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F.No. UGC/DEB/VMSU/SIK/11/

October, 2015

To
The Director,
Directorate of Distance Education,
Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University,
Tadong,
East Sikkim-737 102.

21 OCT 2015

Sub : Continuation of recognition to Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim for offering programmes through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode for academic year 2015-16 – reg.

Sir,

1. Reference is invited to this office letter F.No. DEC/VMSU/SIK/2011/14277-79 dated 28th August, 2012 vide which Institute was given extension of recognition for three academic years 2012-13 to 2014-15.

In reply to this office letter No. F/12-2/2015 DEB III dated 29th May 2015, the reference received vide your letter No. Acad/UGC/07/2015 dated 02.7.2015 on the subject cited above along with the affidavit on the prescribed format, I am to inform you that the University Grants Commission (UGC) in its 505th meeting held on 22nd December, 2014 has taken a decision to maintain status quo for 2015-16 and accordingly the recognition/approval granted to the University vide aforementioned letter dated 28th August, 2012 would continue for the academic year 2015-16. Your University may continue to offer 25 programmes through ODL mode which were approved as per recognition given earlier vide letter No. DEC/VMSU/SIK/2011/14277-79 dated 28.08.2012 (copy enclosed)

2. The University shall compulsorily observe the following terms and conditions while offering the programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode during 2015-16 in accordance with the affidavit dated 02.07.2015 duly notarised and signed by, Sh. Om Prakash, the Registrar, Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim and forwarded by the Registrar himself vide letter No. VMSU/UGC/353/8509/15 dated 20.6.2015 mentioned above :-

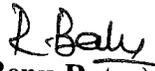
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- i) The University shall offer only those programmes through open and distance mode which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University as per norms and also by UGC and wherever necessary by the Apex regulatory bodies of the country.
- ii) It is the responsibility of the University to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC/AICTE/NCTE, or any other and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required, before offering any specific programme through distance mode.
- iii) The University shall not start any new programme without prior approval of UGC and other concerned regulatory authorities in anticipation of recognition.
- iv) The Nomenclature of all programmes shall be as per UGC/AICTE Regulations.
- v) No teacher education programmes shall be offered without prior approval of the NCTE.
- vi) The MHRD directions prohibiting B.E./B.Tech through Distance mode vide its letter dated 29.7.2009 shall be adhered to strictly (copy at UGC website).
- vii) Programmes in Engineering and Technology i.e. BE/B.Tech/Diploma courses in Medicine/Nursing/Physiotherapy etc. are not allowed through distance mode and University shall not offer the same.
- viii) The University shall refrain from offering such programmes that are not allowed to be offered through distance mode by respective Apex body/ies.
- ix) No on line programme leading to award of degree/certificate shall be offered by the Institute until a policy is framed and approved by UGC in this regard.
- x) The minimum duration of a programme offered through ODL mode should not be less than the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode.
- xi) The University shall run its Open and Distance Learning programmes in those subject/fields which are offered by it through regular mode only.
- xii) The University should have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters.
- xiii) The eligibility conditions for admissions shall be as per norms of UGC/AICTE and other regulatory bodies.
- xiv) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of University for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction and opening of off campuses/centres/study centres as mentioned in the UGC notification No.F.27-1/2012 (CPP-II), dated 27th June, 2013, a copy of which is also posted in the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb/.

- xv) In respect of standalone Institutions (other than the Universities), the territorial jurisdiction will be headquarters.
- xvi) The programme in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and/or through any Private Institution/College.
3. Moreover, the University shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to clause 5 of the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for awards of M.Phil./Ph.D Degree), Regulation 2009.
4. The University's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring by the concerned regulatory authorities.
5. Your University is required to send a list of programmes (approved by the statutory bodies) and DEB/UGC that are on offer through distance mode during 2015-16, duly authenticated by the Registrar. It may also be noted that :
- i) If the University/Institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, the UGC may withdraw its recognition.
- ii) In case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the University/Institution is found to be false or fake at a later stage, the recognition of University/Institution shall be withdrawn and the University/Institution concerned shall be solely responsible for the career of the students enrolled.

Yours faithfully,


(Renu Batra)
Joint Secretary

Encl. - As above.

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1. The Director, School of Distance Education, Vinayaka Mission Sikkim University, Tadong, East Sikkim-737102, Sikkim.
2. The Principal Secretary, Technical and Higher Education Department, Govt. of Sikkim.
3. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), 7th floor, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi -110001.



4. The Joint Secretary (TEL), Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110015.
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6. Master File
7. Publication Officer (Web), UGC for updating website.

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14277-79

F.No.DEC/VMSU/SIK/2011/
28th August, 2012

To

The Director
Directorate of Distance Education
Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University
Tadong, East Sikkim - 737102

Sub: Recognition to Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University for offering programmes through distance mode - reg.,

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the application of your University seeking recognition of Distance Education Council for offering programmes through distance mode, an Expert Committee comprising nominees of UGC, AICTE and DEC visited your University and submitted its recommendations. The recommendations of the Expert Committee were placed before the Tripartite Committee. Recommendations of the Tripartite Committee were considered by the Distance Education Council in its 40th meeting. Based on the decision of the Distance Education Council, I am to convey that your University has been accorded recognition for offering programmes through distance mode as under:

Programmes recognised for three academic years (from 2012-13 to 2014-15)

Sl. No.	Programme	Duration	Eligibility
1.	Bachelor of Arts in English (BA (ENG))	3 years	12 th Std or equivalent
2.	Master of Arts in English (MA (ENG))	2 years	Any degree with English as Part II
3.	Bachelor of Arts in Hindi (BA (HINDI))	3 years	12 th Std or equivalent
4.	Master of Arts in Hindi (MA (HINDI))	2 years	12 th Std or equivalent
5.	Bachelor of Arts in Economics (BA (ECO))	3 years	12 th Std. or equivalent
6.	Bachelor of Arts in Geography (BA (Geography))	3 years	12 th Std or equivalent
7.	Bachelor of Arts in History (BA (HIST))	3 years	12 th Std or equivalent
8.	Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (BA (SOCIO))	3 years	12 th Std or equivalent
9.	Bachelor Science in Library and Information Science (BLIS)	1 year	Any degree
10.	Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (BA (PUB.ADMIN))	3 years	12 th Std or equivalent
11.	Bachelor of Journalism and Mass Communication (BA (JOUR & MASS COMMUNICATION))	3 years	12 th Std or equivalent

12.	Bachelor of Arts in Education (BA (EDUCATION))	3 years	12 th Std or equivalent
13.	Master of Arts in Education (MA (EDUCATION))	2 years	Any degree
14.	Master of Arts in Economics (MA (ECO))	2 years	Any degree
15.	Master of Arts in History (MA (HIST))	2 years	Any degree
16.	Master of Arts in Sociology (MA (SOCIOLOGY))	2 years	Any degree
17.	Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS)	1 year	BLIS
18.	Master of Arts in Public Administration (MA (PUB.ADMIN))	2 years	Any degree
19.	Master of Arts in Computer Application (MCA)	3 years	Any degree
20.	Bachelor of Commerce (BCOM)	3 years	12 th Std or equivalent
21.	Master of Commerce (MCOM)	2 years	Relevant degree
22.	Master of Business Administration in Finance Management (MBA (FIN))	2 years	Any degree
23.	Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management (MBA (HRM))	2 years	Any degree
24.	Master of Business Administration in Marketing Management (MBA (MM))	2 years	Any degree
25.	Master of Business Administration System Management (MBA (SYS))	2 years	Any degree

Terms and Conditions: The University should adhere to the following:

1. The University shall offer only above mentioned programmes through distance mode, which are approved by the Distance Education Council.
2. It is the responsibility of the University to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies, and also seek prior its/their approval, wherever required for any specific programme mentioned above.
3. The eligibility conditions will be as per UGC/AICTE/DEC norms and professional and technical programmes as per norms laid down by the AICTE. No admission to MBA, PGDM, & MCA programmes can be done without ensuring that the student has secured a valid score in the entrance test/examination for the purpose.
4. The minimum duration of a programme should be similar to the minimum duration of similar programmes offered through the regular mode.
5. The University should have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters.
6. Nomenclature of all programmes offered through distance mode should be as per UGC/AICTE.
7. The Institution shall limit admission to maximum 60 seats per programme per study centre for management, computer & IT, & allied health sciences programmes, if any. For laboratory/practical work, the university can have a

maximum of 30 students in a batch subject to maximum 60 students per study centre. The study centre shall be operated by the Institution itself.

- 8. The territorial jurisdiction for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the decision of the Council taken in its 40th DEC Meeting. As per decision taken in 40th meeting of the Distance Education Council, the territorial jurisdiction of your University being a State Private University will be the State of Sikkim.
- 9. The study centres are academic facilitators for programme delivery. The University should not franchise the Study centres. The Study Centres should be operated by the University itself.
- 10. The University's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by DEC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring and regulation by the concerned regulatory authorities.

It may be noted that before launching the programme/s, the University should submit an affidavit within 30 days from date of issue of this letter that it agrees to and will abide by all terms and conditions contained in the recognition letter. In case, the DEC does not receive the affidavit within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, the approval accorded to your Institution will be considered as withdrawn. Further, if it is found that the University is violating any norms, the recognition accorded to your university will be withdrawn without any notice.

Yours faithfully,

Director (DEC)

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Copy to:

- 1. The Executive Director, Vinayaka Missions Sikkim University, Sikkim
- 2. The Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Sikkim
- 3. Concerned file
- 4. Master file

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12/11/15