



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**  
**Distance Education Bureau**  
**Ferozshah Road,**  
**New Delhi.**

F.No. UGC/DEB/IIPS-DU/MBI/MAH/2015/Vol.III

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To,  
The Vice-Chancellor,  
International Institute of Population Sciences  
Govandi Station Road, Deonar  
Mumbai-400088  
Maharashtra.

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**Sub : Continuation of recognition to International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, Maharashtra for offering programmes through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode for academic year 2015-16 – reg.**

Sir/Madam,

1. Reference is invited to office letter No.UGC/DEB/IIPS-DU/MBI/MAH/10/7344-7348 dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 conveying the approval of the University Grants Commission to your University for offering programmes through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

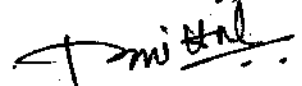
In reply to this office letter No. F/12-2/2015 DEB III dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015, the reference received vide your letter No. IIPS/EMS/01/2015 dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 seeking recognition of Distance Education Bureau, UGC for offering programmes through distance mode along with the affidavit in the standard format and letter of Intent I am to inform you that the University Grants Commission (UGC) in its 505<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014 has taken a decision to maintain status quo for 2015-16 and accordingly the recognition/approval granted to your University vide the aforementioned letter would continue for the academic year 2015-16. Your Institute may continue to offer the twin programmes i.e. (i) Diploma in Population Studies (ii) Masters in Population Studies through ODL mode which were approved by the statutory body of your Institute and were offered during 2014-15 in accordance with approval conveyed by University Grants Commission vide letter referred above dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 referred above.

2. The Institute 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 17.06.2015 duly notarised and signed by DR. Faujdar Ram, the Director and Sr. Professor of International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, Maharashtra and forwarded by the Director and Sr. Professor himself vide letter No. IIMM/EMS/01/2015 dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 mentioned above :

- i) The Institute 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.

3. Moreover, the Institute 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 Institution'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 Institute is required to send a list of programmes (approved by the statutory bodies) and DEC/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 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,

  
(Pankaj Mittal)  
Joint Secretary

Copy to :

1. The Director, Department of Extra Mural Studies & Distance Education, International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai-400088, Maharashtra.
2. The Principal Secretary, Technical and Higher Education Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Annex Building, Mumbai, Maharashtra -400032.
3. The Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), 7<sup>th</sup> 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.
5. Concerned File
6. Master File
7. Publication Officer (Web), UGC for updating website.

- ii) It is the responsibility of the Institute 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 Institute 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 Institute 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 Institute shall run its Open and Distance Learning programmes in those subject/fields which are offered by it through regular mode only.
- xii) The Institute 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 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, a copy of which is also posted in the UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://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.