

THE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023.

GUJARAT BILL NO. 21 OF 2023.

A BILL

further to amend the Children's University Act, 2009.

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

1. This Act may be called the Children's University (Amendment) Act, 2023. Short title.

- Guj. 15 of 2009. 2. In the Children's University Act, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), in the long title, for the words "Children's University", the words "Children's Research University" shall be substituted. Amendment of long title of Guj. 15 of 2009.

3. In the principal Act, in section 1, in sub-section (1), for the words "Children's University", the words "Children's Research University" shall be substituted. Amendment of section 1 of Guj. 15 of 2009.

**Amendment of
section 2 of Guj.
15 of 2009.**

4. In the principal Act, in section 2, in clause (o), for the words “Children’s University”, the words “Children’s Research University” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of
Section 3 of
Guj. 15 of 2009.**

5. In the principal Act, in section 3, -
- (i) in sub-section (1), for the words “Children’s University”, the words “Children’s Research University” shall be substituted;
 - (ii) in sub-section (2), for the words “Children’s University”, the words “Children’s Research University” shall be substituted.

**Amendment of
Section 6 of
Guj. 15 of 2009.**

6. In the principal Act, in section 6, -
- (i) for clause (5), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-
“(5) to partner with existing schools and research institutions;”;
 - (ii) in clause (17), for the words “Children’s University”, the words “Children’s Research University” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The State Government has enacted the Children's University Act, 2009 (Guj. 15 of 2009) to provide for the establishment of Children's University in the State, so as to promote children's education and progressive research and to regulate their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

For achieving the fundamental goal of the University and to accelerate the research activities, the name of the University is required to be changed from "Children's University" to "Children's Research University". As the name of the University is proposed to be changed, certain consequential amendments have also been proposed in sections 2, 3, and 6 of the said Act.

This Bill seeks to amend the said Act to achieve the aforesaid object.

Dated 8th September, 2023.

RUSHIKESH PATEL.

*ANNEXURE***EXTRACT FROM THE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ACT, 2009.****(Guj. 15 of 2009)****Long title***AN ACT*

to establish the Children's University for promoting children's education in the light of contemporary national and international needs of building up a new world that will harmonise the ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity, and to establish, conduct and promote progressive research and educational centres related to children's education as also to establish, conduct and promote, training and extension services that will foster high level care, education and health of the children of today and tomorrow and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Children's University Act, 2009.

(2) to (3) XXX XXX XXX

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, --

Clauses (a) to (n) XXX XXX XXX

(o) "University" means the Children's University established and incorporated under section 3.

Establishment and incorporation of University.

3. (1) There shall be established and incorporated a University by the name of the "Children's University".

(2) The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Director General, and the members of the General Council, the Executive Council and the Academic Council, Assistant Director General, Registrar and all other persons who may hereafter become such officers so long as they continue to hold such office or membership, are hereby constitute a body corporate by the name of the "Children's University".

(3) and (4) XXX XXX XXX

6. The powers and functions of the University shall be as follows:-

**Powers and
functions of
University.**

(1) to (4) XXX XXX XXX

(5) to grant recognition, affiliation and approval to schools or institutions in the State of Gujarat;

(6) to (16) XXX XXX XXX

(17) to undertake, organise and conduct programmes for the purposes of teacher's training who shall be engaged in the work of teaching in the *Vidya Niketan* Schools and in affiliated, recognised and approved schools, and to provide them a general programme of introduction to philosophy of children's University and to the philosophy of child-centred holistic education, as also elementary course related to the lessons of history, with special reference to Indian culture, its underlying spirituality, robust intellectuality and inexhaustible vitality as also to provide for the following:

- (i) specialised courses in nutrition, physical health and development of tender faculties of early childhood;
- (ii) new pathways in educational programmes, related to different stages of education such as infant, kindergarten, *angadwadis*, primary education, secondary education;
- (iii) new pathways in the pedagogy of fine arts, crafts, vocational courses, physical education, development of hobbies, puppetry, children's drama, children's poetry, children's stories, children's music, children's dance, emerging new avenues of children's development, etc.;
- (iv) in-service training programmes for candidates who wish to qualify to serve as *angadwadi* workers;

(18) to (39) XXX XXX XXX

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