

**THE GUJARAT PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES  
(SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023.**

**GUJARAT BILL NO. 22 OF 2023.**

***A BILL***

*further to amend the Gujarat Private Universities 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 Gujarat Private Universities (Second Amendment) Act, 2023. **Short title.**

**Amendment  
of section 34  
of Guj. 8 of  
2009.**

2. In the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), in section 34,-
- (i) for the words, brackets and letters "from National Council of Assessment and Accreditation (NAAC)", the words, brackets and letters "from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) within five years of its establishment" shall be substituted;
  - (ii) for the words "as may be required", the words "from time to time" shall be substituted.
3. In the principal Act, in the Schedule, in the entry,-
- (i) at serial No. 5, for the words "Auro University of Hospitality and Management, Surat", the words "Auro University, Surat" shall be substituted;
  - (ii) at serial No. 22, for the words "Swaranim Startup and Innovation University", the words "Swarnnim Startup and Innovation University" shall be substituted.

**Guj. 8 of 2009.**

### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The State Government has enacted the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009 (Guj. 8 of 2009) to provide for establishment of private Universities in the State so as to provide for qualitative and industry related higher education and to regulate their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The State Government is committed to facilitating a continuous process of quality improvement of higher education in the State. The National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020 recommends an effective quality self-regulation or accreditation system at all stages of education to ensure compliance with essential quality standards. With appropriate accreditations, institutions could evolve into Research-intensive or Teaching-intensive institutions and this will help in building the reputation of the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and most importantly signifies the quality of Education. Moreover, University Grants Commission (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 has made a compulsion for assessment and accreditation to be conducted by all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to ensure all Universities run with high standards.

Therefore, the amendment to take accreditation of NAAC by Private Universities within five years of its establishment is considered necessary and accordingly, section 34 of the said Act is proposed to be amended. *Clause 2* of the Bill provides for the same.

Moreover, the officials of Auro University of Hospitality and Management, Surat and Swaranim Startup and Innovation University, Gandhinagar have requested to the State Government to change the name of the respective Universities. Accordingly, necessary amendment is proposed in the said Act. *Clause 3* of the Bill provides for the same.

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

Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

**RUSHIKESH PATEL.**

**ANNEXURE****EXTRACT FROM THE GUJARAT PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES****ACT, 2009 .****(Guj. 8 of 2009)****Accreditation  
of University.**

34. The University shall obtain accreditation from the National Council of Assessment and Accreditation (NAAC) and such other regulating bodies of Government of India which are connected with the courses taken up by the University and inform the State Government about the grade provided to the University. The University shall get renewed such accreditation as may be required.

**SCHEDULE***( See section 3 )*

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name and address of the Private University.</b>	<b>Details of registration and registration number.</b>	<b>Sponsoring Body.</b>
1 to 4	XXX	XXX	XXX
5	Auro University of Hospitality and Management, Surat.	U-80302- GJ2007NPL051322- 2007-2008 Registrar of Companies, Gujarat, (under section 25 of the Companies Act,1956).	Auro International School of Hospitality Management, 1st floor, Ambika Niketan, Athwa Lines, Surat-395 007.

6 to 21	xxx	xxx	xxx
22	Swaranim Startup and Innovation University, At:- Bhoyan Rathod, Adalaj Shertha road, Taluka & District: Gandhinagar.	Registration under the Gujarat Public Trusts Act,1950.  Registration No: E/18050, Ahmedabad.  Date: 07/05/2007.	Gaya Prasad Jain Charitable Trust, 35, World Business House, Nr. Parimal Garden, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad,Gujarat.
23 to 59	xxx	xxx	xxx

**GUJARAT LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT**

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION]**

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