

# **TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH**

(Declared as Deemed to be University u/s 3 of UGC Act, 1956  
vide Notification No. F.9-19/85-U.3 dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 1987  
by the Government of India)

**PUNE - 411037**



***MoA/UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations***

***W.e.f. 11/03/2017***

**(With Requisite Amendments)**

## 1. NAME OF THE TRUST/SOCIETY

The name of the Trust/Society is “टिळक महाराष्ट्र विद्यापीठ” “Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth”. It was registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 - Regd.No. 1029 of 1940-41 dated 30 September 1940. It was also registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 (Bombay XXIX of 1950) Regd.No. F-42 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1952.

## 2. NAME OF THE INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY ALONGWITH ITS CONSTITUENT UNITS

The name of the Institution is “Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth” (Deemed to be University) declared as ‘Deemed to be University’ under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 vide Notification No. F.9-19/85-U.3 dated 24 April 1987 by the Government of India).

## 3. OFFICE OF THE SOCIETY/TRUST AND DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

The registered office of the Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth is situated at Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, S. No. 425/3 Vidyapeeth Bhavan, Mukundnagar, Gultekdi, Pune - 411037 (Maharashtra).

## 4. OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 To provide for higher education leading to excellence and innovations in such branches of knowledge as may be deemed fit at graduation, post-graduate and research degree levels fully conforming to the concept of university, namely, University Education Report (1948) and the Report of the Committee on Renovation and Rejuvenation of Higher Education in India (2009).
- 4.2 Also to engage in areas of specialization will proven ability to make distinctive contributions to the objectives of the university education system that is academic engagement.
- 4.3 To provide for high quality teaching and research and for the advancement of knowledge and its dissemination through various research programmes undertaken in house by substantial number of full time faculty / research scholars (Ph.D.s and Post Doctoral) in diverse disciplines.



- 4.4 To strive for an all round development of students and to inculcate in them the spirit of nationality and national integrity and faith in democracy.
- 4.5 To develop suitable patterns of education for the achievement of the object in (i) above, and to establish institutions and departments for the Higher Education, and conduct teaching and research in various disciplines.
- 4.6 To make special efforts to introduce the ancient Indian heritage to the common people.
- 4.7 To impart education through the medium of Marathi, wherever necessary and all other national and international languages.
- 4.8 To initiate schemes for providing access to education at different levels for large segments of the society, consisting of the disadvantaged groups in urban, rural tribal and remote areas.
- 4.9 To conduct examinations for the students studying in various departments of the Vidyapeeth and also for those who have undertaken the courses framed by the Vidyapeeth such as Distance Education and to confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and award prizes and other academic distinctions, etc.
- 4.10 To undertake the publication of suitable works in the various fields of learning sought to be developed by the Vidyapeeth.
- 4.11 To confer honorary degrees or other distinctions on eminent persons who have attained high proficiency in any branch of learning or who have made a significant contribution to social progress.
- 4.12 To undertake any other work which may not be inconsistent with the above mentioned objects and will help the trust to create strong academic and financial footings.
- 4.13 To enable for foreign tie-ups in the field of education and research.

## 5. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires :

- 5.1 "Act" means the University Grants Commission Act 1956 (Act 3 of 1956)



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- 5.2 “Campus” means Campus of the institution deemed to be university at its headquarters, wherein its major facilities, faculty, staff, students and its Academic Departments are located in city/town/village in India. While ‘Off-Campus Centre’ means an approved (by the Central Government) centre of the institution deemed to be university beyond its campus in the country, an ‘Off-Shore-Campus’ means an approved (by the Central Government) centre of the institution deemed to be university beyond its Campus and outside India.
- 5.3 “Commission” means the University Grants Commission (UGC) constituted under the Act or any other body empowered to regulate an institution deemed to be university under any law for the time being in force by parliament.
- 5.4 “Committee of Experts” means a Committee appointed by the Commission consisting of academics, researchers or other experts in the relevant fields of knowledge and notified under these Regulations for such purpose as it may specify; and there may be as many Committees of Experts as the Commission may determine for different purpose.
- 5.5 “Constituent Institution” means an institution operating under the administrative, academic and financial control of the sponsoring body.
- 5.6 “Emerging area of knowledge” means such area of knowledge as may be notified from time to time by the Commission on the recommendation of a such Committee shall make its recommendation having regard to the stage of development of studies and research in relevant disciplines as well as the potential and need for raising standards of study and research thereof, in India.
- 5.7 “Government” means the Government of India unless the context so specifies.
- 5.8 “State Government” means the Government of Maharashtra or any other State.
- 5.9 “Institution” means an institution for higher education engaged in teaching and research of high academic standards at the undergraduate, post- graduate or higher levels.
- 5.10 “Institution deemed to be University” means an institution for higher education so declared, on the recommendation of the Commission, by the Central Government under section 3 of the Act.
- 5.11 “Notification” means a notification issued by the Central Government in the Official Gazette declaring an institution for higher education, as an institution deemed to be university u/s 3 of the Act.



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- 5.12 "Sponsoring body" means a body being a charitable or a not-for-profit Society or Trust making an application for declaring an institution under its administrative, academic and financial control as a deemed to be university.
- 5.13 "Statutory body" means a body constituted under any law for the time being in force for determining or maintaining standards of quality in the relevant areas of higher education and bodies known All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India (DCI), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Bar Council of India (BCI), Indian Nursing Council (INC), etc. shall be the statutory bodies for the purposes of these Regulations.
- 5.14 "Trust" means the Holding Trust or Sponsoring Trust that is Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth.
- 5.15 "Vidyapeeth" means the Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University).
- 5.16 "Board of Management" means the Board of Management of the Vidyapeeth.
- 5.17 "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the Vidyapeeth.
- 5.18 "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the Vidyapeeth.
- 5.19 "Vice-Chancellor" means the Vice-Chancellor of the Vidyapeeth.
- 5.20 "Registrar" means the Registrar of the Vidyapeeth.
- 5.21 "Deans" means the Deans of respective Board of Studies / Faculties of the Vidyapeeth.
- 5.22 "Rules" means the Rules laid down in the Memorandum of Association of the Vidyapeeth.
- 5.23 Department means a department teaching a particular subject or a group of subjects as prescribed in the statutes.
- 5.24 Faculty means Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor who is appointed as per norms.



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- 5.25 Adjunct Professor, adjunct Associate Professor or adjunct Assistant Professor means a person from industry, trade, agriculture, commerce or any other allied field who is so designated during the period of collaboration or association with the Vidyapeeth.
- 5.26 Institution means an academic institution / study centers of higher learning, not being a college, associated with and admitted to the privileges of the Vidyapeeth.
- 5.27 Collaboration means collaborative academic activities / programmes with other universities / institutions deemed to be universities in India and abroad with the prior approval of the Commission which shall conform to the Acts and Rules of the Commission that shall apply to such programmes from time to time having sufficient safeguards so as to protect the interests of students enrolled in such programmes and that shall be subjected to mandatory assessment and accreditation.
- 5.28 Hostel means a place of residence for the students of the Vidyapeeth provided, maintained or recognized by the Vidyapeeth.

## **6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VIDYAPEETH**

To carry out the above objects and for the management of properties of the Vidyapeeth, the Vidyapeeth shall have the following powers and functions :

- 6.1 To establish courses of study and research and to provide for instruction in such branches of study as the Vidyapeeth deems appropriate for the advancement of learning and dissemination of knowledge in such branches.
- 6.2 To establish faculties, institutions, departments, centres etc. as per the Bye-laws.
- 6.3 To confer degrees and to grant diplomas and/or certificates to persons who have satisfactorily completed the approved courses of study and/or research as may be prescribed and shall have passed the prescribed examinations.
- 6.4 To conduct the examinations for the students who have completed the courses of study prescribed by the Vidyapeeth in Regular and Distance Education Modes.
- 6.5 To institute and award visitorship, fellowship, exhibits, prizes and medals.



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- 6.7 To recommend or to discontinue faculties, institutions, departments and centres for reasons deemed sufficient to the Board of Management/Board of Trustees.

**7. GOVERNANCE SYSTEM FOR AN INSTITUTION DECLARED AS AN INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY**

An institution declared as a Deemed to be University shall adhere to the following criteria :

- 7.1 Among the authorities of the deemed to be universities, there shall be a Chancellor who shall be appointed by the sponsoring society / Trust / Company and shall be a distinguished public figure.
- 7.2 The Sponsoring body of deemed to be universities may also appoint a person as a Pro-Chancellor, whose role would be limited to carrying out the tasks assigned to the Chancellor in these Regulations, when the latter is not available for carrying out the same.
- 7.3 The highest governing body of the deemed to be university shall be a Board of Management to be headed by the Vice Chancellor. This body shall consist of a minimum of ten members and a maximum of fifteen members.
- 7.4 The Board of Management shall consist of eminent persons capable of contributing to and upholding university ideals and traditions.
- 7.5 There shall be a Board of Management consisting of the following:
- i) Vice Chancellor .... Chairperson
  - ii) Pro Vice-Chancellor (wherever applicable)
  - iii) Deans of Faculties not exceeding two (by rotation)
  - iv) Three eminent academics as nominated by the Chancellor, who shall have worked at the rank of Professor
  - v) One nominee of the UGC
  - vi) Two teachers (from Professors, Associate Professors) by rotation
  - vii) One teacher by rotation of the rank of Assistant Professor



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- viii) Maximum of four nominees of the sponsoring society/trust/company
- ix) Registrar, who shall be the Secretary

The term of membership of the Board of Management and its powers are as shown in Rules.

- 7.6 The Vice Chancellor shall be an eminent academic and shall be appointed in the manner laid down under clause 3.3.2 mentioned in Rules.

## 8. ADMISSIONS AND FEE STRUCTURE

- 8.1 No institution deemed to be university shall, for admission in respect of any course or programme of study conducted in such institution, accept payment towards admission fee and other fees and charges.

- (a) Which is a capitation fee or donation in whatever nomenclature or form
- (b) other than such fee or charges for such admission, which has been declared by it in the prospectus for admission against any such seat, and on the website of the institution,

Provided if there are any fees prescribed in accordance with the Fee Regulations framed by the Government or by the Commission from time to time, then the fees or other charges for admission shall not exceed the same

- (c) without a proper receipt in writing issued for such payment to the concerned student admitted in such institution

- 8.2 (1) No institution deemed to be university shall charge any fee for an admission test other than an amount representing the reasonable cost incurred by it in conducting such test;

*Provided* further that an institution deemed to be university shall not engage in commercialization of education in any manner whatsoever, and shall provide for equity and access to all deserving students.

- (2) In case an admitted student does not join the institution within 7 days of opening of the institution, the institution shall refund :



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- a) In case the student informs of his intention not to join the institution at least 7 days before the start of the academic session, then 100% of the fees collected minus the processing charges, which shall not be more than Rs. 10000, or any other amount fixed by UGC. The same shall be refunded within 15 days of receipt of information from the student
  - b) In case no such information is given by the student but the institution is able to fill up the seat so vacated, then 100% of the fees collected minus the processing charges, which shall not be more than 10000, or any other amount fixed by UGC. The same shall be refunded within 15 days of request of refund from the student or the expiry of 30 days after opening of academic session, whichever is later.
  - c) In case no such information is given by the student but the institution is able to fill up the seat even by the end of 30 days after the opening of academic session, then 50% of the fees collected minus the processing charges, which shall not be more than Rs. 10000, or any other amount fixed by UGC. The same shall be refunded within 15 days of request of refund from the student or the expiry of 30 days after opening of academic session, whichever is later.
- (3) If a student joins the institution, and then leaves it in mid-session then the entire fees collected shall be forfeited.

8.3 Admission of students to an institution deemed to be university shall be made in the following manner :

- (i) In case the appropriate statutory authority has specified the process of selection for admission to any course, or programme of study in any institution which includes conducting competitive admission test for ascertaining the competence of any person to pursue such course or programme of study, in that case, no person shall be admitted to such course or programme of study in such institution, except through an admission test conducted by a recognized body or such institution or a group of institutions, if such institution or group of institutions have been so authorized by the central government or a state government or any statutory authority.



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- (ii) In case the process of selection for admission to any course or programme of study in any institution including conducting competitive admission test has not been specified under sub-clause (i), in that case, no person shall be eligible for admission to such course or programme of study in such institution except through inter se merit to be specified in the prospectus of each institution and the inter se merit so arrived at shall be published on the website of the institution, along with the scores attained by all individuals in each of the parameters taken into reckoning for arriving at such inter-se list

*Provided* that admission of Non-Resident Indians (NRI) / Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) / Foreign students to institutions deemed to be universities shall be governed by the guidelines / regulations framed by the Commission in this behalf from time to time.

8.4 Institution deemed to be university shall –

- (a) maintain the records of the entire process of selection of candidates, and preserve such records for a minimum period of five years,
- (b) exhibit such records on its website; and
- (c) be liable to produce such record, whenever called upon to do so by any statutory authority or by the government under any law for the time being in force.

8.5 Institution deemed to be university shall publish, before expiry of sixty days prior to the date of the commencement of admission to any of its courses or programmes of study, a prospectus containing the following for the purposes of informing those persons intending to seek admission to such institution and the general public, namely :

- (i) such component of the fee, deposits and other charges payable by the students admitted to such institution for pursuing a course or a programme of study, and the other terms and conditions of such payment;
- (ii) the percentage of tuition fee and other charges refundable to a student admitted in such institution in case such student withdraws from such institution before or after completion of course or programme of study and the time within, and the manner in which such refund shall be made to the student;



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- (iii) the number of seats approved in respect of each course or programme of study for the academic year for which admission is proposed to be made;
- (iv) the conditions of eligibility including the minimum and maximum age limit of persons for admission as a student in a particular course or programme of study, where so specified by the institution;
- (v) the educational qualifications specified by the relevant statutory authority / body, or by the institution, where no such qualifying standards have been specified by any statutory authority;
- (vi) the process of admission and selection of eligible candidates applying for such admission, including all relevant information in regard to the details of test or examination for selecting such candidates for admission to each course or programme of study and the amount of fee to be paid for the admission test;
- (vii) details of the teaching faculty, including therein the educational qualifications and teaching experience of every member of its teaching faculty and also indicating therein whether such member is on regular basis or visiting basis;
- (viii) the minimum pay and other emoluments payable for each category of teachers and other employees;
- (ix) the ranking of the institution under National Institutional Ranking Framework for the last three years (if available)
- (x) information in regard to physical and academic infrastructure and other facilities including hostel accommodation, library, hospital or industry wherein the practice training to be imparted to the students and in particular the facilities accessible by students on being admitted to the institution;
- (xi) broad outline of the syllabus specified by the appropriate statutory body or by institution, as the case may be, for every course or programme of study, including the teaching hours, practical sessions and other assignments;



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- (xii) all relevant instructions in regard to maintaining the discipline by students within or outside the campus of the institution, and, in particular, such discipline relating to prohibition of ragging of any student or students and the consequences thereof and for violating the provisions of any regulation in this behalf made under the UGC Act, 1956 or other law for the time being in force.

*Provided* that the institution deemed to be university shall publish information referred to in items (i) to (xi) of this clause on its website, and the attention of the prospective students and the general public shall be drawn to such publication on the website through advertisements displayed prominently to the different newspapers and through other media;

*Provided* further that the institution deemed to be university may publish prospectus in accordance with this clause at any time before the expiry of sixty days specified under this clause.

- 8.6 Every institution deemed to be university shall fix the price of each printed copy of the prospectus, being not more than reasonable cost of its publication and distribution and no profit be made out of this publication, distribution or sale of prospectus.
- 8.7 No institution deemed to be university shall, directly or indirectly, demand or charge or accept, capitation fee or demand any donation, by way of consideration for admission to any seat or seats in a course or programme of study conducted by it.
- 8.8 No person shall, directly or indirectly, offer or pay capitation fee or give any donation, by way of consideration either in cash or kind or otherwise, for obtaining admission to any seat or seats in a course or programme of study in any institution deemed to be university.
- 8.9 No institution deemed to be university, who has in its possession or custody, of any document in the form of certificates of degree, diploma or any other award or other document deposited with it by a person for the purpose of seeking admission in such institution, shall refuse to return such degree, certificate award or other document with a view to induce or compel such person to pay any fee or fees in respect of any course or programme of study which such person does not intend to pursue or avail any facility in such institution.



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- 8.10 In case a student, after having admitted to an institution deemed to be university, for pursuing any course or programme of study in such institution, subsequently withdraws from such institution, no institution in that case shall refuse to refund such percentage of fee deposited by such student and within such time as has been mentioned in the prospectus of such institution.
- 8.11 No institution deemed to be university shall, issue or publish –
- (a) any advertisement for including students for taking admission in the institution, claiming to be recognized by the appropriate statutory authority where it is not so recognized

## 9. MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

- 9.1 An institution deemed to be university shall maintain standards, higher than the minimum of instruction, academic and physical infrastructure, qualification of teachers, etc. as prescribed for college level institutions by the Commission or by the Statutory/Regulatory body concerned, such as All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India (DCI), National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE) Bar Council of India (BCI), Indian Nursing Council (INC), etc. and shall obtain their approval for running various programmes of study, wherever applicable. This shall be periodically monitored by the duly constituted Committee(s) of the Commission.
- 9.2 There shall be a mandatory intensive external review of every deemed to be university once in every five years based on the criteria prescribed by the Commission from time to time.
- Provided that if an institution has been in the highest NAAC/NBA (for all eligible courses) grade for two continuous cycles, the review can be done by the institution itself through external peer review mechanism.
- 9.3 The institution shall give a regulatory compliance certificate every year in the format prescribed by UGC every year, which shall also be displayed on the subject to approval of the Government.
- 9.4 The institution shall provide to the Government, or to the agencies designated by it, all required details regarding the Institution for the All India Survey of Higher Education or for posting of specified details on the Know Your College Portal of the Government or for any other study approved by the Government.



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- 9.5 The institution shall ensure that degrees/diplomas/certificates/awards are given to the passing out students within 180 days of completion of their academic programme.

**10. NEW COURSES / PROGRAMMES, DEPARTMENTS / SCHOOL / CENTRE, OFF-CAMPUS CENTRES AND OFF-SHORE CAMPUSES**

- 10.1 An institution deemed to be university shall normally operate within its own main Campus as is declared by the Central Government in the notifications and conduct approved programmes of study falling within the area of its specialization.
- 10.2 If an institution deemed to be university, accredited by NAAC with highest grade or all eligible courses accredited with the highest grade of NBA, wishes to start new Course/Programme/Department/School/Centre in its existing campus/off-campus in areas and disciplines that form a part of its existing academic framework, it may do so in such allied fields. The new course/programme/department/school shall be started after the approval of the respective authorities of the deemed to be university and the concerned statutory council(s), wherever required, and after creating all the necessary infrastructure and other facilities as per the norms of concerned statutory council(s). Institution deemed to be university shall inform the Commission about starting of a new course/programme/department/school/centre in its existing campus/off-campus within one month of the grant of approval by the competent authorities of the deemed to be university and concerned statutory council(s).

In all other cases, prior approval of Commission shall be required to start/establish a new course/programme/department/school/centre, which shall be given within 60 days of the application made to it.

- 10.3 An institution deemed to be university may be allowed to operate beyond its approved geographical boundaries and start Off-Campus (es) / Off-shore Campus (es) under the following conditions:

- 1) It has been conducting post-graduate programmes and research
- 2) It has earned a reputation for excellent and innovative teaching, which, inter alia, includes practicing academic and examination reforms like introducing modular structure, continuous internal evaluation, etc. and for meaningful and purposeful research and extension activities





- 3) It has a good track record of conforming to the relevant Regulations/norms of the Commission and other Statutory/Regulatory bodies regarding minimum standards of instruction, qualification of faculty, merit-based admission of students on an all India basis and reasonable fee structure;
- 4) It has obtained prior approval of the Statutory/Regulatory body to start the new department/programme, wherever applicable, and undertakes to comply with all the requirements of the said body;

Provided if the statutory/regulatory body requires a No Objection Certificate from the Commission before giving its approval, the same shall be given by the Commission within 30 days of receipt of such request.

- 5) It has a currently valid accreditation from National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) with the highest grade offered;
- 6) It has adequate financial resources for starting the proposed new department/off-Campus Centre / off-shore Campus;
- 7) It has not entered into any franchise agreement, either overtly or covertly, with any other organization for establishing and running the off-Campus Centre / off-shore Campus of the institution deemed to be university.
- 8) Land, infrastructure, faculty and other facilities at the off-campus centre(s) shall satisfy the requirements of the statutory/regulatory council(s) concerned. The following shall be the minimum requirement in the off-campus centre :
  - i) Administrative Building of at least 500 sq. meters
  - ii) Academic Building, including library, lecture theatres and laboratories, of at least 5000 sq. meters
  - iii) Some residential accommodation for teachers and hostel accommodations for students. The floor area for hostel facilities shall be 10 sq. meters per student proposed to reside
  - iv) Other central facilities including sports facilities for faculty, students and non-teaching staff
  - v) The institute shall have barrier free approach and appropriate safety measures (fire fighting, etc.)
  - vi) The institution shall have adequate health care facility within the campus for students, faculties, staff or any other members



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- vii) The infrastructure requirement shall be evaluated taking into consideration the future expansion proposed in the application along with requirement of land for hostel and allied facilities for the student. The infrastructure requirement shall be ensure before starting new courses/programmes/departments/school/centre in the off-campus.

## **11 INCLUSION OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE AMBIT OF INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY**

- 11.1 An institution deemed to be University may apply, in the proforma prescribed by the Commission, for inclusion of institutions existing under the same management as its constituent institution / unit after confirmation of its declaration as an institution deemed to be University, as mentioned under article 8.12. The application shall also be submitted online on UGC website.
- 11.2 All institution deemed to be Universities shall necessarily comply with the conditions that the Commission may insist upon in this regard from time to time, to prevent franchising of education.
- 11.3 If an institution existing under the same management is affiliated to a university, it shall be included in the ambit of the institution deemed to be University only on its disaffiliation from the affiliating university. The affiliating university shall also give its consent to the effect that the students of that particular institution(s) who have already been enrolled under it, shall continue to pursue their courses under its affiliation for all purpose and that it shall also award degrees to these students upon successful completion of the courses they are presently pursuing at such institution(s).
- 11.4 Such institution shall have accreditation with the highest grade offered, which is currently valid, either from National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) or all its eligible courses shall be accredited with the highest grade offered, which is currently valid, by National Board of Accreditation (NBA) or an accreditation agency recognized by the Commission from time to time.
- 11.5 An institution deemed to be University intending to bring an institution within its ambit as its constituent unit shall submit a proposal, in duplicate, in the proforma prescribed to the Commission, to the Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education) Government of India, subject to the said institution fulfilling the eligibility criteria and other relevant conditions stipulated under these Regulations. The application shall also be submitted online on UGC website.





- 11.6 The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India shall return/reject or refer the proposal to the Commission for advice normally within 30 days of receipt of the proposal.
- 11.7 The Commission shall then adopt the procedure described under articles 8.05 to 8.07 to examine the proposal so received by it.
- 11.8 The Commission shall verify all the relevant factors and aspects through its Expert Committee before making a suitable recommendation to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.
- 11.9 The inspection report as well as the recommendation of the Expert Committee along with the opinion / comments of the Statutory / Regulatory body concerned and the views, if any, of the State Government concerned shall be examined by the Commission as per procedure before making recommendation to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.
- 11.10 If rejected, the Central Government shall inform the institution, accordingly.
- 11.11 After taking the relevant steps of the procedure prescribed in article 8, the Central Government shall notify the inclusion of the institution under the ambit of the institution deemed to be university on being satisfied that institution deemed to be university has:
- a) Earned a reputation for excellent and innovative teaching, for meaningful and purposeful research, for practicing academic and examination reforms like modular structure, continuous internal evaluation, etc. and for extension activities; and
  - b) A good track record of conforming to the relevant Regulations/norms of the Commission and the statutory/regulatory body concerned regarding minimum standards of instruction, qualifications of teachers, merit-based admission of students on an all India basis and reasonable fee structure.
- 11.12 On an institution coming under the ambit of the institution deemed to be university, the institution deemed to be university shall award degrees only to the students enrolled in the institution after the institution concerned disaffiliates itself from the affiliating university. The students enrolled in such an institution prior to its inclusions under the ambit of the institution deemed to be university, shall, receive their degrees from the university to which the institution was affiliated at the time of their enrolment.



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- 11.13 Once an institution comes under the ambit of an institution deemed to be university, it shall be at par with an off-campus of the institution deemed to be university, and all articles of these Regulations relating to off-campus centres of institutions deemed to be universities shall be applicable to it.

Provided that if the institution under the ambit is located in the city where the headquarters of the institution deemed to be university is located, the institution would be treated as part of the main campus. If it is located in some other city/town/village, it would be treated as an off-campus centre.

## **12 JOINT PROGRAMMES**

- 12.1 An institution deemed to be university may conduct joint academic programme(s) with other Universities / institution deemed to be universities in India and abroad with the prior approval of the Commission. The proposed joint programme(s) shall conform to the Acts and Rules of the Commission that shall apply to such programmes from time to time.

Provided that no such permission shall be required in case the institution goes for collaboration with industry or for research purposes.

- 12.2 There shall be sufficient safeguards so as to protect the interests of students enrolled in such programmes.
- 12.3 The joint programmes shall be subjected to mandatory assessment and accreditation.

## **13 VIDYAPEETH OPEN TO ALL**

- 13.1 Admission and employment in an institution deemed to be university shall be open to all citizens of India regardless of race, religion, caste or creed and the area / place of residence of India.
- 13.2 All policies and procedures, as applicable to the University level Institutions of public and privately funded institutions respectively, shall apply to the appropriate category of Institutions Deemed to be Universities.



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## **14 VIDYAPEETH TO BE UNITARY**

Once an institution is declared as a unitary institution deemed to be university, it shall not affiliate any other institution.

## **15 RESERVATION POLICY**

Vidyapeeth shall implement the reservation policy in admissions in accordance with any Act of Parliament for the time being in force..

## **16. MEETINGS OF UNIVERSITY BODIES**

The institution deemed to be university shall conduct meetings of all its authorities/ bodies, like Board of Management, Academic Council etc. at regular intervals as per the regulations and the minutes of each such meeting shall be displayed in the website of the institution.

## **17. CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS**

17.1 The Central Government / Commission shall have the right to cause an inspection of the institution deemed to be university, its buildings, laboratories, its examination, teaching and other work conducted or done by the institution deemed to be university, and to cause an enquiry to be made, if considered necessary by the Central Government /UGC, in respect of any matter of the institution deemed to be university,

17.2 After conducting an inspection of the institution deemed to be university by the Commission on its own or on the basis of any other authentic information or report received from any other reliable source(s) and after considering the explanation submitted by the institution deemed to be university, if the Commission is satisfied that the institution deemed to be university has violated any of the provisions of these Regulation or any directives issued by the Commission, the Commission may direct the concerned institution deemed to be university not to admit new students for the period to be decided by the Commission and in case of deliberate continuous violation of these Regulations, may advise the Central Government for withdrawal of the declaration notifying the institution as an institution deemed to be university.



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In the event of such withdrawal of the declaration, the entire movable and immovable properties of the institution deemed to be university shall stand transferred to the sponsoring society/trust.

For first violation, the withdrawal may be restricted to one academic session which can be extended up to five academic sessions for repeated violations. However, for serious and deliberate violation, the status of deemed to be university shall be withdrawn permanently.

- 17.3 In the event of the withdrawal of the deemed university status, action shall be simultaneously initiated to protect the interests of the students according to such precedents and practices as applicable or determined for the specific situation.
- 17.4 If an institution deemed to be university wishes to withdraw itself or its constituents from the status of 'institution deemed to be university', it may do so with the prior permission of the Central Government. Such withdrawal shall take effect only after the last batch of students then enrolled, passes out of the institution deemed to be university.



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## **RULES**

- (A) Every institution declared as an institution deemed to be university under Section 3 of the UGC Act shall be registered as a Society / Trust / Company in the name and style of the institution deemed to be university.
- (B) Each such institution shall indicate, unambiguously the following :
- i) Name : The name of the Society / Trust / Company along with the name of the institution deemed to be university.
  - ii) Office : The registered office of the Society / Trust / Company, the official address of the institution.
  - iii) Objectives : The objectives of the institution deemed to be university shall be clearly enunciated. The objectives shall be well-defined and well-known to the students, teachers and non-teaching staff of the institution deemed to be university.
  - iv) The objectives as set forth above shall be regarded in law to be charitable in nature.
- (C) Programmes of the institution deemed to be university

In keeping with objectives, the institution shall spell out the following :

- (i) The proposed programmes of study and research and facilities to provide for instruction in such branches of study as the institution deems appropriate for the advancement of learning and discrimination of knowledge.
- (ii) The nature of Degrees and Diplomas and/or Certificates to persons who have satisfactorily completed the approved programmes of study and/or research and the scheme prescribed for examination and evaluation.
- (iii) Details of other academic schemes such as visitorship, fellowship, prizes, and medals.



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## 1. MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTION

- 1.1 The names, addresses, and occupation of the members of the first Board of Management to whom the management of the institution is entrusted till the various authorities are constituted in accordance with the Rules, shall be furnished at the time of application along with their letter of consent.
- 1.2 The Board of Management shall be compact and homogeneous body enabling it to promptly take and implement well considered decisions and to effectively handle crisis situations.
- 1.3 The Board of Management shall be as per clause 7.5 of the Regulations. The term of membership of the Board of Management and its powers shall be as follows:
  - 1.3.1 All the members of the Board of Management other than ex-officio members and the members of the teaching staff shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment.
  - 1.3.2 Members of teaching staff in the Board of Management shall hold office for a period of 2 years or till such time as they continue to be members of the teaching staff, whichever is earlier.

### 1.4 Powers of the Board of Management

The Board of Management shall be the principal organ of Management and principal executive body of the institution deemed to be university and shall have the following powers :

- i) To establish, on the advice of the Academic Council, Divisions and Departments for the academic work and functions of the institution deemed to be university and to allocate areas of study, teaching and research to them, with the approval of sponsoring society/trust;
- ii) To create teaching and academic posts, to determine the number, cadres and qualifications thereof as approved by the Commission and statutory body concerned and the emoluments of such posts in consultation with the Finance Committee along with recommendations of Board of Management as approved by the sponsoring society/trust;



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iii) To appoint such Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and other academic staff as may be necessary on the recommendation of the Selection Committee along with recommendations of Board of Management as approved by the sponsoring society/trust;

iv) To lay down the duties and conditions of service of the Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors and other academic staff of the institution deemed to be university in consultation with the Academic Council along with recommendations of Board of Management as approved by the sponsoring society/trust;

v) To provide for appointment of visiting fellows and visiting professors;

vi) To create administrative, ministerial and other necessary posts in terms of the cadres laid down and to make appointment thereof in consultation with the Finance Committee along with recommendations of Board of Management as approved by the sponsoring society/trust;

vii) To constitute, for the benefit of the teaching, academic, technical, administrative and other staff, such pension, insurance, provident fund and gratuity as it may deem fit and aid in the establishment and support of Association, Institutions, Funds, Trusts and conveyances calculated to benefit the staff and the students of the institution deemed to be university along with recommendations of Board of Management as approved by the sponsoring society/trust;

viii) To regulate and enforce discipline among the employees of the institution deemed to be university and to take appropriate disciplinary action, wherever necessary, in consultation with the Chancellor and as approved by the sponsoring society/trust;

ix) To entertain and adjudicate upon and, if thought fit, to redress any grievances of the employees and students of the institution deemed to be university;

x) To grant leave of absence to the Vice-Chancellor and to make necessary arrangements for carrying on his/her functions during the period of absence;

xi) To approve the award of Degrees and diplomas based on the results of examinations and tests and to confer, grant or award Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic titles and distinctions.



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**xii)** To fix the emoluments and travelling and other allowances of examiners, moderators, tabulators and such other personnel appointed for examinations in consultation with the Academic Council and the Finance Committee, along with the recommendations of the Board of Management as approved by the sponsoring society/trust;

**xiii)** To institute Fellowships, including Travel Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Medals and Prizes in accordance with the Rules to be framed for the purpose;

**xiv)** To advise the society/trust/company (if any) on matters regarding acquisition, management and disposal of any immovable property on behalf of the institution deemed to be university;

**xv)** To purchase, take on lease or accept as gift or otherwise any land or buildings or works which may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the institution deemed to be university, on such terms and conditions as it may deem fit and proper, and to construct or alter and maintain any such building(s) or work(s);

**xvi)** To transfer or accept transfers of any movable or immovable property on behalf of the institution deemed to be university;

*Provided* that the Board of Management shall not transfer or alter ownership in any manner whatsoever of any movable or immovable property of the institution deemed to be university without the approval of the sponsoring Society/Trust/Company.

**xvii)** To execute in consultation with the Holding Trustees conveyance, transfer Government Securities, re-conveyances, mortgages, leases, bonds, licenses and agreements in respect of property, movable or immovable, belonging to the institution deemed to be university or to be acquired for the purposes of the institution deemed to be university;

**xviii)** To issue appeals for funds for carrying out the objectives of the institution deemed to be university and, consistent with the provisions of the objectives, to receive grants, donations, contributions, gifts, prizes, scholarship, fees and other moneys, to give grants and donations, to award prizes, scholarships, etc;

**xix)** To raise and borrow in consultation with the Holding Trustee money on bonds, mortgages, promissory notes or other obligations or securities founded or based on any of the properties and assets of the institution deemed to be university, or without any securities, upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit and to pay out of the funds of the institution deemed to be university, all expenses incidental to the raising of money and to repay and redeem the money borrowed;



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**xx)** To draw and accept and make and endorse discount and negotiate Government of India's and other promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques or other negotiable instruments;

**xxi)** To maintain a fund to which shall be credited :

(a) All moneys provided by the Central or State / UT Government(s) / University Grants Commission;

(b) All fees and other charges received by the institution deemed to be university;

(c) All money received by the institution deemed to be university as grants, gifts, donations, benefactions, bequest or transfers and

(d) All money received by the institution deemed to be university in any other manner or from any other source;

**xxii)** To open account or accounts of the institution deemed to be university with anyone or more scheduled banks and to lay down the procedure for operating the same;

**xxiii)** To deposit all moneys credited to the funds in scheduled banks or to invest them in consultation with the Finance Committee;

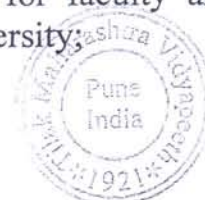
**xxiv)** To invest the funds of the institution deemed to be university or money entrusted to the institution deemed to be university in or upon such securities and in such manner as it may deem fit and from time to time transpose any investment;

**xxv)** To maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare Annual Statements of Accounts, including the balance sheet for every previous financial year, in such form as may be prescribed by the Regulations / Bye-Laws;

**xxvi)** To manage, regulate and administer the revenue, the finance, accounts, investments, properties, business and all other administrative affairs of the institution deemed to be university and for that purpose to appoint such agent or agents as it may deem fit;

**xxvii)** To provide building or buildings, premises, furniture, fittings, equipments, appliances and other facilities required for carrying on the work of the institution deemed to be university;

**xxviii)** To establish, maintain and manage residencies for faculty and staff and hostels for the students of the institution deemed to be university;



**xxix)** To recognize and maintain control and supervision on hostels owned and managed by other agencies for the students of the institution deemed to be university; and to rescind such recognition;

**xxx)** To appoint such committees for such purpose and with such powers as the Board of Management may think fit and to co-opt such persons on these Committees as it thinks fit;

**xxxi)** To appoint in order to execute an instrument or transact any business of the institution deemed to be university, any person as attorney of the institution deemed to be university with such powers as it may deem fit;

**xxxii)** To appoint Auditor(s) for the ensuing year;

**xxxiii)** To select an emblem and to have a common seal for the institution deemed to be university and to provide for the custody and use of such seal;

**xxxiv)** To delegate all or any of its powers to any Committee or sub-Committee constituted by it or the Vice-Chancellor of the institution deemed to be university or any other person;

**xxxv)** To conduct all administrative affairs of the institution deemed to be university not otherwise specifically provided for in consultation with the sponsoring society/trust;

**xxxvi)** To take all necessary decisions for the smooth and efficient functioning of the institution deemed to be university in consultation with the sponsoring society/trust.

### 1.5 Meetings of the Board of Management

**(i)** The Board of Management shall meet at least four times a year. Not less than 15 days' notice shall be given of a meeting of the Board of Management. Eight (8) members shall make the quorum for a Board of Management meeting.

**(ii)** Every meeting of the Board of Management shall be presided over by its Chairman and in his/her absence, by a member chosen by the members present, from amongst themselves.

**(iii)** Each member of the Board of Management, including its Chairman, shall have one vote and decisions at the meetings of the Board shall be taken by simple majority. In case of a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.



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(iv) Any business which it may be necessary for the Board of Management to perform may be carried out by circulating appropriate resolution thereon among its members and any resolution so circulated and approved by a simple majority shall be as effective and binding as if such resolution had been passed at the meeting of the Board.

(v) A copy of the proceedings of each meeting shall be furnished to the Chancellor of the institution deemed to be university as soon as possible after the meeting.

#### 1.6 Termination of Membership

If a member other than the Vice-Chancellor, and those representing the teachers, accepts a full time appointment in the institution deemed to be university or does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Board of Management, without proper leave of absence, he/she shall cease to be a member of the Board of Management.

#### 1.7 Constitution of Standing Committee and Ad-hoc Committee by the Board of Management

1.7.1 Subject to the provision of the Rules of the Institution Deemed to be University, the Board of Management may, by a resolution, constitute such Standing Committee or Ad-hoc Committee or Committees for such purposes and with such powers as the Board may think fit for discharging any function of the Institution Deemed to be University or for inquiring into, reporting and advising upon any matter of the Institution Deemed to be University.

1.7.2 The Board of Management may co-opt such persons on the Standing Committees or *ad-hoc* committees as it may consider suitable.

#### 1.8 Delegation of Powers of the Board of Management

The Board of Management may, by a resolution, delegate to the Vice-Chancellor or any other officer of the institution deemed to be university of the Standing Committee or the *Ad-hoc* Committee such of its powers as it may deem fit, subject to the condition that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor or the officer concerned or the Standing Committee or the *Ad-hoc* Committee concerned in the exercise of the powers so delegated shall be reported at the next meeting of the Board of Management.



## 2. OTHER AUTHORITIES OF THE INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

The following shall be the other authorities of the institution deemed to be university:

1. Academic Council
2. Planning and Monitoring Board
3. Finance Committee
4. Board of Studies
5. Such other authorities as may be declared by the Rules to be authorities of the institution deemed to be university

### 2.1. ACADEMIC COUNCIL

2.1.1 The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the Institution Deemed to be University and shall, subject to the provision of the Rules, have the control over and be responsible for the maintenance of standards of teaching, research and training, approval of syllabus, co-ordination of research activities, examinations and tests within the Institution Deemed to be University and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed or conferred upon it by the Rules of the Institution.

#### 2.1.2 Composition of the Academic Council

The Academic Council shall consist of the following persons, namely :

1. Vice-Chancellor ..... Chairperson
2. Pro Vice-Chancellor (if any)
3. Deans of Faculties
4. Heads of Departments
5. All Professors other than the Heads of the Departments
6. Two Associate Professors from the Departments other than the Heads of the Departments by rotation of seniority
7. Two Assistant Professors from the Departments by rotation of seniority



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8. Three persons from amongst educationists of repute or persons from any other field related to the activities of the Institution Deemed to be University who are not in the service of the Institution Deemed to be University, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

Three persons who are not members of the teaching staff, co-opted by the Academic Council for their specialized knowledge.

9. Registrar who shall be the Secretary of the Academic Council

**NOTE :-** The representation of different categories shall be only through rotation and not through election. It may also be ensured that no particular faculty dominates the membership of the Council.

#### 2.1.3 Term of Membership

The term of members other than the Ex-officio members shall be two years.

#### 2.1.4 Powers and Functions of the Academic Council

The Academic Council shall have the following powers and duties namely,

- i) To consider matters of academic interest either on its own initiative or at the instance of the Board of Management or those proposed by the departments/faculties and to take proper action thereon;
- ii) To exercise general supervision over the academic work of the institution deemed to be university and to give direction regarding methods of instruction, evaluation, and improvements in academic standards;
- iii) To promote research within the institution deemed to be university, acquire reports on such researches from time to time;
- iv) To prescribe courses of study leading to degrees and diplomas of the institution deemed to be university;
- v) To make arrangements for the conduct of examinations in conformity with the Bye-laws;
- vi) To appoint examiners, moderators, tabulators and such other personnel for different examinations;



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- vii)** To maintain proper standards of the examinations;
- viii)** To recognize diplomas and degrees of universities and other institutions and to determine equivalence with the diplomas and degrees of the institutions deemed to be university;
- ix)** To suggest measures for departmental co-ordination;
- x)** To make recommendations to the Board of Management on :
- a) measures for improvement of standards of teaching, research and training;
  - b) institution of fellowships, travel fellowships, scholarships, medals, prizes etc;
  - c) to recommend to the Board of Management, the establishment or abolition of departments/centres; and
  - d) to frame rules covering the academic functioning of the institution deemed to be university, admissions, examinations, award of fellowships and studentships, free-ships, concessions, attendance, discipline, residence etc.
- xi)** To appoint sub-committees to advise on such specific matters as may be referred to it by the Board of Management;
- xii)** To consider the recommendations of the sub-committees and to take such action as the circumstances of each case may require;
- xiii)** To take periodical review of the activities of the Departments/Centres and to take appropriate action with a view to maintaining and improving standards of instruction;
- xiv)** To recommend institution of teaching posts (Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors) to the Board of Management; and
- xv)** To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Rules.

#### 2.1.5 Meeting of the Academic Council

- i)** The Academic Council shall meet as often as may be necessary but not less than three times during an academic year. Not less than 15 days' notice shall be given of a meeting of the Academic Council.



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ii) One third of the total number of members of the Academic Council shall constitute the quorum for the meeting of the Academic Council.

iii) Each member, including its Chairman, shall have one vote and decisions at the meetings of the Academic Council shall be taken by simple majority. In case of a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

iv) Any business which it may be necessary for the Academic Council to perform, except such as may be placed before its meeting, may be carried out by circulation of the resolution among all its members and the resolution so circulated and approved by a simple majority shall be effective and binding as if such resolution had been passed in the meeting of the Academic Council, provided that at least one half of the total number of the members of the Academic Council have recorded their views on the resolution.

## 2.2 PLANNING AND MONITORING BOARD

1) The Planning & Monitoring Board shall be the principal Planning Body of the institution deemed to be university and shall be responsible for the monitoring of the development programmes of the institution deemed to be university.

2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the Planning and Monitoring Board. The Registrar shall be the Secretary. It may include seven internal members and three outside eminent experts, including one nominee of the UGC.

3) The constitution, powers and functions of the Planning and Monitoring Board shall be prescribed by the Rules.

4) The Planning & Monitoring Board would have the right to advise the Board of Management and the Academic Council on any matter which it considers necessary for the fulfillment of the objectives of the institution deemed to be university.

5) The recommendations of the Planning & Monitoring Board shall be placed before the Board of Management for consideration and approval. Proposals relating to the academic matters may be processed through the Academic Council.

## 2.3 FINANCE COMMITTEE

### 2.3.1 Composition of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members :



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1. Vice-Chancellor ..... Chairperson
2. Pro Vice-Chancellor
3. A person nominated by the Society or Trust or Company
4. Two nominees of the Board of Management, one of whom shall be a member of the Board
5. A nominee of the UGC
6. Finance Officer/Chief Accountant ..... Secretary

### 2.3.2 Terms of Office of the Finance Committee

All members of the Finance Committee other than Ex-officio members shall hold office for a term of three years.

### 2.3.3 Powers and Functions of the Finance Committee

- (i) To consider the annual accounts and financial estimates of the institution deemed to be university and submit them to the Board of Management for approval;
- (ii) To consider and recommend the annual budget and revised estimates to the Board of Management;
- (iii) To fix limits of the total recurring expenditure and the total non-recurring expenditure of the year based on the income and resources of the institution deemed to be university.

***Note** :- No expenditure other than that provided in the budget shall be incurred by the institution deemed to be university without the approval of the Finance Committee.*

### 2.3.4 Meetings of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall meet at least twice a year to examine the accounts and to scrutinize proposals for expenditure. Five members shall constitute the quorum for the meeting.

## 2.4 BOARD OF STUDIES

2.4.1 There shall be one Board of Studies for each of the following Faculty / Department of the institution deemed to be university :



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1. Arts and Fine Arts
2. Moral and Social Sciences
3. Ayurveda
4. Distance Education
5. Modern Sciences and Professional Skills
6. Education
7. Health Sciences
8. Law
9. Social Work
10. Such other Board of Studies/Faculties as may be prescribed by the Vidyapeeth

2.4.2 The Board of Studies of each Faculty/Department shall consist of :

1. Dean of Faculty/Head of the Department .....Chairperson
2. All Professors of the Faculty/Department
3. Two Associate Professors of the Faculty/Department by rotation of seniority
4. Two Assistant Professors of the Faculty/Department by rotation of seniority
5. Not more than 2 persons to be co-opted for their expert knowledge including those belonging to the profession or industry concerned.

2.4.3 The powers and functions of the Board of Studies / Faculties shall be prescribed by the Rules of the institution deemed to be university.

## 2.5 SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 2.5.1 There shall be a Selection Committee for making recommendations to the Board of Management for appointment to the post of Professors, Associate Professors and such other posts as may be prescribed in accordance with the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2010 as amended from time to time.



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2.5.2 Every Selection Committee shall be constituted in accordance with the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2010 as amended from time to time.

2.5.3 Meetings of the Selection Committee

- a) The meetings of the Selection Committee shall be convened by the Chairman of the Selection Committee as and when necessary.
- b) Four members of the Selection Committee shall consisting of at least two experts shall form the quorum.
- c) If the Board of Management is unable to accept the recommendations of the Selection Committee, it shall record its reasons thereof and require an appropriate review by a high power committee.

**3. OFFICERS OF THE VIDYAPEETH**

The following shall be the officers of the institution of deemed to be university :

1. Chancellor
2. Pro Chancellor
3. Vice-Chancellor
4. Pro Vice Chancellor
5. Registrar
6. Finance Officer/Chief Accountant
7. Controller of Examinations
8. Deans of Faculties
9. Heads of Departments
10. Such other officers as may be prescribed in the Rules of the institution deemed to be university

**Chancellor & Pro Chancellor**

- 3.1 Chancellor :- The institution deemed to be university shall have a Chancellor who shall, when present, preside over the convocations of the institution deemed to be university. The Chancellor who will be appointed by the sponsoring Society or Trust or Company, shall hold office for a period of 5 years and shall be eligible for one more term.



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Where power is conferred upon the Chancellor to nominate persons to authorities, he/she shall, to the extent necessary, nominate persons to represent the various interests for the furtherance of the objectives of the institutions deemed to be university.

- 3.2 Pro Chancellor :- The sponsoring body of the institution deemed to be university may also appoint a person as a Pro Chancellor, whose role would be limited to carrying out the tasks assigned to the Chancellor in these Regulations, when the latter is not available for carrying out the same. The Pro Chancellor, if so appointed, shall hold office for a period co-terminus to that of the Chancellor and shall be eligible to hold the post for maximum two terms.

*Explanation :-* If a person holds the post for a term less than five years, then also it shall be treated as a term for this purpose.

### 3.3 Vice-Chancellor

- 3.3.1 The Vice Chancellor shall be a whole time salaried officer of the institution deemed to be university and shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel of three names suggested by a Search-cum-selection Committee.

Provided that as the post of Vice-Chancellor is not sanctioned by the Government of Maharashtra, his emoluments, allowances and other benefits will be decided by the sponsoring society/trust.

Persons of the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment shall be appointed as Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor to be appointed shall be a distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years of experience as Professor in a University system or ten years of experience in an equivalent position in a reputed research, academic and/or administrative organization.

- 3.3.2 The procedure/composition of Search-cum-Selection Committee (SCSC) for selection of Vice-Chancellor shall be as under :

- a) A nominee of the Visitor/Chancellor, who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee
- b) A nominee of the Chairman, University Grants Commission
- c) A nominee of the Syndicate/Executive Council/Board of Management of the institution deemed to be university



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3.2.3 The Vice Chancellor shall hold office for a term of 5 years. He shall be eligible for reappointment if he is performing his duty in such a manner that progress of TMV is remarkable and also consider his efforts for overall development of TMV and entire performance for growth of academic standard of TMV, provided that in no case, shall be hold office beyond the age of 70 years.

Provided that notwithstanding the expiry of the period of 5 years, he/she may continue in office for not more than six months or till his/her successor is appointed and the latter assumes office, whichever is earlier.

#### 3.2.4 Powers of the Vice Chancellor

- i) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Principal Executive Officer of the institution deemed to be university and shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the institution deemed to be university and shall be mainly responsible for implementation of the decisions of all the authorities of the institution deemed to be university.
- ii) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Management, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, the Planning and Monitoring Board and Selection Committees.
- iii) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to convene or cause to be convened meeting of the various authorities of the institution deemed to be university.
- iv) The Vice-Chancellor may, if he/she is of the opinion that immediate action is called for on any matter, he/she shall exercise any power conferred upon any authority of the institution deemed to be university under its Regulations and Rules, and take such action or proceed to take such action and shall report to the authority concerned on the action taken by him/her on such matters.

*Provided* that if the authority concerned as mentioned in clause (ii) above is of the opinion that such action ought not to have been taken, it may refer the matter to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

*Provided* further that if any person in the service of the institution deemed to be university is aggrieved by the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under the said clause, he/she shall have the right to appeal against such decision to the Board of Management within 30 days from the date on which such action is communicated to him/her and thereupon the Board of Management shall call the meeting in a subsequent meeting and may confirm, modify or reverse the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.



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v) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to ensure that Regulations and Rules of the institution deemed to be university are duly observed and implemented; and, he/she shall have all the necessary powers in this regard.

vi) All powers relating to the proper maintenance and discipline of the institution deemed to be university shall be vested in the Vice-Chancellor.

vii) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to re-delegate some of his powers to any of his/her subordinate officers with the concurrence and approval of the Board of Management.

viii) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise all other powers as may be delegated to him/her by the Board of Management.

ix) The Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Regulations, Rules and Bye-laws.

### 3.4 Pro Vice-Chancellor

- (i) The post of the Pro Vice-Chancellor may be created with the approval of the Board of Management and the Central Government
- (ii) The Pro Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Board of Management on the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor
- (iii) The Pro Vice-Chancellor shall hold office co-terminus with the office of the Vice-Chancellor and at the pleasure of Vice-Chancellor
- (iv) The Pro Vice-Chancellor shall have the powers and duties as prescribed by Rules of the institution deemed to be university.
- (v) The emoluments, benefits etc. to be given to Pro Vice-Chancellor shall be decided as per rules with the approval of sponsoring society/trust.

### 3.5 Registrar

i) The Registrar shall be a whole time salaried officer of the institution deemed to be university and shall be appointed by the Board of Management on the recommendations of the Selection Committee consisting of the following :-



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- a) Vice-Chancellor–Chairperson
  - b) One nominee of the Chancellor
  - c) One nominee of the Board of Management
  - d) One expert appointed by the Board of Management who is not an employee of the institution deemed to be university.
- ii) His appointment shall be initially for five years' period. The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Registrar shall be as prescribed by Rules of the institution deemed to be university.
- iii) When the office of the Registrar is vacant or when the Registrar is absent by reason of illness or any other reason, the duties and functions of the Registrar shall be performed by such other person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.
- iv) The Registrar shall be ex-officio Secretary of the Board of Management, the Academic Council and the Planning & Monitoring Board, but shall not be deemed to be a member of any of these authorities.
- v) The Registrar shall be directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor and shall work under his direction.
- vi) The following shall be duties of the Registrar –
- a) To be the custodian of the records and the funds and such other property of the institution deemed to be university as the Board of Management may commit to his/her charge;
  - b) To conduct the official correspondence on behalf of the authorities of the institution deemed to be university;
  - c) To issue notices convening meetings of the authorities of the institution deemed to be university and all Committees and sub-Committees appointed by any of these authorities;
  - d) To maintain the minutes of the meetings of all the authorities of the institution deemed to be university and of all the committees and sub-committees appointed by any of these authorities;
  - e) To make arrangements for and supervise the examinations conducted by the institution deemed to be university;



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- f) To represent the institution deemed to be university in suits or proceedings by or against the institution deemed to be university, sign powers of attorney and perform pleadings or depute his/her representatives for the purpose;
- g) To enter into agreement, sign documents and authenticate records on behalf of the institution deemed to be university;
- h) To make arrangements to safeguard and maintain the buildings, gardens, office, canteen, cars and other vehicles, laboratories, libraries, reading rooms, equipments and other properties of the institution deemed to be university;
- i) To perform such other duties as may be specified in the Rules or as may be assigned by the Board of Management or the Vice-Chancellor from time to time.

### 3.6 **Finance Officer / Chief Accountant**

- i) The Finance Officer/Chief Accountant shall be a whole time salaried officer of the institution deemed to be university and shall be appointed by the Board of Management.
- ii) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Finance Officer/Chief Accountant shall be as may be prescribed by Rules of the institution deemed to be university.
- iii) The Finance Officer/Chief Accountant shall work under the direction of the Vice-Chancellor and shall be responsible to the Board of Management through the Vice-Chancellor.
- iv) He/she shall be responsible for the preparation of annual budget, estimates and statements of accounts for submission to the Finance Committee and the Board of Management.
- v) He/she shall be responsible for the management of funds and investments of institution deemed to be university, subject to the control of Board of Management.

### 3.7 **Controller of Examinations**

- i) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed by the Board of Management.



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ii) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Controller of Examination shall be as may be prescribed by Rules of the institution deemed to be university.

iii) The Controller of Examinations shall ensure that all the specific directions of the Board of Management, Academic Council and Vice-Chancellor in respect of examination and evaluation are complied with.

iv) The Controller of Examinations shall be a permanent invitee to the Board of Management.

### 3.8 Dean

The Departments dealing with allied subjects could be grouped into faculties. Each faculty/Board of Study may be headed by a Dean.

### 3.9 Head of the Department

i) There shall be a Head of the Department for each of the Departments in the institution deemed to be university who shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors of the Department.

*Provided* further that, if there is no Professor in the Department, or there is only one Professor in the Department whose term as Head of the Department is ending, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint an Associate Professor as Head of the Department.

ii) The term of Head of the Department shall normally be three years and he/she shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term, but not for two consecutive terms.

iii) The powers and functions of the Head of the Department shall be prescribed by the Rules of the institution deemed to be university.



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#### **4. DELEGATION OF POWERS**

Subject to the provisions of these Regulations and Rules, any authority or officer of the institution deemed to be university, with the approval of Board of Management, may delegate its power to any other authority or officer or person under their respective control and subject to the conditions that the overall responsibility for exercising the powers so delegated shall continue to rest in the authority or officer delegating such powers.

#### **5. SENIORITY LIST**

a) Whenever in accordance with these Rules, any person working is to hold an office or to be a member of an authority of the Vidyapeeth by rotation according to seniority, such seniority shall be determined according to the length of the continuous service of such person in the grade and in accordance with such other principles as the Board of Management may from time to time prescribe.

b) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain in respect of each class of persons to whom the provisions of these rules apply, a complete and up-to-date seniority list in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing clause.

c) If two or more persons have equal length of continuous service in a particular grade/cadre or the relative seniority of any person or persons is in doubt, the Registrar may on his/her own notion and shall at the request of any such person, submit the matter to the Board of Management, whose decision shall be final and binding.

#### **6. DISPUTE AS TO MEMBERSHIP**

If any question arises, whether any person has been duly nominated or appointed, as or is entitled to be a member of any authority or any committee of the institution deemed to be university, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final and binding.

#### **7. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE**

For individual grievances and complaints, every institution deemed to be university shall have a Grievance Redressal Mechanism as may be prescribed by the UGC.



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## 7.1 Special Provisions

Every institution deemed to be university shall have the following special provisions as per UGC norms :

- i) Anti Ragging Cell
- ii) Anti Discrimination Cell
- iii) Gender Sensitization Cell
- iv) Internal Complaints Committee for Prevention of Sexual Harrassment
- v) Barrier Free Access in all places

7.2 Institution deemed to be universities shall be allowed to take credits earned from other institutions under Choice Based Credit System as per the norms of UGC.

7.3 Institution deemed to be universities shall review the syllabus every three years keeping in view the developments in the domains of knowledge.

7.4 Institution deemed to be university shall adhere to all the Rules, Regulations, Norms, Guidelines, Directions etc. issued/notified by the UGC/Government of India from time to time.

7.5 The Commission can issue directions to an institution deemed to be university for implementation of any law or Government policy or in case of any violation of any law or policy.

## 8. RESIGNATION

Any member other than an *Ex-officio* member of any authority may resign by a letter addressed to the Registrar and the resignation shall take effect as soon as it is accepted by the Chancellor or the Chairman of the Board of Management, as the case may be.

## 9. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETINGS

Where no provision is made for a Chairman to preside over a meeting of an authority of the Vidyapeeth or any Committee of such authority, or if the Chairman so provided is absent, the members shall select one from amongst themselves to preside at such meeting.



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## 10. VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS, DECISIONS

No action or proceedings of any authority or anybody or any committee of the institution deemed to be university shall be invalid merely by reason of any vacancy therein.

## 11. DISQUALIFICATION

a) A person shall be disqualified for having chosen as and for being a member of any of the authorities of the Vidyapeeth

- i) if he/she is of unsound mind
- ii) if he/she is an undischarged insolvent
- iii) if he/she has been convicted by a court of law of an offence involving moral turpitude
- iv) if he/she has not been appointed as per provisions of UGC Regulations.

b) If any question arises as to whether a person is or has been subjected to any disqualifications mentioned above, the question shall be referred for decision to the Chancellor and his decision shall be final.

## 12. FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES

Casual vacancies among the members (other than *Ex-officio* members) of any authority or any other Committee of the Vidyapeeth shall be filled as soon as it may be convenient by the person or the authority who appointed or co-opted the member whose place has become vacant and the person appointed or co-opted to a casual vacancy shall be the member of such authority or Committee for the residual term for which the person whose place he fills would have been a member.

## 13. REVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES OF THE VIDYAPEETH

The functioning of the institution deemed to be university may be reviewed after every 5 year or earlier, if necessary, by a Committee appointed by the Commission.



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#### **14. INSPECTION OF THE INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY BY THE COMMISSION**

- i) The Commission may cause an inspection, to be made by such person or persons as it may direct, of the institution deemed to be university, its buildings, fixtures and fittings, laboratories and equipment as also examinations, teaching and other work carried on or done and, if necessary, to cause an inquiry to be made in respect of any matter connected with the administration or finance of the institution deemed to be university.
- ii) The Commission shall, in every case, give notice to the institution deemed to be university of its intension to cause an inspection or inquiry to be made and on receipt of such a notice, the institution deemed to be university shall have the right to make such representations to the Commission as it may consider necessary.
- iii) Where an inspection or inquiry has been caused to be made by the Commission, the institution deemed to be university shall be entitled to appoint a representative who shall have the right to be present and to be heard at such inspection or inquiry.
- iv) The Commission may communicate the result of such inspection or inquiry together with such advice as it may be pleased to offer as to the action to be taken by the institution deemed to be university to the Vice-Chancellor who shall communicate the same to the Board of Management.
- v) The Board of Management shall give proper consideration to the said communication regarding the result of inspection or inquiry and the proposals for action by the institution deemed to be university and communicate to the Commission the action, if any, which it proposes to take or has taken upon the result of such inspection or inquiry.
- vi) Where the Board of Management does not, within a reasonable time, take any action to the satisfaction of the Commission, the Commission may, after giving due consideration to the explanation furnished or representation made by the Board of Management to it, issue such directions as it may think fit and the Board of Management shall comply with such directions.

#### **15. INCOME AND PROPERTY OF THE INSTITUTION DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY TO BE UTILIZED FOR ITS OBJECTIVES ONLY**

The income and property of the institution deemed to be university shall be utilized solely for promoting the objectives of that institution deemed to be university.





## **16. BAN ON PAYMENT OR TRANSFERRING OF INCOME AND PROPERTY OF THE INSTITUTE DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY BY WAY OF PROFIT**

No portion of the income and property of the institution deemed to be university shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who were at any time or are members of the institution deemed to be university or any persons claiming through them, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any member thereof or other person as consideration for any service rendered to the institution deemed to be university or for traveling or other allowances and such other charges.

## **17. FUNDS, ACCOUNTS, AUDITS AND ANNUAL REPORT**

i) The accounts of the institution deemed to be university shall be maintained in the name of the institution deemed to be university and not in the name of the sponsoring Society or Trust. The accounts of the institution deemed to be university shall be kept in such forms as may be laid down by the Board of Management and shall conform to the rules, if any, prescribed by the Commission. The accounts of the institution deemed to be university shall be open for examination by the Controller and Auditor General of India. The accounts shall also be open for inspection by the Commission.

ii) The annual financial statements and accounts shall be audited by the Chartered Accountant of the institution deemed to be university.

iii) Annual Reports and the Audit Reports shall be submitted by the institution deemed to be university to the Commission within nine months of the closure of the accounting year.

## **18. RULES OF THE INSTITUTE DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY**

Subject to the provisions of the Regulations and the Rules of the Commission, the Board of Management shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the power to frame the Rules of institution deemed to be university that may provide for all or any of the following matters :-

(i) establishment of Departments of teaching;



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- (ii) courses of study to be laid down for all degrees, diplomas and certificates of the institution deemed to be university;
- (iii) grant of academic awards (such as degrees and diplomas) and distinctions;
- (iv) admission of students to the institution deemed to be university and their enrolment as such;
- (v) the fees to be charged for courses of study and for admission to the examinations, degrees, diplomas and certificates of the institution deemed to be university;
- (vi) conduct of examinations, appointment of examiners and approval and publication of results thereof;
- (vii) institution of award of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes and prescription of the conditions thereof;
- (viii) maintenance of discipline among the students;
- (ix) maintenance of discipline among the employees;
- (x) establishment of halls of residence and conditions of residence and health of the students;
- (xi) classification, emoluments, method of appointment and determination of the terms and conditions of service of the staff;
- (xii) such other powers, functions and duties of the Academic Council as are not mentioned elsewhere;
- (xiii) constitution, powers and functions of the Planning & Monitoring Board;
- (xiv) Powers and functions of the Board of Studies / Faculties;
- (xv) composition, powers and functions of the Grievance Redress Mechanism;
- (xvi) prescribing persons as such other officers of the institution deemed to be university;
- (xvii) such other powers and functions of the Vice-Chancellor as are not specified elsewhere;



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(xviii) emoluments, terms and conditions of service of the Registrar;

(xix) emoluments, terms and conditions of service of the Finance Officer;

(xx) constitution of pension, provident fund, insurance etc. for the benefit of the officers, teachers, and the other staff;

(xxi) establishment of special centers;

(xxii) creation, composition and functions of any committees or body, which is considered necessary for the work of the institution deemed to be university;

(xxiii) procedure for preparation and submission of budget estimates;

(xxiv) procedure for convening of meeting of any authority or committee;

(xxv) laying down of procedures to be observed at any meeting of any authority or any committee;

(xxvi) constitution of any other body as an authority of the institution deemed to be university;

(xxvii) delegation of powers to any authority or officer;

(xxviii) all other matters by this Regulation or the Rules may be provided but no rule shall be made affecting the condition of residence, health, discipline, admission, enrolment of students, conditions, mode of appointments, duties of examiners, conduct of and standard of examinations or any course of study without consulting the Academic Council.

## 19. INTERPRETATION CLAUSE

In the event of conflict of opinion with regard to interpretation of Regulations or the Rules of the Commission, the opinion of the Commission shall be final.

## 20. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

i) For the purpose of Section 6 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860, the person in whose name the Vidyapeeth may sue or be sued shall be the Registrar.



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ii) No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against the Central Government or UGC or the Vidyapeeth or an Officer of the Vidyapeeth or a member of the authority of the Vidyapeeth in respect of anything done or purported or intended to be done in pursuance of any of these Regulations.

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