To whom so ever it may concern

Legal Status and validity of Degrees /Diplomas /Certificates awarded by CMJ University of Meghalaya during the period, 2010 to 2014.

With reference to the above details are given below:

1. CMJ University was established by a State Act No. 4 of 2009 of Government of Meghalaya under Section (2) of UGC Act 1956.
2. The university is empowered to award Degrees/Diplomas /Certificates as per the approved list of nomenclature of Degrees/ Diplomas/ Certificates notified by UGC under Section 22C of UGC act 1956.
3. During the intervening period i.e. 31-03-2014-16.07.2015, the university was closed by an impugned office order of Government of Meghalaya dated 31.03.2014.
4. Subsequently, the Meghalaya High Court vide WPC No 32/2014 has quashed and set aside, the office order dated 31.03.2014:

The excerpt of the judgment (WPC No 32/2014, Point No. 29) are given below for reference:

“For the foregoing discussions, this court is of the considered view that there was non-compliance with or breach of the fundamental procedural requirements as provided under Section 48 of the said Act of 2009 as well as principles of natural justice and the concept of the obligation of the administrative authorities to act fairly in issuing the show cause notices dated 11-12-2013 and 24-01-2014 and passing the impugned order dated 31-03-2014 which would lead to many facets of injustice. Thus the impugned order dated 31-03-2014 and the show cause notices dated 11-12-2013 and 24-01-2014 are hereby quashed and set aside.”

In view of the above, it is clarified and confirmed that the Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree awarded to Shashi Verma is in conformity to Section 22(C) of UGC Act 1956 and is valid for employment in a Govt. and Semi Govt. Institutions / Colleges /Schools.

It may also be, informed that The CMJ University is a constitutional entity as established by State Act No. 4 of 2009 and enjoys the constitutional privileges for awarding Degrees / Diplomas / Certificates fulfilling the eligibility norms by a candidate. It is further clarified that the concerned State Govt. /Central Govt. officials have no statutory power and authority to deny the validity of a degree duly awarded by a university under section 22 of U.G.C. Act 1956.

(Dr. A.K. Choudhary)
Vice Chancellor