To

The Vice Chancellor
Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth
Vidyapeeth Bhavan, Mukundnagar,
Gultekdi, Pune-411037
Maharashtra

Sub: Recognition of Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune, Maharashtra, by the
Distance Education Council-reg.,

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your application seeking recognition of Distance Education Council for offering programmes through distance education mode, an Expert Committee was constituted comprising nominees of UGC, AICTE and DEC, which visited your Institution and submitted its recommendations. The recommendations of the Expert Committee were placed before the Distance Education Council in its 36th meeting. Based on the decision of the Distance Education Council, I have been directed to inform that your University/Institution has been accorded recognition for a period of three academic years w.e.f. academic year 2011-12 to academic year 2013-14 for offering following programmes through distance education mode:

PROGRAMMES RECOMMENDED

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<td>1</td>
<td>Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (Economics, Political Science, History, Sociology, Geography)</td>
<td>3 years</td>
<td>H.S.C. Pass, minimum age 16 years and above</td>
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<td>1) Admission to 3rd year through preparatory course and Entrance Test for below 12th.</td>
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<td>2) Direct admission to 1st year for 11th (Old S.S.C) before 1975</td>
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A. The recognition to above programmes is subject to the compliance of the following by the University,
   i) The University shall offer only those programmes through distance mode which are on offer in the face-to-face regular mode and that match its objective for providing education after a proper need analysis.
   ii) The University shall appoint at least one faculty per each programme exclusively in the Directorate of Distance Education, satisfying the basic eligibility requirements of UGC/AICTE to support the distance mode programmes.
   iii) The University shall provide extensive and intensive training in ODL pedagogy to the faculty, coordinators, academic counsellors and administrative staff of the Directorate.
   iv) The University shall initiate the process of revising the printed course material into SIM mode as per DEC norms by involving more experts on their advisory committees representing industries and academicians for preparing syllabus and developing, updating and revising the course material as per ODL pedagogy.
   v) The course material developed by the Institute should contain a "credit page", clearly giving the material design/ writing/ editing teams.
   vi) The University shall develop the criteria for establishing study centres, appointment of academic counsellors and support staff at the study centres.
   vii) The University shall prepare manuals on evaluation and examination, conduct of practicals, project work and admission process etc.
   viii) The existing University library should be strengthened by including books and journals related to the distance education.
   ix) Use of ICT for the delivery of distance education programmes may be initiated.
   x) The University should constitute an advisory board for Directorate of Distance Education with a representative of DEC as its member.

B. The University/Institution may note that:
   1. The Institution will offer only such programmes through distance mode which are offered by the institution through regular face-to-face mode and approved by the Distance Education Council as mentioned in this letter. The Institution will not offer any other programme through distance mode other than those approved by the Distance Education Council.
   2. Programmes in the areas of Health, Nursing, Dentistry, Management, Computers and allied areas may be offered with the approval of the statutory councils/ regulatory bodies, wherever required.
   3. It will be the responsibility of the institution to follow the norms prescribed by the regulatory bodies, and seek their approval, wherever required.
   4. The nomenclature of the programmes should be strictly as prescribed by the UGC/AICTE and approved by the Distance Education Council.
   5. The eligibility conditions and duration of programmes will be as per the DEC norms and for professional and technical programmes as per the norms laid down by the AICTE. No admission to MBA, PGCEM and MCA programmes can be done without ensuring that that the student has secured a valid score in the entrance test examination for this purpose.
   6. The Institution shall limit admission to maximum 60 seats per programme per Study Centre for Management, Computer & IT, and Allied Health Sciences programmes. For laboratory/practical work, the institution can have a maximum of 30 students in a batch subject to maximum 60 students per Study Centre. The Study Centre be owned by the University and should be opened with the approval of ECI/IOE of the University concerned.
   7. The Institution should have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the Headquarters.
   8. The territorial jurisdiction for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the decision taken in the 39th Meeting of the Distance Education Council. In its 39th meeting the Council noted that distance education and online education cannot have the Territorial Jurisdiction. In case of Central Universities and the State Universities, the Territorial Jurisdiction will be as per their Acts and Statutes for offering programmes through distance mode. The Territorial Jurisdiction in case of Deemed Universities will be as per UGC, which mandates the prior approval of the UGC for opening Centres / off Campus Centres outside
the Headquarters. The Territorial Jurisdiction in case of Private Institutions (other than Universities) will be as decided by the Joint Committee, which has decided that the territorial jurisdiction for the institutions (both private as well as Govt funded) shall be the Headquarters, and in no case outside the State.

9. The territorial jurisdiction for offering programmes through distance mode by your institution shall be the head quarters of the University as per the notification of the UGC and as per DEC norms.

10. The Distance Education Council prohibits franchising of Study Centres. Thus, your Institution will not franchise any Study Centre in any part of the country or abroad.

11. The Institution’s management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection from time to time by DEC to provide inputs for further improvement or as deemed necessary. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring and regulation by the concerned regulatory authorities.

12. For Management and Computer Science programmes, the Institution should also note that:
   - The programme should have a mandatory internship of six months;
   - Institute/University concerned should seek accreditation from National Board of Accreditation as per prevailing rules;
   - Institute/University concerned should have concerned Department and the conventional universities should have on campus programme on offer;
   - Institute/University concerned should not have advertised for the programmes before receiving the approval letter;
   - Institute/University concerned should disclose, on line, in public domain the details of the student admitted, centre-wise, as per the format to be prescribed by AICTE;
   - Institute/University concerned should ensure delivery of the course material on-line with in one year of the date of approval.

It may be noted that before launching the programme the Institution 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 this letter. In case, the DEC does not receive the affidavit within 30 days from date of issue of this letter, the approval accorded to your Institution will be considered as withdrawn. Further, if it is found that the Institution is flouting any norms, then the recognition accorded to your Institution will be withdrawn without any notice.

Note: The recognition of Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth is accorded for three years, subject to review after completion of one year.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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