmes

The Vinayaka Missions University (VMU) established its Directorate of Distance Education in September, 2004 and started functioning from January, 2005 headed by one Director and 110 qualified and experienced personnel as core-faculty, academic coordinators, programme coordinators, coordinators and administrative assistants and more than 300 part time faculties to assist the Director in administrative work supervision of academic programmes, study centres. It has established the following departments to ensure smooth and complete functioning of distance education programmes.

1. Student Support Division.
2. Admission & Material Division.
3. Training Division.
4. Academic Division.
5. Information & Grievance Redressal Division.
6. Administration & Finance Division.
7. Evaluation & Examination Division.
8. International Division.
9. Information & Communication Technology Division.
10. Audio Visual & Library Division.
11. Research & Development Division.


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The administrative office of this Directorate is housed in the main campus of the University.

A total number of 329 programmes were launched in January, 2005 as detailed below:-

Certificate and Diploma Courses	-	129
UG	-	77
PG	-	83
M.Phil.	-	40
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About 30000 students were admitted in various courses as per details enclosed as **Annexure-IV**. In view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order in February, 2005 banning the erstwhile Universities in Chattisgarh from functioning and directions for these students to get admissions in various universities, about 12547 students in various disciplines as per list enclosed at **Annexure-V** had joined Vinayaka Missions University. The classes were conducted and examinations were held during the year 2005-06. Thereafter UGC vide its letter No.6-1(xiv)/2005(CPP-I) dated 3.9.2006 informed the university not to admit students without the approval of the UGC. The university had accepted and assured UGC that no admission would be made until the approval from DEC/UGC.(Copy enclosed as **Annexure-VI**).

The Committee gave a questionnaire and copies of the some complaints/newspapers clippings received by UGC to the Vinayaka Missions University, Salem to reply in regard to the running of Distance Education Programmes (see Annexure-I & II) and about the upto date position of the crime case made by Crime Branch, Delhi Police for giving admission to

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students of some universities in Chattisgarh which were closed down after the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court on the basis of some fake marksheets as reported in the newspapers.

During the discussions, the Management of the Institute clarified the position with regard to above and their viewpoint on the alleged reports in the newspapers with regard to award of degrees under Distance Education Programme. The para-wise reply as given by the University is reproduced below:-

1.	Item	Reply
i.	How Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation can conduct distance education programmes without getting the approval from the relevant statutory bodies including Distance Education Council (DEC).	As per the provisions of the UGC Act 1956 section 3, MoA and Objectives of the Vinayaka Missions University, the Board of Management and Academic Council of the University have authorized to conduct distance education programmes. UGC Act does not mention about the prior approval of courses by DEC and approval of study centres by UGC. However, these requirements from DEC and UGC have come subsequently in the form of guidelines. The UGC guidelines have also made provisions for Ex-Post Facto approval for the courses and the centres. Accordingly Vinayaka Missions University has applied for Ex-Post Facto approval to UGC and DEC. (Copies enclosed. Annexure -VII) with regard to statutory bodies like AICTE, etc we have been following the norms and standards prescribed by such respective statutory bodies.
ii.	Whether Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation has offered distance education programmes outside the country or in the state of Nepal? If so, whether requisite approvals have been obtained in this behalf?	We have no centre in Nepal. However, one centre, which is running study centre of IGNOU in Nepal, has applied for a study centre. But we have not accorded approval as on now. However, we have off shore centres in Dubai, Bahrain, Abudhabi, Kuwait, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Bhutan, Ras-al-Khaima whose post facto approval is pending at UGC (Annexure -) and was establishing off shore centres

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		in Saudi Arabia, Fujairah, Muscat, Jordan, South Africa, UK, USA, Australia, Canada, Nepal, Thailand, Japan, China, Ecuador and other countries as approved by our Board of Management and Academic Council. However, we requested the UGC / DEC for approval of these study centres under distance mode. UGC letter dated 20.5.05 Annexure - VII
iii.	Whether Vinayaka Mission is offering the programmes through franchise?	No. We are not franchising study centres, we have our own approved study centres.
iv.	Whether Vinayaka Mission has ever thought about the fate of the career of thousands of student, enrolled in their un-recognised courses/programmes?	Immediately after starting distance education, Vinayaka Missions University has applied to DEC as well as UGC for approval of courses and centres. In anticipation of approval, we have taken admission in different courses at the level of Certificate, Diploma, PG Diploma, UG and PG courses. We are waiting for Post Facto approval from both UGC / DEC.
v.	What remedial measures Vinayaka Mission suggests for safeguarding /protecting the academic career of the students enrolled by them in their study centres throughout the country?	Ex-Post Facto from UGC is one of the remedies besides court orders (Copy Enclosed Annexure - VIII directing us to conduct examination and issue of degrees to the existing students. Accordingly, for all the admitted students, exams are being conducted and mark sheets are being issued till the backlogs are cleared. As per UGC instructions, we have not taken admission from the academic year 2006. Copy of the DEC approval order enclosed Annexure -) .
vi.	What is the number of student enrolled year-wise and state-wise or centre wise, in different programmes by Vinayaka Mission in their study centres within the country as well as abroad?	Course wise, year wise enrollment list is enclosed. (Annexure - IV)
vii.	The list of courses offered through Distance Education programme, their duration, and eligibility adopted for giving admission,	List of courses with eligibility and duration is enclosed. (Annexure - IX)

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	degrees/diploma/certificates offered and standards for infrastructure prescribed by Vinayaka Mission for each institute may be provided.	
viii.	What is the fee structure according to which the fee is charged from the students enrolled in their distance education programme?	Course wise fee structure is enclosed. (Annexure - X).
ix.	How the revenue is being shared among the stakeholders of their distance education, programme i.e. Vinayaka Mission, the study centres and any other agency, if involved at any stage?	Vinayaka Missions University collects the full fees and meets the actual expenditure of the study centres from the revenue.
x.	As per the reports published in the papers on Danik Jagaran dated 20.9.2006 and Apana Sahar, Delhi 20.9.2006 (clipping enclosed). The Crime Branch, Delhi Police had arrested group of people (1) for getting admission in Distance Education programme done by Vinayaka Mission on the basis of fake mark sheet and found Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation 1000 unchecked answer sheet in their possessions. The Crime Branch also arrested Vice-Chancellor of Doon International School, Chattisgarh and Coordinator of Subhash Chander Gramin Vishwavidalaya and Xel Informative, Uttam Nagar, Delhi. How far this is correct	Enclosed separately.(Annexure-XI)

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	and how many such fake admissions have come to the notice of Vinayaka Mission. Please give full details about the case. How many are involved in the admission/examination of Vinayaka Mission?	
xi.	How many court cases are filed against Vinayaka Mission in respect of Distance Education Programme and what is their present status?	<p>Since the matter is under investigation by the crime branch, Vinayaka Mission decided to stop issuing mark sheets and certificates to the migrated students. In some of the cases, the validity of the certificates issued by distance education is also being challenged. Hence, some of the students approached different courts for issue of mark sheets and certificates.</p> <p>Following are the cases pending before the respective courts for final decision.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hyderabad – 18 Nos. 2. Chennai – 3 Nos. 3. Ernakulam – 1 No. 4. Rohtak – 1 No.

The Committee noted that:

1. Vinayaka Missions University, Salem applied for ex-post-facto approval to UGC to start Distance Education Programmes in various subjects and opening of study to the centres in the county and abroad. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-VII)
2. The UGC vide its letter dated 9-3-2006 informed Vinayaka Missions University, Salem, not to start any distance programmes without the approval of Distance Education Council and to close down the study centres started without the approval of DCE/UGC. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-XII)
3. In the year 2006, Vinayaka Missions University, Salem, applied to DEC for approval to start distance education programmes.

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4. The DEC subsequently inspected this university on 4.2.2007. The DEC while granting recognition vide its letter No.DEC/VMRF/07/2057 dated 28.2.2007 (copy enclosed as **Annexure-III**) to the courses under offer by Faculty of Distance Education of VMU through the distance mode for a period of five years w.e.f the date of issue of this letter, interalia recommended as under:-

"The University as quality enhancement measure may consider the implementation of the following recommendations and inform the action on these lines to the DEC at the earliest.

- i) **The number of programmes needs to be pruned down and in case of technical and professional programmes, necessary approval must be taken from the respective regulatory bodies before offering the programmes;**
 - ii) **Within one year from the date of recognition given, all course materials should be transformed systematically in self learning mode (SLM);**
 - iii) **Core Faculty as per DEC norms should be maintained for offering each programme**
 - iv) **Further the A/V programmes, CDs, Portal should be systematically prepared to match the level of the programmes being offered. This should be undertaken on top priority and completed within one year.**
 - v) **In case of offering programmes through study centres, DEC Norms and Guidelines must be adhered to.**
 - vi) **The University should also inform the progress made along the above suggestions every year."**
5. After receipt of DEC approval, the Vinayaka Missions University, Salem, has also applied for approval of UGC to start Distance Education Programme for the academic year 2007-2008.


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6. Now to safeguard the interest of the students, the Vinayaka Mission University has also applied for ex-post-approval in respect of students enrolled upto 2006 which is awaited. (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-VII**).
7. Vinayaka Missions University, Salem, admitted to have made admissions of some of the students of closed Universities of Chattisgarh, on the basis of alleged fake marksheets in 1st, 2nd and final year of different courses. The investigations of Crime Branch are still going on and the Vinayaka Missions University, Salem, is not yet aware whether the admissions taken were on genuine or fake marksheets. The VMU has given the following statement of facts pertaining to the case being investigated by Crime Branch, Delhi Police, regarding distance education programmes of the VMU, Salem (Tamil Nadu);

“As per the FIR with the Crime Branch, Delhi and press release, we have come to know that a group of people in and around Delhi were engaged in printing fake marksheets of erstwhile Chhattisgarh Universities and with the help of fake mark sheets some of the students were admitted to different Universities including Vinayaka Missions University, Salem. When, it came to the notice of our University, we have issued notices to all such migrated students to prove their genuinity and a copy marked to the Investigation Team, Crime Branch, New Delhi. (Copy enclosed Annexure-XI). The matter is under investigation by the Crime Branch, New Delhi and the matter is subjudice. We have taken admission about 12,000 migrated candidates. (List enclosed. See Annexure-XIV). Investigation is going on regarding the correctness or otherwise of the mark cards submitted by the students by the Crime Branch, Police and Vinayaka Missions. So far, the crime branch has not come to any conclusion regarding the correctness or otherwise of any of these students admitted.

The Delhi Crime case related to the fake marksheets of erstwhile Chhattisgarh Universities printed by a group called Xel Informatics Study Centres, the Director Sanjay Srivastava based at Delhi and the same was circulated to various Universities in India.

Mr.Selvaraj, the then Director of Distance Education of Vinayaka Mission was suspected to have involvement in his personal capacity and the crime branch has taken him under judicial custody. The final outcome in this matter will be intimated to the UGC as and when received. We certify that Vinayaka Mission is not involved in any way. We have already taken affidavit from all migrated students and centres and if anything wrong is found, we will take suitable action. (See Annexure-XI).”

8. Vinakaya Missions University, Salem has decided to adopt course developed by IGNOU material for courses to be started as per approval of DEC under Distance Education Programme and a MoU is proposed to be signed with them in this regard. (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-XII**)

OBSERVATIONS/SUGGESTIONS

Considering the above, the Committee made the following observations/suggestions.

1. Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation should start Distance Education Programme only after approval from UGC only for those courses of study which are approved by UGC by following the guidelines/norms prescribed by DEC/UGC in this regard. They may also be advised not to open any study centre/off-shore centre for Distance Education Programmes without the specific approval of the UGC.

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2. The Committee inspected the Directorate of Distance Education which is housed in the main campus of the University and found that records have been computerized and have been kept upto date. The store room of the reading material and the library were also inspected and the Committee found that the material is systematically organized on racks.
3. Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation should conduct examinations in a fair and transparent manner with the involvement of teachers from state universities in the paper setting and conduct of examination. The examinations should not be conducted in the study centres. Government or Government recognized universities, colleges or schools shall be hired for this purpose and the invigilation staff shall be drawn from the serving or retired university/college/school teachers. The answer sheets shall be got examined by the qualified regular teachers of the concerned subjects of the State universities or their affiliated colleges.
4. Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation should evolve a more foolproof system/mechanism to verify the marksheets etc. before confirming admission.
5. The Committee found that the admission forms and blank answer books were kept in an open room and it was suggested that these should be inventorised and kept under lock and key and stock registers should be properly maintained to avoid pilferage.
6. The Committee also suggested that University should lay emphasis on consolidation of the programmes already launched and expansion should be restricted till the programmes are fully consolidated and made foolproof.
7. To streamline the distance education centre, the following suggestions are made:

I. Structural provision in the Act of the University to:

- (a) Have a centre for Distance Education and (b) to have off campuses or Study Centre outside the jurisdiction of the said University within the state and outside the state.

II. Physical Infrastructure Requirements:

- (i) A dedicated building with a separate section in the front area which is freely accessible for students to get their enquiries, application forms, study materials, certificates, and also make fee payments. It is advisable to have a Bank counter at that area.
- (ii) The second area has to be the academic area where the fulltime core faculty of the centre could have their faculty rooms; a reference library; a computer laboratory and class rooms to conduct contact classes and practicals for computer related courses for students. In addition, the Director of distance education as a fulltime Professor and his office will have to be housed in this area. It is important to have 'on line education with broad band connectivity made available through a dedicated facility called 'VIRTUAL LEARNING CENTRE' manned by qualified and trained personnel.
- (iii) The third area is the confidential area with restricted entry where no student should be allowed. In this area, all administrative sections dealing with admission, study centres, study materials despatch, Results & certificate despatch, Finance Section along with Financial Adviser etc., would be housed

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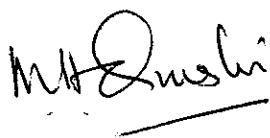
- (iv) The Fourth area is the strictly confidential area with entry permissible to those who are working in the sections associated with Examinations, Evaluations Results processing and Mark sheets and Degree certificate preparation responsibilities. This division has to function under a senior officer not below the rank of Deputy Registrar
- (v) The fifth area should be the Store and documentation area where printed study materials; answer papers; past students registers and their related records are kept for despatch preservation and future retrieval.

B Human Infrastructure

The Centre for distance education should have full time core faculty located at the Centre itself. Faculty from regular departments should not be given additional responsibility even though they could be utilized for lesson writing, question paper setting and valuation work like the faculty members drawn from outside the University departments. All of them must be trained in distance education technology including virtual education once in three years. A directory of experts/faculty utilized for distance education programmes along with their credentials should be maintained and periodically updated with due approval by the authorities of the University.

C. General Provision

- (i) The overall administrative control would rest with the Registrar of the University
 - (ii) The overall examination related work would come under the purview of the Controller of Examinations.
 - (iii) The Vice-Chancellor would be the principle monitoring head of all activities of the Centre for distance education.
 - (iv) The programmes offered by the centre for distance education have to be framed as per the guidelines of DEC(Distance Education Council) adhering to the norms laid down by UGC without any difference in curricula/syllabi with those of regular programmes offered by the University.
 - (v) Only programmes approved by DEC should be offered by the Centre for distance education
 - (vi) The Degree certificates issued by the University for those qualified under distance education should be similar to those issued for regular students without any mention as "Under Distance Education". It is essential that at least 5 security features are incorporated in all degree certificates to avoid bogus certificates.
 - (vii) There should be a separate "Grievance Redressal Cell" along with a telephonic enquiry facility.
- D. Notwithstanding the above, every centre for distance Education of a given university shall have to satisfy the norms updated by DEC from time to time





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II. **INSPECTION REPORT TO REVIEW THE FUNCTIONING OF VINAYAKA MISSIONS UNIVERSITY.**

Based on the information given by Vinayaka Missions University, Salem, and the inspection made by the Committee with regard to infrastructural/academic facilities available there at Salem, the inspection report of the Committee is given below:-

Name and Address of the University

Vinayaka Missions University
Administrative office , Sankari Main Road (NH 47) ,
Ariyanoor, Salem 636 308, Tamilnadu
Phone +91 427 398700/ 2477316/317 Fax +91 427 2477903
E mail. vmtrust@vinayakamission.com, vmu@vinayakamission.com
Website- www.vinayakamission.com

2. Head Quarter of the University

Vinayaka Missions University
Administrative office , Sankari Main Road (NH 47) ,
Ariyanoor, Salem 636 308, Tamilnadu

3. Whether University has any institution under its ambit, if so give details

Constituent Colleges – Notified by UGC and MHRD Notified in 2001

1. Vinayaka Mission's Sankarachariar Dental College, Salem
 2. Vinayaka Mission's Annapoorana College of Nursing, Salem
 3. Vinayaka Mission's Homoeopathic Medical College, Salem
- Notified in 2004**

4. Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College, Salem
5. Vinayaka Mission's KV Engineering College, Salem
6. Vinayaka Mission's College of Pharmacy, Salem
7. Vinayaka Mission's College of Physiotherapy, Salem

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Distance education, Correspondence Education, Twinning Programme with other Universities in India and abroad, Virtual education (on-line, internet), TV Broad cast, video conference, radio and through satellite education

- b. To provide for instruction and training in Medical, Dental, Homoeopathy, Nursing, Paramedical, Engineering, Management, Arts and Science and allied courses with student exchange, faculty exchange and research programmes
- c. To provide for research and for the advancement of dissemination of knowledge
- d. To do all other acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to further the objectives of the foundation

9. Whether the Deemed University is conforming to the relevant regulations/ norms of the UGC/ statutory bodies concerned, regarding minimum standard of instructions, qualifications of teachers, merit based admissions of students on an all India basis, give the position as to how it is being maintained

Yes, as per the norms of the statutory authorities such as UGC/ MCI/DCI/AICTE/NCTE/CCH/INC/RCI/PCI

10. Details of Staff since the conferment of Deemed University status (course-wise) (faculty, technical, administrative etc)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Faculty(Total)	1031	1074	1192	1403	1573
Prof	158	165	198	216	238
Reader	123	137	175	245	306
Lecturer	575	579	621	697	748
Tutor	175	193	198	245	281
Technical	286	345	376	568	615
Administrative	678	706	878	945	1045

11. Details of courses run on regular basis

All the Post Graduate Courses have been started after the conferment of the Deemed University Status (Except MDS Courses) with the approval

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of the respective statutory bodies wherever necessary

UG		PG	
Degree	Speciality	Degree	Speciality
MBBS		MS	General Surgery, Orthopaedics Ophthalmology, ENT,
		MD	General Medicine Bio Chemistry Paediatrics, Anaesthesia, O&G, Skin,
		PG Diploma	DA, DLO, DGO, DCH, D.Ortho
BDS		MDS	Prosthodontics, Periodontics, Oral Surgery Oral Pathology Orthodontics
BHMS		M.D (Hom)	Materia Medica,(Regular & External) Organon of Medicine & eopathic Philosophy(Regular & External) Repertory(Regular & External) Homoeopathic Pharmacy (regular) Practice of Medicine (Regular) Paediatrics (Regular) Psychiatry(Regular)
B.Sc Nursing		M.Sc(Nursing)	Psychiatric Nursing Paediatric Nursing Community Health Nursing Medical Surgical Nursing O & G Nursing
B.Pharm		M.Pharm	Pharmaceutics Pharmaceutical Chemistry Pharmaceutical Bio Technology Pharmacy Practice Pharmaceutical Analysis Pharmacognosy & Phytochemistry

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BPT		MPT	Orthopaedic Physiotherapy Neurological Physiotherapy Cardiothoracic Physiotherapy Sports Physiotherapy Hand Rehabilitation O&G Physiotherapy Paediatric Physiotherapy
BE	Mechanical Eng Computer Science Eng Electronics & Communication Eng Electrical & Electronics Eng Information Technology Electronics & Instrumentation Bio Medical eng Bio Technology Bio Informatics Mechatronics Instrumental Control Textile Technology Production Eng Civil eng	ME	Applied Electronics Computer Science & Engineering Advanced Communication systems VLSI Design Bio Medical Engineering Information Technology Software Engineering Structural Engineering Bio Technology Advanced Computing Digital Communication & Networking Embedded system Technology Computer Aided Design Thermal Engineering Optical Communication Water Irrigation Eng Control Engineering Eng Bio Informatics Optical Communication Soil Mechanics Urban & Transport Engineering Environmental Eng Manufacturing Eng
B.Arch			
		MBA	
		MCA	
B.Sc	Physician Assistant	M.Sc	Emergency & Accident Care
BASLP			
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B.Sc	Hotel Management & Catering Technology		
BA, B.Sc, B.Com, B.B.A BCA			
Certificate Courses	Medical Programmes		
		M.Phil	Nursing
		Ph.D	Nursing, Pharmacy, Engineering,

12. Details of courses run under distance mode

329 courses submitted to DEC for Ex post facto approval (List enclosed as Annexure - XVII)

Certificate & Diploma	UG	PG	M.Phil
129	77	83	40

270 courses approved by Distance Education Council (as claimed by the University See Annexure - XVI & XVII)

Certificate	Diploma	PG Diploma	UG	PG	Ph.D
4	69	42	66	76	13

13. Whether prior approval of DEC/UGC taken for courses run on distance mode, if so please attach copy of the approval

Yes, prior approval taken from DEC with certain recommendations (See Annexure - III)

329 courses started upto 2006 submitted to DEC for Ex post facto approval (See Annexure - XVII);

Also applied to UGC for Post facto approval of UGC --Details enclosed in the Annexure - VII

14. Name and place of off campus/ off shore campus / study centre. Have these been approved by UGC, if so, attach copies of approval

Off campus : Pondicherry, Karaikal, Paiyanoor (Kancheepuram Dist)

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Off Shore Campus : Bangkok, Thailand, PIDC, Malaysia
Approval Copies enclosed (**Annexure - XVII**)
Established Study Centres , Off campuses and Off Shore Campuses in
India and abroad . List Enclosed (Applied for Ex Post facto approval to
UGC)

**15. Fee structure and Examination pattern (including entrance) for
regular and distance mode**

Fees Structure (Regular Mode)

Course	Tuition Fee/ per annum in Rs
MBBS	300000
MD & MS (Medical Courses)	300000
PG Diploam (Medical)	250000
BDS	150000
MDS	200000
B.Sc (Nursing)	45000
M.Sc (Nursing)	45000
Ph.D (Nursing)	30000
BHMS	40000
MD (Hom)	50000
B.Pharm	50000
D.Pharm	6000
M.Pharm	100000
Ph.D (Pharmacy)	15000
BE	60000
BE (Part Time)	10000
ME (FT/PT)	20000
PhD (Engineering)	20000
BPT	25000
MPT	30000
MBA	60000
MCA	30000
BASLP	45000
B.Opt	35000
D.Opt	25000
M.Sc (Emergency & Critical Care)	30000
MD (Accident &Emergency care)	125000
B.Sc Physician Assistant	15000
BPE	8000
B.P.Ed	12000

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B.Ed	40000
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b) Fee Structure of Distance Mode - (See Annexure - X)
Examination Regulation (Details Annexed in Distance Status Report Volume)

16. Organizational structure and Governance of distance mode

Annexure - XI

17. Student enrollment since the conferment of Deemed University status (course-wise) separately for regular and distance mode

i) Regular Mode

Academic Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
No. of Students	3976	4085	4192	5165	6240

ii) Distance Mode

Calendar Year 2005			Academic Year 2005			Calendar year 2006			Total
Dip	UG	PG	Dip	UG	PG	Dip	UG	PG	
3559	3280	2229	6839	4947	3178	2741	2528	1319	30620

Migrated Students from Chattisgarh and UP State and other State Universities- 12547

Total Students upto 2006
30620 + 12547 = 43167

18. Name of the persons involved in the crime case by the crime branch as reported in the papers. Please give the present status of the case

See Annexure - XI

19. Financial position of the Deemed University (income- expenditure since the conferment of Deemed University status)

Academic Yr	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Income	3444601	38881900	48907340	466993896	509694979
Expenditure	3953036	33595978	45691988	424836717	426676457
Profit/loss	-508434 **	+5285922	+3215352	+42157179	+69879918 *

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- *surplus amount is utilized for developmental activities of the University
- ** Deficit amount is met by the sponsoring unit*

Student faculty ratio since conferment of Deemed University status

Academic Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Ratio(Teach/St)	1: 12	1:11	1:10	1:10	1:9

21. Research projects received since the conferment of Deemed University status (year, no.of projects, amount sanctioned amount received funding agency etc.,)

Academic Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
No	10	15	18	35	47

Publications in conferences, books and journals by the faculty since the conferment of Deemed University status

Academic Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Publications	12	17	33	45	52
Books	5	3	6	10	11
Journals	20	25	25	32	43

23. Seminars / workshops/ conferences / training programmes conducted since the conferment of Deemed University status

Academic Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Seminars	11	13	18	24	35
Work shops	10	10	13	17	20
Conferences	6	5	8	12	22

24. Conferences attended by the faculty since the conferment of Deemed University status

Academic Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Seminars	69	88	102	150	178
Work shops	2	8	12	15	22
Conferences	102	112	110	178	230
Training Programs	35	43	45	59	78

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25. Industry / Institution interface (out reach, out reach to other institutions)

Academic Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
No of Companies Participated	113	116	125	145	169

26. Recent achievements

- Automation system
- Teaching Modules
- Off- Shore Campus at Bangkok
- Off-Shore Campus at Malaysia
- Super Specialty Hospital with world class 4 operation theatres.
- e-learning programmes

27. Growth in infrastructural facilities since conferment of Deemed University status

- Land Area has increased by 30 %
- Building Area has increased by 35 % increased (nearly 18 lakh sq ft area
- Class rooms increased by 30 %
- Labs increased by 35 %
- Workshops increased by 25 %
- Clinical Facilities and Hospitals built 50 % increase
- Auditorium and Amenities increased by 40 %
- Equipment purchase increased by 45%
- Networking done all the campuses and connected with main campus
- More than 10 crores spent on the networking facilities-
- Investment increased by 140 crores – increase by 50 %
- Institutions increased from 3 to 13 under the ambit of the University and more are awaiting to be added

28. Library (Details of books, journals and magazines since conferment of Deemed University status

Academic year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
No. of Books	43056	59658	65134	76450	96753
No of Journals	645	742	789	890	987
No of CDs	136	146	198	256	290
Valuation	5.1 crore	5.8.crore	6.9 crore	9.2.crore	12.3 crore

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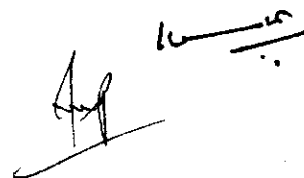
29. Facilities for faculty and staff

- Housing Facilities for the Staff in the Staff Quarters and other housing facilities
- Provided with free transportation facilities
- Housing, Marriage Loan Facilities
- Internet and Phone Facilities in the Campuses
- Faculties are encouraged to attend the national and International Conferences and Seminars
- University sponsors most of those who attend the conferences
- Maternity and marriage leave with salary
- Free Medical Treatment
- Subsidized Treatment for major treatment in the super specialty hospital
- Sabbatical leave for Higher studies
- Separate Vehicle (Cars) for head of the Institution and administrative officers
- Separate Mobile Phones and Housing Phone for head of the Institution and administrative officers
- Subsidized Canteen
- Provident Fund
- Educational Concession for the Staff's Children
- Contingency for entertaining guests

30. Facilities for students

- Internet and Telephone facilities in the campuses
- Transportation facilities
- Student Advisory Unit
- International Unit
- Sports and games
- Hostel
- Counselling & Guidance services
- Student health club- free medical check ups
- Scholarships for Meritorious Students
- Students deputation to conferences, sports, cultural activities
- Placement cell and Job fair
- Railway and Air Concessions
- Career Employment Centre
- Career Development Cell


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- Cultural Activities
- **Alumni Associations**

31. Co-curricular and extra curricular activities

- Sports Facilities – Indoor and Outdoor games facilities in all the campuses
- NCC Programs
- NSS Activity
- Red Cross Club

32. Administration and governance

The Deemed University has Board of Management, Academic Council, Planning & Monitoring Board, Advisory Committee, Board of Studies for each Department, Finance Committee and Grievance Cell.

33. Whether approval of statutory bodies obtained for starting new courses / increased intake

Yes, University is following the instructions issued by UGC from time to time and obtain approval of statutory bodies wherever required.

34. Details of faculty

	College	Prof.	Reader/Asst. Prof	Lecturer	Tutor
1	Medical	106	98	40	180
2	Dental	16	45	4	18
3	Nursing	10	7	18	68
4	Homoeopathy	18	9	5	10
5	Physiotherapy	3	12	-	4
6	Pharmacy	6	15	13	1
7	Engineering	25	83	227	
8	Education	34	-	18	
9	Physical Education	2	-	6	
10	Arts & Science	10	17	401	
11	Allied Health Science	5	15	10	
12	Paramedical science	3	5	6	

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35. Number of sanctioned posts-professors- readers- lecturers

	College	Sanctioned Posts		
		Professor	Reader/Asst.Prof	Lecturer
1	Medical	18	27	43
2	Dental	9	15	37
3	Nursing	6	3	8
4	Homoeopathy	6	3	8
5	Physiotherapy	1	6	6
6	Pharmacy	6	12	18
7	Engineering	51	84	174
8	Education	3	-	20
9	Physical Education	2	-	6
10	Arts & Science	10	20	40

36. Number of teachers in position and scale of pay of each category

	College	Sanctioned Posts				Pay Scale
		Prof.	Reader/Asst. Prof	Lecturer	Tutor	
1	Medical	106	98	40	180	
2	Dental	16	45	4	18	
3	Nursing	10	7	18	68	
4	Homoeopathy	18	9	5	10	
5	Physiotherapy	3	12	-	4	
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37. Names, designations, qualifications and publication of the existing staff

38. Subject-wise distribution of existing staff

Annexure - XX

39. Research activities – details of research work under taken for the last 3 year and including those completed during the period

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Total Projects			18	35	47
Under taken			3	17	12
Completed			4	5	5

40. Whether the institute has undertaken any innovative programmes in teaching, research, a brief note on how a deemed institute status would further the aims and objectives of the institute

The University has developed University Automation system which includes Registration Module, Examination Module, Hospitality Module, Lesson Planning and teaching Planning Modules and Finance Module (Budget & Auditing) with complete security

E-Vinayaka as developed comprehensive online / classroom teaching and learning modules for medical,dental, paramedical and engineering programmes. The entire solutions along with digital library is available in class rooms and hostelsfor teachersand students to interact continuously

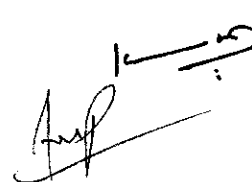
Free access to internet connectivity maintained in the most of the campuses. All the campuses at salem are connected by the fiber optics and are fully networked (wi-fi enabled network. Internet and, e learning and browsing facilities are centrally maintained and monitored.

Journal Club

Seminars by Students Periodic Progress reports to students over phone and by letters to parents

Parent counseling





41. A brief account of the other activities including extension services, continuing education programmes, sports and games, cultural activities etc., undertaken by the institute

- CNE, CDE and CME Programs planned through out the year
- NSS programs as scheduled by national Health Services, Co-Coordinator work with NSS volunteers

42. Details of assets including the land, area of the campus and the buildings, physical facilities like academic and administrative buildings, hostels, staff quarter, laboratory, equipment, library books & journals etc

Area (in Acres)	Academic Building (Sq m)	Administrative Building (Sq m)	Hostel building (Sq m)	Staff Quarters (Sq m)	Equipment (in crores)	Books & Journal (In Crores)
595	305901.8	21476.81	100487.70	38568.24	50.08	12.3

43. Research linkages of the institute with the University and the national and international agencies

The university has signed MoU with many Universities around the world

Dr. Nielsen Homoeopathy Medical Education Research Centre Inc- Canada

Faculty of Homoeopathy – Royal College of London- UK

Rangsit University- Thailand

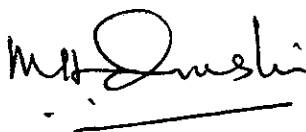
Stephan Simpson College- Australia

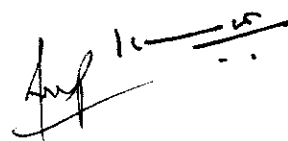
44. Whether university is following the scales of pay as per UGC norms

Yes

45. Authorities of the Institute , give details

Board of Management (4 meetings / year)
Academic Council (3 meetings /year)
Finance Committee (2 meetings / year)
Advisory Committee (1 meetings / year)
Planning & Monitoring Board(1 meeting / year)
Selection Committee (2 meeting / year)
Board of Studies (2 meeting / year)




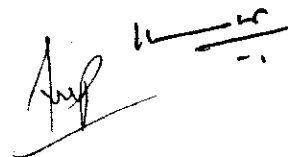


46. Composition of the management, give details with names and addresses

Board of Management

Shri.J.S Satishkumar	-	Vice-Chancellor
Dr.S.Sharavanan	-	Pro Chancellor (Nominee of the Sponsoring Trust)
Dr.A.S.Ganesan	-	ProChancellor (Nominee of the Trust)
Mr.N.V Chandrasekaran, Director	-	Member(Nominee of the Holding Trust)
Mrs S.Arunadevi, Director	-	Member (Nominee of the Holding Trust)
Mrs.S. Sumathy, Director	-	Member (Nominee of the Holding Trust)
Prof.V.R Rajendran, Registrar	-	Ex-Officio Secretary
Prof.Y.Abraham, Rector	-	Member
Dr.K.Jayapal, Dean,VMKVMC	-	Member
Dr.Thiruneervannan, Principal,VMSDC	-	Member
Dr.P.K.Sudhir, Principal,VMHMC	-	Member
Dr.P.S.Manohar, Medical Superintendent	-	Member
Dr.D.K.Paliwal, Dy.Secretary University & Higher Education	-	Member (Nominee of Government of India Dept. of Higher Education. Ministry of HRD)





47. Give details of the meetings held for the following for the last five years.

Dates of Meetings conducted:

Authority	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Board of Management	12.03.01	20.3.02	21.4.03	28.4.04	30.4.05
	10.7.2001	25.6.02	22.7.03	26.7.04	30.7.05
	5.10.2001	23.9.02	30.9.03	25.9.04	24.9.05
	20.12.2001	20.12.02	20.12.03	18.12.04	31.12.05
Academic council	11.6.2001	23.5.02	23.5.03	20.5.03	21.5.05
	29.10.2001	20.8.02	25.8.03	28.8.04	26.8.05
	11.12.2001	12.12.02	13.12.03	10.12.04	20.12.05
Finance Committee	18.6.2001	27.5.02	16.4.03	20.4.04	20.4.05
	27.10.2001	26.10.02	27.10.03	27.10.04	30.11.05
Advisory Committee	10.5.2001	18.05.02	10.4.03	10.4.04	19.3.05
Planning & Monitoring Board	12.4.2001	19.11.02	26.6.03	15.6.04	18.6.05

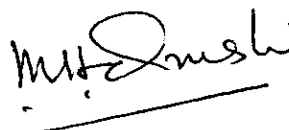
OBSERVATIONS / SUGGESTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

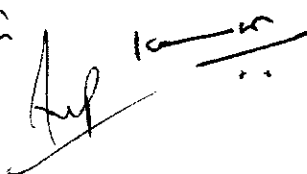
1. After inspecting some of the institutions located around the campuses of the administrative office of the Vinayaka Missions University, Salem, the Committee appreciated the good work being done by developing medical education, Engineering as well as other facilities. The University Medical Institution has adopted a village to intervene in the management of the incidence of fluorosis. Such social commitments are appreciated.
2. The Deemed University has got highly qualified and experienced faculty at the helm of affairs. The Head of the Departments are motivated for guiding research and establishment of center of excellence.
3. The Deemed University has got the required infrastructure for conducting the present programmes and also developing the infrastructure for newer programmes.

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4. The Committee was impressed with the infrastructural and academic facilities available with the University at Salem. All institutes at Salem have beautiful and spacious buildings, latest labs equipment, books and journals and all well established with latest computer and e-learning facilities.
5. MoU have been signed with many Universities around the world - Dr.Nielsen Homoeopathy Medical Education Research Centre Inc-Canada, Faculty of Homoeopathy – Royal College of London- UK Rangsit Univerity- Thailand and Stephan Simpson College- Australia for conducting research etc.
6. The University has 96753 books and 987 journals.
7. The Deemed University has developed very good facilities for students in the area of sports and extra-curricular activities. Good hostel facilities for girls and boys are available.
8. General medical facility is available for staff and students for free of cost.
9. The Deemed University has increased the corpus fund to Rs.12 crores.
10. The committee observed that the Deemed University has started some of off-campus centers across the country without the approval of UGC. The UGC may immediately send a directive to the Deemed University to take necessary and immediate steps to apply as per the guidelines of the UGC for seeking the approval.
11. As the Vinayaka Mission University has also off campus centres at Pondicherry, Karaikkal and Chennai and the Committee only reviewed the functioning of Institutes located at Salem, the Committee felt the need to visit off campus centres at Pondicherry or Chennai as a sample check to complete the review of functioning of Vinakaya Missions University.
12. The Committee has taken an undertaking from the University to follow UGC instructions issued from time to time and intimate the final outcome of crime case along with action taken (copy enclosed as Annexure XX...





RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee after inspection of the physical/academic facilities available at Salem, and interaction with the management, senior faculty members and others officials, recommended as under:

1. That Vinayaka Missions University may prune down the number of programmes, and in case of technical and professional programmes, necessary approval must be taken from the respective regulatory bodies before offering the programmes as also recommended by the Distance Education Council while conveying their approval for Distance Education Programmes on 28.2.2007.
2. After completing the exercise as at (1) the University may send a formal revised request/proposal for approval by UGC with regard to Distance Education Programmes with restricted number of study centres for the current academic year 2007-08.
3. With regard to existing students enrolled upto 2006 the University may also apply for ex-post facto approval to UGC after obtaining the same from Distance Education Council.
4. The University may intimate the outcome in respect of the crime case filed by Delhi Police as and when received as also the action taken.
5. The same committee may visit off campus centres at Pondicherry or Chennai to complete the review of functioning of Vinakaya Mission University on a date convenient to all the members and submit a separate report at the earliest.
6. All suggestions/observations should be sent to Vinayaka Missions University for their necessary compliance, wherever required.
7. The Directorate of Distance Education and its programmes/working be reviewed by a small Committee annually for a period of two years after they get approval of DEC/UGC to run Distance Education Programmes.


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DATE: 4.5.2007
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