

Fraud in the CV of Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Vice Chancellor of Pondicherry University

(Relevant portion of CV obtained from MHRD through RTI can be found in **Annexure 1**)

(The evidences are given in **Annexures 2 – 11**)

S.No.	Claimed	Found	Evidence
1.	Published three books	<p>1. Only one book 'Legal Education in India' was traceable and now this book is withdrawn by the publisher (Himalayan Publishing House) after the detection of plagiarism.</p> <p>2. Another book entitled 'Human Rights for Vulnerable Groups' was never published. The publisher, Himalayan Publishing House, confirmed this in his email to PUTA.</p> <p>3. The other book 'Constitutional Law – New Challenges' is not traceable. The publisher Snowwhite has confirmed, though orally, that no such book has been published by them</p>	<p>Annexure 2.</p> <p>For points 1 and 2: Communication by Himalayan Publishing House.</p> <p>For point 3: Indian Express article dated 22/11/2014 appeared on front page. No evidence to the contrary was provided by Dr. Krishnamurthy in her attempted rebuttal.</p>
2.	Published article(s) in "The Journal of the 'National Law School of India University (Bangalore)'" , "The 'Indian Bar Review'" and "The Journal of 'The Indian Law Institute'"	No articles exist in any of the journals of National Law School of India University (Bangalore), the Indian Bar Review, and the Journal of the Indian Law Institute with Chandra Krishnamurthy as author /co-author.	<p>Annexure 3. RTI replies from 1. National Law School of India University, Bangalore, 2. Bar Council of India Trust.</p> <p>As for the Journal of the Indian Law Institute, PUTA went through the issues of the journal since inception and up to the end of 2012 that are available online, as well as the print issues of the years 2013-2014. No papers authored/coauthored by Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy were found in the journal.</p>
3.	Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) obtained from the Open International University for Complementary Medicine (OIUCM), Sri Lanka under the aegis of Zoroastrian College, Mumbai.	<p>OIUCM is a fake University. Zoroastrian College is a fake college, which offers bogus degrees from foreign Universities.</p> <p>OIUCM is not found in the list of recognized Universities/Institutes given by the UGC, Sri Lanka on its website.</p> <p>News articles and several websites on the internet say that OIUCM is a fake University, which sells degrees.</p> <p>News article on Zoroastrian College says it is a fake University.</p>	<p>Annexure 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Annexure 4.</p> <p>1. List of Universities recognized by the UGC, Sri Lanka. No OIUCM is found.</p> <p>2. List of Institutes recognized by the UGC, Sri Lanka. No OIUCM is found.</p> <p>3. Search results for OIUCM on UGC, Sri Lanka website resulted 0 hits.</p> <p>Annexure 5:</p> <p>1. New Indian Express articles dated 13/08/2014.</p> <p>2. India Today article dated 1/12/1997.</p> <p>Annexure 6:</p> <p>NDTV article.</p>

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4	Guided 09 Ph.D. students since 2005.	Guided only 2 PhD students.	Arrived at the conclusion based on the facts given in Annexure 7 : 1. The website of Jitendra Chauhan College of Law showing the courses offered. 2. RTI reply from University of Mumbai. 3. RTI reply from SNDT Women's University.
5	Listed four projects under 'Major Projects' sub-heading.	Only one project 'Jagruti project' is traceable. Even in this project, Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy was not directly involved .	Annexure 8: An RTI copy from SNDT Women's University.
6	Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy wrote 'Prof (Dr.) Mrs Chandra Krishnamurthy' in her CV. 'Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy' appears on every page of her CV.	Her service book reveals that she never became professor. Even if one works in an equivalent position as scientist, principal etc. without appointment as 'Professor', one cannot use the title 'Prof'.	Annexure 9: An RTI copy of her service book from SNDT Women's University. Only relevant pages are enclosed.
7	'LL.B. (second year) First Class First', 'LL.M. I – First Position in Jurisprudence', LL.M. II – Second position in International Law'.	In reality she has passed both the degrees with II Class only and has just a pass class in her previous degree. She has also constructed fraudulent sentences to create the impression that she was "First Class First" in her degrees and has grossly misled the VC's search committee.	Annexure 9: An RTI copy of her service book from SNDT Women's University.
8	Plagiarism 1. A book entitled 'Legal Education in India' authored by Chandra Krishnamurthy was found to be plagiarized to the extent of >95%. A faculty of Pondicherry University was dismissed for indulging in plagiarism even for 55% similarity. The book has been withdrawn by the publisher (Himalaya Publishing House) after we reported plagiarism. The publisher has been contemplating a legal action against Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy. 2. A paper with her as the sole author, Legal education and legal profession in India, <i>International Journal of Legal Information</i> , 36(2), 245-264, 200, is plagiarized to an extent of 72%. Most of the text in this paper forms Chapter 8 of her book, making it, an instance of self-plagiarism in addition to plagiarism from other sources.		Annexure 10: Summary report. Annexure 2: Communication by Himalayan Publishing House. Annexure 11: The 'Turnitin' report of the paper showing match percentage of various parts of the paper with the original sources.
9	Letters about her CV Society for Scientific Values (SSV) wrote a letter to Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy on 6th Dec. 2014 requesting her to comment on the charges of plagiarism and fraudulent claims in her bio-data. The Society says so far there was no response from her. PUTA also wrote a letter on 02/12/2014. No response from her.		Annexure 12: 1. Letter from Society for Scientific Values. 2. Letter from Pondicherry University Teachers' Association (PUTA).