Puducherry CM at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of Pondicherry Technological University

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Pondicherry Engineering College is an Autonomous Institution fully funded by the Government of Pondicherry. The College was established in 1984 under the VII Five Year Plan. A substantial number of Alumni of this institution are in senior positions in reputed organizations all around the world. Further, this institution has been making a phenomenal contribution towards the betterment of life of a considerable number of students belonging to underprivileged families in the Puducherry region for the past 25 years. Considering these factors and ensuing rigorous assessments, Pondicherry Engineering College is the only institution in the region of Puducherry to be recommended for upgradation as Pondicherry Technological University under the “Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan” (RUSA) Plan by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) in September 2015. Subsequently, the Honorable Chief Minister of Puducherry Thiru. N. Rangasamy laid the Foundation Stone for the Pondicherry Technological University at the campus of Pondicherry Engineering College on 26th February, 2016.

The MHRD has implemented the “Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan” (RUSA) Plan. RUSA is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), launched in 2013, aims at providing strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions. RUSA is implemented and monitored through an institutional structure comprising the National Mission Authority, Project Approval Board (PAB) and the National Project Directorate at the Centre and the State Higher Education Council and State Project Directorate at the State level. The 8th Meeting of RUSA Project Approval Board (PAB) was held on 2nd September, 2015 in the Speaker Hall, Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Vinay Sheel Oberoi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, MHRD., Govt. of India.
The UT of Puducherry had given a proposal for creation of a Technological University by the way of the upgradation of existing Autonomous Pondicherry Engineering College through Directorate of Higher Technical Education, Government of Puducherry. As Pondicherry Engineering College has fulfilled all the norms for this creation, the Technical Support Group of RUSA (TSG) recommended unconditionally for funding to this UT after careful appraisal. Further, the Project Approval Board of RUSA has approved instantaneously a funding of Rs. 55 crores (Rupees Fifty five crores only) during this 12th Five Year plan period towards this proposal.

The Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for Pondicherry Technological University was held at the premises of Pondicherry Engineering College, Puducherry, on 26th February, 2016. PEC Principal, Dr. D. Govindarajulu welcomed the gathering and addressed the need for this function. The Chairman, GB., PEC. Honorable N. S. J. Jayabal @ Ayyanar, presided over this function. The Honorable Chief Minister of Puducherry as the Chief Guest of the function laid the foundation stone and delivered Special address. During the Special address, Chief Minister blessed the existing institution and forthcoming new Technological University grand success in all their endeavor. Thiru. P. R. Siva, Honorable Minister for Fisheries and Education, Thiru P. M. L Kalyanasundaram, Honorable MLA , Kalapet Constituency, Thiru G. Ragesh Chandra, IAS, Secretary to Education, and Thiru. Yasam Lakshmi Narayana Reddy, Additional Secretary to Government, DHTE attended and felicitated the function. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. K. Vivekanandhan, Dean (Students), Pondicherry Engineering College. The function became grand success with the presence of Deans, Heads of Departments, Faculty members and Students along with public and press of Puducherry on the occasion.