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To

The Head, Faculty & Non-Teaching Staff
Department of Chemistry
University of Mumbai.

Dear Colleagues,

I on my own behalf and on behalf of University Authorities have great pleasure in granting your department the special status as an 'Autonomous Department' of the University of Mumbai.

The Department of Chemistry occupies a place of prominence in the University. The many laurels to its credit include its recognition under the UGC-SAP and DST-FIST programmes. The Department of Chemistry is one of the front-runners in the areas of chemical education and research. The contribution of its past and present faculty are well documented and recognized nationally and Internationally.

This is a momentous occasion as the department now starts a new chapter in its glorious journey. I am sure that as proud and dedicated band of members of the Department, you are acutely aware of the responsibility and faith that is being reposed in you by our University fraternity. As a pioneering 'autonomous' Department in the Science faculty on the Kalina Campus, all eyes will be on you. Sure, there will be some teething trouble and minor glitches, but I am confident that you will endure and prevail, indeed you must! In the spirit of a true trail blazer, the University expects you to create and present an inspiring prototype for others to emulate.

In closing, let me congratulate you for your special - richly deserved - autonomous status and assure you of the continued support of University's administration in all your productive academic endeavors. All the very best!

Dr. Vijay Khole
Vice-Chancellor
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