

**FIRST STATUTES OF MIT VISHWAPRAYAG UNIVERSITY,
SOLAPUR**
(Under the Maharashtra Act No. XXXVIII of 2023)

CHAPTER – I : PRELIMINARY

Section	Heading	Sub-Section	Statute
1	Short title, extent and commencement	-	These Statutes may be called as the “First Statutes of the MIT Vishwaprayag University, Solapur” and shall come into force from the date of publication in the <i>Official Gazette</i> , by the State Government.
2	Definitions	-	<p>In these statutes, unless the context otherwise requires:</p> <p>(i) “<i>Academic Council</i>”, “<i>Board of Management</i>”, “<i>Governing Body</i>”, “<i>Board of Examinations</i>”, “<i>Finance Committee</i>” and “<i>Research Council</i>” means “<i>Academic Council</i>”, “<i>Board of Management</i>”, “<i>Governing Body</i>”, “<i>Board of Examinations</i>”, “<i>Finance Committee</i>” and “<i>Research Council</i>” of the University as specified in the Act or Statutes made under;</p> <p>(ii) “<i>Act</i>” means the “MIT Vishwaprayag University, Solapur Act -2023 (Mah. Act No. XXXVIII of 2023”;</p> <p>(iii) “<i>adjunct faculty</i>” means a person from industry, trade, commerce social, cultural, academic or any other allied fields who is so designated during the period of collaboration or association with the university;</p> <p>(iv) “<i>Authorities</i>” means the authorities of the university as specified by or under the Act ;</p> <p>(v) “<i>employee</i>” means any person appointed by the University and includes faculty members, academic staff, officers and other staff of the university ;</p> <p>(vi) “<i>campus</i>” means the area of the university within which it is established;</p> <p>(vii) “<i>Dean</i>” means a faculty member heading a School;</p> <p>(viii) “<i>Director</i>” means a person who is heading academic or non-academic division of the University as approved by the Governing Body;</p> <p>(ix) “<i>faculty</i>” means one or more group of academic studies concerned with a major division of knowledge;</p> <p>(x) “<i>faculty member</i>” means a person appointed by the University, who teaches a course, imparts education or guides research or renders guidance in any form to the students for academic credit of the University or otherwise;</p>

			<p>(xi) “<i>fee</i>” means monetary collection made by the university or its colleges, institutions or study centers, as the case may be, from the students by whatever name it may be called, which is not refundable;</p> <p>(xii) “<i>Government</i>” or “<i>State Government</i>” means the Government of Maharashtra;</p> <p>(xiii) The terms “<i>he</i>”, “<i>his</i>”, “<i>him</i>” in relation to any officer or person referred to in these Statutes also mean and include “<i>she</i>”, “<i>her</i>”, “<i>her</i>” respectively;</p> <p>(xiv) “<i>Higher education</i>” means pursuit of knowledge beyond learning at the stage of higher secondary school education;</p> <p>(xv) “<i>hostel</i>” means a place of residence for the students of the university, or its institutions and study centers, established or recognized to be as such by the university;</p> <p>(xvi) “<i>Official Gazette</i>” means the <i>Maharashtra Government Gazette</i>;</p> <p>(xvii) “<i>online and distance education</i>” means education imparted by combination of any two or more means of communication, viz. broadcasting, telecasting, correspondence courses, seminars, contact programs and any other such methodology;</p> <p>(xviii) “<i>prescribed</i>” means prescribed by Statutes or Ordinances or Regulations, as the case may be, made by or under this Act ;</p> <p>(xix) “<i>regulating body</i>” means a body established by the Central Government for laying down norms and conditions for ensuring academic standards of higher education, such as the University Grants Commission, All India Council of Technical Education, National Council of Teacher Education, National Medical Commission, Pharmacy Council of India, National Council of Assessment and Accreditation, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Distance Education Council, Council of Scientific and Indian Research, etc., and includes the Government;</p> <p>(xx) “<i>Professor</i>”, “<i>Associate Professor</i>” or “<i>Assistant Professor</i>” means a faculty member so designated as per the guidelines of University Grants Commission and/or other regulatory bodies;</p>
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CHAPTER – II : OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Section	Heading	Sub-section	Statute
3	President	3.1	The President, who shall also be the Chancellor of the university shall be appointed by the Sponsoring body for a period of three years with the approval of the Government in such manner as may be prescribed by the Act.

		3.2	The President may in writing under his signature, to the Sponsoring Body, resign from his office by giving a prior notice of three months.
		3.3	If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the President because of extra-ordinary situations like suspension, resignation, termination or otherwise; the Sponsoring Body may appoint an interim President till a regular President is appointed.
4	Powers of the President	-	The President shall have following powers in addition to as provided in Section 12 of the Act.
		4.1	The President with the approval of Governing Body may, in the interests of the University, decide to create/modify/abolish such other positions, roles, responsibilities and designations, not provided for elsewhere in these statutes or the Act, as and when circumstances so warrant.
		4.2	The President shall have the powers to appoint the Pro Vice-Chancellors, the Deans, the Registrar, the Chief Accounts and Finance Officer and the Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.
		4.3	Where the President is of the opinion that any of the senior functionaries of the University such as, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Chief Finance and Accounts Officer, Dean(s), or similar other officials, has wilfully omitted or refused to carry out the provisions of the Act, Statutes, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations or has committed breach of any of the terms and conditions of the service contract or any other conditions, or has abused the powers vested in him or if his continuance in the office is detrimental to the interests of the university, the President on recommendation by the Vice-Chancellor may remove such incumbent from office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Provided that such an official shall be given a reasonable opportunity to show cause by the President before taking recourse for his removal; and (ii) Provided further that the President may, at any time before making such order, place such an official under suspension, pending inquiry.
5.	Executive President	5.1	The Executive President, who shall also be the Pro Chancellor of the University, appointed by the President shall be one of the five persons nominated by the Sponsoring Body on Governing Body as provided in 21(1)(c) of the Act.
		5.2	The Executive President shall support the President in the Governance and working of the University.

		5.3	The Executive President shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be assigned to him by the President.
		5.4	The Executive President shall chair all the committees and meetings in absence of the President.
6	Vice-Chancellor	6.1	<p>The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed as provided in the following, namely-</p> <p>(i) There shall be a three-member search-cum-selection committee constituted by the President for appointment of Vice-Chancellor. The committee shall consist of -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) nominee of the President, who shall act as the Chairperson of this committee; (b) nominee of the Governing Body; and (c) a member nominated by the Chairman, University Grants Commission. <p>Provided that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The members nominated on the Search-cum-Selection Committee shall be persons of eminence in the sphere of higher education and shall not be connected in any manner with the University or its constituent units; (2) The selection for the post of Vice-Chancellor shall be through proper identification by a Panel of 3-5 persons by a Search-cum-Selection-Committee, through a public notification or nomination or a talent search process or a combination thereof; and (3) While preparing the panel, the Search cum-Selection Committee shall give proper weightage to the academic excellence, exposure to the higher education system in the country and abroad, and adequate experience in academic and administrative governance, to be given in writing along with the panel to be submitted to the President. <p>(ii) The search-cum-selection Committee shall recommend a panel of three names in alphabetical order to the President in a sealed envelope for appointment to the post of Vice-Chancellor within such period as the President may stipulate while appointing the Search-cum-selection Committee. The President may call all the members from the panel</p>

			<p>for interaction and appoint one of them as the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(iii) The President at his discretion may discuss the recommended names in Governing Body before taking a decision on the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(iv) The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed for a period of three years by the President from the panel of three persons recommended by the Search-cum-selection committee; and</p> <p>(iv) The tenure of a Vice-Chancellor may be extended by another three years by the President on recommendation by the Governing Body.</p>
		6.2	The eligibility criteria for the post of Vice-Chancellor shall be as per the norms of the University Grants Commission prescribed from time to time.
		6.3	The Vice-Chancellor shall be eligible to hold the office up to an age of 70 years.
		6.4	The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of Vice- Chancellor shall be as prescribed by the norms of the Sponsoring Body.
		6.5	The Vice-Chancellor may by writing to the President, resign from his office by giving a prior notice of three months. However, the President may relax the notice period.
		6.6	If the Vice-Chancellor is out of office due to whatsoever reason, the Vice-Chancellor may delegate the powers to Pro Vice-Chancellor or Dean of the university with approval from the President or Executive President.
		6.7	If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the Vice-Chancellor because of extra-ordinary situations like, suspension, resignation, termination or otherwise; the President may appoint temporarily a suitable person from the faculty body of the University to act as the Vice-Chancellor for a period not exceeding six months, in aggregate and initiate the process of appointing the Vice Chancellor as per the provisions of these statutes.
		6.8	However, notwithstanding anything contained in any other provisions of the Act and these Statutes, the First Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the President satisfying the eligibility criteria prescribed by University Grants Commission.
		6.9	Where the President is of the opinion that the Vice-Chancellor has wilfully omitted or refused to carry out the provisions of the Act, Statutes, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations or has committed breach of any of the terms and conditions of the service contract or any other conditions, or has abused the

			<p>powers vested in him or if his continuance in the office is detrimental to the interests of the university, the President may recommend to the Governing Body to remove such incumbent from office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Provided that the Vice-Chancellor shall be given a reasonable opportunity to show cause by the Governing Body before taking recourse for his removal; and (ii) Provided further that the Governing Body may, at any time before making such order, place the Vice-Chancellor under suspension, pending inquiry.
7	Powers and Functions of Vice Chancellor	7.1	<p>In addition to the powers and functions as provided in Section 14 of the Act, the Vice-Chancellor shall exercise the powers and perform duties as provided in the following, namely-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to convene the meetings of any of the authorities, bodies and committees, other than the Governing Body, as and when he considers it necessary to do so; (ii) to constitute committees which he deems necessary for the performance of the duty assigned to him by or under the Act; (iii) to oversee and monitor officers and staff; the working, performance and administration of the constituent units, schools, institutions/centres of specialized studies, laboratories, library, museums, hostels, etc. maintained by the University; (iv) to call for reports from the constituent units, schools, institutions/centres of specialized studies, laboratories, library, museums, hostels, etc. in respect of any of the activities, as he may deem it necessary for the proper functioning of the University; (v) to supervise and control the residence, conduct and discipline of the students of the University and to also oversee the general wellbeing of the students of the University; (vi) to enter into, vary, carry out or cancel contracts on behalf of the University with the approval of the Board of Management; and (vii) to call for any document and information from any of the schools or departments or study centres of the University in respect of any matter connected with teaching, examination, assessment and evaluation, research, finance or any matter affecting the discipline or efficiency of teaching in the schools, as he thinks fit and necessary.
		7.2	<p>Where any matter is required to be regulated by the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, but no Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations are made in that behalf the Vice-Chancellor may, for the time being,</p>

			regulate matter by issuing such directions as he thinks necessary, and shall, at the earliest opportunity thereafter, place them before the Governing Body or other authority or body concerned for approval. He may, at the same time, place before such authority or body for consideration the draft of the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, as the case may be, required to be made in that behalf.
		7.3	As the Chairperson of the authorities or bodies or committees of the University, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to suspend a member from the meeting of the authority, body or committee for persisting to obstruct or stall the proceedings or for indulging in behaviour unbecoming of a member, and shall report the matter accordingly, to the President.
		7.4	The Vice-Chancellor shall place before the Governing Body a report of the work of the university periodically.
		7.5	The Vice Chancellor shall be the appointing authority for faculty members of the University.
8	Pro Vice-Chancellors	8.1	(i) For smooth functioning of the University, the President may appoint one or more Pro Vice Chancellors with specific portfolios. The pro vice chancellors shall assist the vice chancellor in the specific domains as prescribed; and (ii) The Pro Vice-Chancellors shall be eligible to hold the office up to an age of 70 years.
9	Deans of faculties	9.1	(i) Each faculty of the University shall have a School headed by a Dean; (ii) The Deans of Schools shall be appointed by the the President on recommendation by the Vice Chancellor; (iii) The Deans shall be the Professors of the University in respective Schools and shall be appointed for a period of three years which will be extendable further; and (iv) The Deans shall be eligible to hold the office up to an age of 70 years.
10	Powers and Function of Deans	10.1	Dean of a School shall be the Head of the concerned Schools and assist the VC in matters related to the functioning of the School. He is responsible to develop strategic plan for the school aligning to the vision of the University and to mobilise resources including human, towards effective implementation of strategic plan.
		10.2	He shall exercise such powers and perform such functions to set quality benchmarks for maintaining high academic and research standards in the School.
		10.3	Additionally, the Dean of a School is responsible,

			<p>(i) to facilitate the creation of a learning-centric-environment conducive for quality education and faculty maturation to adopt the required knowledge and technology for participatory teaching and learning process in the School;</p> <p>(ii) to arrange for feedback responses from the students, the faculty members, the non-teaching staff, the parents and the other stakeholders on quality-related institutional processes;</p> <p>(iii) to arrange for documents of the various programs/activities of higher education, leading to quality improvement;</p> <p>(iv) to arrange and ensure appropriate documentation of the various ongoing /proposed programmes/activities for regulatory inspections/accreditations/ranking of the School;</p> <p>(v) to coordinate the quality-related activities, including adoption and dissemination of good practices; development and maintenance of institutional database through management information system for the purpose of maintaining /enhancing the quality of education in the School;</p> <p>(vi) to plan and implement academic programmes such as orientation courses, seminars, in service and other training programmes organized by the University for academic competence of the faculty members;</p> <p>(vii) to make proposals to the Board of Management for the institution of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes and making regulations for their award;</p> <p>(viii) to control, regulate and coordinate research activities to maintain standards of teaching and research in the School;</p> <p>(ix) to recommend to the Academic Council the course structure for undergraduate, post-graduate and Ph. D. courses;</p> <p>(x) to prepare and monitor the activities of the academic calendars of the School;</p> <p>(xi) to co-ordinate with Deans of other Schools in academic matters related to interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary activities; and</p> <p>(xii) to consider and decide upon the grievance of students regarding enrolment, eligibility and migration.</p>
11	Registrar	11.1	<p>(i) The Registrar shall be appointed by the President from a panel of three persons recommended by the selection committee formed by Governing Body;</p> <p>(ii) The selection committee shall consist of</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nominee of the President as Chairperson b. Nominee of Governing Body - member c. Nominee of Board of Management- member <p>(iii) The selection committee shall be assisted by an officer of the university nominated by VC;</p> <p>(iv) The candidate for the post shall be an academician/academic administrator with at least 15 years of experience, out of which at least 5 years shall be at the level of Professor;</p> <p>(v) The Registrar shall be appointed for a period of three years which can be extended for a similar term; and</p> <p>(vi) The Registrar shall be eligible to hold the office up to an age of 70 years.</p>
		11.2	When the office of the Registrar is vacant or when the Registrar is, by reason of illness, absence or otherwise, unable to perform the duties of his office, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint as far as possible a qualified and suitable person from the faculty body of the university to officiate as the Registrar until the Registrar resumes duties.
		11.3	Notwithstanding anything contained in any other provisions of the Act and these Statutes, the First Registrar shall be appointed by the President satisfying the eligibility criteria as prescribed in these statutes.
12	Powers and Functions of Registrar	12.1	<p>(i) The Registrar shall be non-voting member secretary of the Governing Body, the Academic Council and the Board of Management as per Section 16(3) of the Act. He shall place before these authorities all such information as may be necessary for the transaction of the business of these authorities. He shall also be the Secretary of Selection Committee for the appointment of the faculty members of the University;</p> <p>(ii) The Registrar shall be the executive head of the university and will act as per the directions of the President / Vice Chancellor as the case may be;</p> <p>(iii) The Registrar shall represent the University in any suits or proceedings filed in the court or before statutory authorities by or against the University and shall sign powers of attorney and verify the pleadings; and</p> <p>(iv) The Registrar shall be disciplinary authority for employees of the University subject to approval of Vice Chancellor.</p>

13	Controller of Examinations	13.1	<p>(i) The Controller of Examinations as per the act, shall be called as Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) and shall be appointed by the President from a panel of three persons recommended by the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(ii) He shall be a full time Professor of the university</p> <p>(iii) The Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) shall be appointed for a period of three years which can be extended for another similar term;</p> <p>(iv) When the office of the Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) is vacant or when the Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) is, by reason of illness, absence or otherwise, unable to perform the duties of his office, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint a qualified and suitable person to officiate as the Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) until the he resumes duties; and</p> <p>(v) The Registrar (Assessment and Evaluation) shall be eligible to hold the office up to an age of 70 years.</p>
14	Powers and Functions of Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation)	14.1	Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) shall ensure implementation of the process of assessment and evaluation of students as per the norms prescribed by appropriate bodies of the universities.
		14.2	He shall be the principal officer in charge of assessment and evaluation and declaration of results as per the provisions of the regulations of the university.
		14.3	He shall be responsible for publishing, recording, securing and maintaining the data related to academic performance of the students in the University and liaison with government bodies in this regard.
		14.4	He shall be the Member Secretary of the Board of Examination. He may be invited to a meeting of the Board of Management or Governing Body, as and when required, and shall have no right to vote.
		14.5	He shall take disciplinary action where necessary against the candidates, paper-setters, examiners, moderators, or any other persons connected with examinations and found guilty of malpractices in relation to the examinations.
15	Chief Finance and Accounts Officer	15.1	<p>(i) The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall be a full-time salaried officer of the University and shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of Vice Chancellor and will report to the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(ii) He shall be preferably a Chartered Accountant; and</p> <p>(iii) The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall be eligible to hold the office up to an age of 70 years.</p>

		15.2	When the office of the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer is vacant or he by reason of illness, absence or otherwise is unable to perform the duties of his office, the Vice- Chancellor may appoint a qualified and suitable person to officiate as the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer until the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer resumes duties.
16	Powers and Functions of Chief Finance and Accounts Officer	16.1	The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall be an officer of the University responsible for budget, handling finance, accounts and audit activities of the University as per the norms of Government and sponsoring body of the University as applicable.
		16.2	He shall be the member secretary of Finance Committee and responsible for preparing budget and audit report for the approval of appropriate bodies. He is also responsible for designing and implementing procedures for financial activities of the University.

CHAPTER III – AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Section	Heading	Sub-section	Statute
17	Governing Body	17.1	The Governing Body shall be constituted as per section 21(1) of the Act.
		17.2	The Governing Body shall be the supreme authority of the University.
		17.3	The Registrar, who is a permanent invitee to the Governing Body shall act as non-voting Member-Secretary of the Governing Body, as provided in section 16(3) of the Act.
18	Powers and Functions of the Governing Body	18.1	The Governing Body shall have the following powers in addition to those prescribed in the Act, namely- (i) set the vision for the University for excellence in academics and research; (ii) govern the academic, administrative and the financial affairs of the University to achieve its objects; (iii) receive, acquire, hold, control, administer, manage and regulate the funds and properties of the University and for that purpose appoint personnel as it may deem necessary and proper; (iv) set processes to maintain proper record of the properties and the funds of the University and consider its annual accounts and audit report for the past year and its budget estimates for the next financial year, as put up by the Finance Committee/Board of Management;

			<p>(v) establish/close Schools of studies, departments and centres, and initiate/close programmes and courses of study at the University;</p> <p>(vi) approve granting and cancellation of contracts entered on behalf of the University;</p> <p>(vii) administer and control the hostels, libraries, laboratories, museums and institutions established or maintained by the University;</p> <p>(viii) create faculty positions, academic and any other posts required for the University, schools and departments maintained by the University through statutes, to determine the number of such posts, to specify their duties and conditions of service and take appropriate steps to recruit them as and when necessary, based on the recommendation of the Academic Council and as may be provided by the Statutes or the Regulations;</p> <p>(ix) create administrative, ministerial, technical and other necessary posts through statutes, and to make appointments thereto in the manner as may be provided by the Statutes or the Regulations;</p> <p>(x) institute fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, teaching/research assistantships, studentships, exhibitions, medals and prizes on the recommendations of the Academic Council;</p> <p>(xi) Establishing quality assurance system and ensuring participation of the University in rating and ranking held periodically at national and international level;</p> <p>(xii) Engaging the University in research, innovation and entrepreneurship development activities;</p> <p>(xiii) Connecting the University activities to socio-economic development of the region;</p> <p>(xiv) Reviewing the performance of the university and its faculty in terms of teaching, research, extension and service activities;</p> <p>(xv) Laying down and revising from time to time, the fee structure in respect of tuition, research, examination and others, as may be provided by the Statutes;</p> <p>(xvi) to consider the recommendations of the Academic Council to confer the honorary degrees, titles or other academic distinctions and forward its decision to the President;</p> <p>(xvii) to constitute, administer and regulate the working of the Centres for Students' Training and Placement, Publications and Information, Sponsored Research and Consultancy, Intellectual Property Rights, Continuing Education and other innovative activities;</p>
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			<p>(xviii) To establish a system for well being of students and staff of the University;</p> <p>(xix) to delegate such of its powers, functions and duties to the Vice-Chancellor as may be provided in the Statutes;</p> <p>(xx) to select a seal for the University and to provide for its custody and use;</p> <p>(xxi) to arrange for conduct of litigation by or against the University;</p> <p>(xxii) to frame, enact, amend or repeal the Statutes;</p> <p>(xxiii) to approve the Regulations proposed by the Board of Management and Academic Council;</p> <p>(xxiv) to appoint the Statutory Auditors of the University;</p> <p>(xxv) lay down policies to be pursued by the University;</p> <p>(xxvi) approve the Budget and Annual Report of the University;</p> <p>(xxvii) Ensure statutory compliances; and</p> <p>(xxviii) recommend to the sponsoring body about the voluntary liquidation of the University if a situation arises when smooth functioning of the University does not remain possible, in spite of all efforts</p>
19	Board of Management	19.1	The Board of Management shall be constituted as provided in section 22 of the Act.
		19.2	The Registrar shall be non-voting Member-Secretary of the Board of Management, as provided in section 16(3) of the Act.
20	Powers and Functions of Board of Management	20.1	<p>The Board of Management shall exercise powers and execute functions as provided in the following namely-</p> <p>(i) to exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be necessary to carry out all decisions taken by Governing Body;</p> <p>(ii) act in consultation with the President in events requiring immediate decisions;</p> <p>(iii) to present before the Governing Body the annual academic and financial audit reports for its approval.</p> <p>(iv) to monitor, control and administer the academic and other activities of the University;</p> <p>(v) to recommend to the Governing Body to make, amend or repeal subsequent statutes and/or ordinances as recommended by the Academic Council;</p> <p>(vi) to frame and recommend to the Governing Body the fee structure for various programmes, courses and decide criterion for exemption in fee to needy and meritorious students;</p> <p>(vii) to create teaching and other academic posts including Chairs on the recommendation of the</p>

			<p>Academic Council and place for approval of the Governing Body;</p> <p>(viii) to approve the appointment of faculty and staff of the University as may be necessary, on the recommendation of the respective Selection Committees;</p> <p>(ix) promote inter-disciplinary research;</p> <p>(x) to regulate and enforce discipline among all categories of faculty, staff and students within and outside its campuses, as provided by the Statutes and Regulations;</p> <p>(xi) to regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all other administrative affairs of the University and for that purpose to appoint such agencies or persons as it may think fit;</p> <p>(xii) to recommend the proceedings of the Finance Committee to the Governing Body;</p> <p>(xiii) to ensure optimum utilization of University resources and maintenance of all the assets;</p> <p>(xiv) to enter into, carry out, vary and cancel agreements and contracts on behalf of the University with the approval of the Governing Body;</p> <p>(xv) to select and recommend to the Governing Body a common seal for the University and provide for the use of such seal;</p> <p>(xvi) To avail services from the experts as may be required and suitably remunerate the service provider taking care of their expenditures;</p> <p>(xvii) to institute and decide the policy for award of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes on the advice of the Academic Council;</p> <p>(xviii) to enter into partnership/collaboration with, academic, industry and non-government organization for the advancement of knowledge and establish a corpus fund out of such partnership;</p> <p>(xix) identifying services to be offered to all stake holders, designing and deploying corresponding service models with revenue;</p> <p>(xx) recognize, regulate, supervise and control the residence and discipline of students of the University within the campus, its annexes and elsewhere to promote their health and wellbeing; and</p> <p>(xxi) to formulate and recommend the Human Resource Policy of the University to the Governing Body.</p>
21	Academic Council	21.1	<p>The Academic Council shall consist of the following persons, namely:</p> <p>(i) The Vice-Chancellor - Chairperson;</p> <p>(ii) All the Pro Vice Chancellors;</p> <p>(iii) All the Deans of Schools;</p>

			<p>(iv) Programme Heads;</p> <p>(v) Two Directors of Centres, and cells nominated by the President from the panel proposed by the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(vi) Two eminent educationists nominated by the President from the panel proposed by the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(vii) Four persons from /commerce banking & finance/industry/research & development organizations nominated by the President from the panel proposed by the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(viii) Five faculty members by rotation representing across cadres nominated by the President from a panel of names recommended by the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(ix) Two alumni of the University who have distinguished themselves in the field of education and research, nominated by the President from a panel of names;</p> <p>(x) Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation);</p> <p>(xi) Registrar shall be the Member Secretary of the Academic Council; and</p> <p>(xii) All nominated members shall have a period of two years.</p>
		21.2	The Academic Council shall meet as often as may be necessary but not less than twice a year. Period between two consecutive meetings generally shall not exceed six months. One-third members shall constitute the quorum.
		21.3	There shall be a Standing Committee for Academics to discuss and recommend on any emergent issues on behalf of Academic Council. It shall consist of Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellors, Deans and Registrar.
22	Powers and Functions of Academic Council	22.1	The Academic Council being the principal academic body of the University, shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be conferred upon it, by the Act or the Statutes or Regulations. It shall be responsible for the maintenance of the standards of instruction, education, assessment and evaluation in the University. It shall also be responsible to generally advise the University on all academic matters.
		22.2	<p>Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing and subject to such conditions as may be specified by or under the provisions of the Act, the Academic Council shall exercise the following powers, functions and duties, namely –</p> <p>(i) to review from time to time, the broad academic policies and programmes of the University and to suggest measures for improving and developing them further;</p>

			<p>(ii) to approve new programmes and changes or modifications to the existing programmes;</p> <p>(iii) to review and advice Boards of Studies on design and develop the curriculum content of the academic programmes and courses of study and undertake modifications therein;</p> <p>(iv) to specify the academic calendar, guidelines for conduct of Assessment and Evaluation of Students;</p> <p>(v) to recommend grant of degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions or titles;</p> <p>(vi) to provide for instruction, teaching and training in such branches of learning and courses of study as may be appropriate for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge;</p> <p>(vii) to specify the criteria and process for admission to courses or programmes of study offered by the University;</p> <p>(viii) to make proposal for issue of Regulations relating to academic matters;</p> <p>(ix) to make Regulations regarding the courses of study, grant of exemptions from approved courses, the scheme of Assessment and Evaluation and conditions on which the students shall be admitted to the examinations, degrees, diplomas, certificates or other academic distinctions and for declaration of the results of the University Assessment and Evaluation and submit them to the Governing Body/Board of Management as applicable, for approval;</p> <p>(x) to establish and maintain departments of research and specialized studies;</p> <p>(xi) to recognise, arrange coordination of studies with other universities/institutes for collaborative learning and research;</p> <p>(xii) to formulate schemes for promoting research and other specialized studies and activities within the University, its Constituent units and recognized institutions and make suitable provision to undertake this and also to disseminate the results thereof;</p> <p>(xiii) to make proposals for allocating subjects to the Schools and to assign its own members to the Schools;</p> <p>(xiv) to make proposals for the faculty positions required by the University and for prescribing the duties of such posts;</p> <p>(xv) to make proposals for the institution of and award of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, assistantships, studentships or exhibitions;</p> <p>(xvi) to make Regulations prescribing equivalence of Assessment, Evaluation and transfer of credits;</p>
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			(xvii) to recommend to amend or repeal any Regulations; and (xviii) to constitute sub-committees, expert committees for academic purposes of the University;
23	Board of Examinations	23.1	The Board of Examinations shall consist of following as provided in the Section 24(2) of the Act. (a) Vice Chancellor-Chairperson; (b) Professor of each programme; (c) One evaluation expert, co-opted by the Chairman; (d) Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) - Member Secretary
24	Powers and Functions of Board of Examinations	24.1	The Board of Examinations shall be the principal authority for conducting the examinations and making policy decisions in regard to organising and holding examinations and improving the examination system. The Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) shall ensure the smooth conduction of examinations.
		24.2	The Board of Examinations shall have powers and functions as provided in the following, namely- (i) to appoint paper-setters, examiners and moderators from amongst the persons included in the panels prepared by the respective Board of Studies and, where necessary, to remove or debar them having regard to the recommendations made by a committee formed for the purpose; (ii) to undertake, exercise and experiment in examination reforms including distance and online examinations for the courses wherever feasible; and (iii) to exercise such other powers in relation to examinations as may be assigned to it by or under the Act.
		24.3	In case of any emergency requiring immediate action to be taken, the chairperson of the Board of Examinations or any other officer or person authorized by him in that behalf, shall take such actions he thinks fit and necessary, and shall report at the next meeting of the Board of Examinations the action taken by him. The Board of Examinations shall arrange for strict vigilance during the conduct of the examinations so as to avoid use of unfair means by the students, faculty members, invigilators, supervisors, etc.
		24.4	(i) In order to appoint paper-setters, examiners and moderators, the Board of Examinations shall constitute committees for every subject consisting of the following members: a. the Vice-Chancellor; b. The Dean of the concerned School; c. the Chairperson of the concerned Board of Studies;

			<p>d. Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation), Member Secretary.</p> <p>(ii) The committees shall prepare lists of persons for various examinations and tests, from amongst persons, included in the panels to be prepared by the Board of Studies and shall submit them to the Board of Examinations, which shall then appoint paper-setters, examiners and moderators, and where necessary referees;</p> <p>(iii) The Committee shall obtain three sets of question papers in sealed covers in the respective subject. The Chairperson of the committee shall draw at random one of such sealed covers containing question papers. This sealed cover with seals intact shall be used for the examination purpose; OR</p> <p>The Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) shall arrange to prepare exhaustive questions bank for each course and auto-generate parallel and equivalent question papers by using artificial intelligent technology; and</p> <p>(iv) Assessment of answer books for all examinations shall be done centrally or otherwise or the assessment of the answer books shall be done using on-screen technology.</p>
		24.5	<p>(i) In order to investigate and take disciplinary action for malpractices and lapses on the part of candidates, paper-setters, examiners, moderators, referees, faculty members or any other persons connected with the conduct of examinations including the pre-examination stage and the post- examination stage or at any stage whatsoever Board of Examinations shall constitute a committee of not more than five persons of whom one shall be Chairperson; and</p> <p>(ii) Such a committee shall submit its report and recommendations to the Board of Examinations which shall take disciplinary action in the matter as it deems fit against the person or persons involved in the mal-practices, directly or indirectly.</p>
		24.6	The Board of Examinations shall prepare the financial estimates for incorporation in the budget of the University and shall submit the same to the Board of Management.
25	Board of Studies	25.1	<p>Each School of studies shall have one Board of Studies for all programmes offered by the School. The Board of Studies will consist of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dean of the School as Chairperson; Programme Heads; One faculty member each from cadre of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant

			<p>Professors, of the School nominated by the Vice Chancellor on rotation basis;</p> <p>d. Two members each from industry, education and alumni related to the /School nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, from the panel of names recommended by the Dean of the School; and</p> <p>e. Two students representatives of the School nominated by the Vice Chancellor, recommended by the Dean of the School for a period of one year (preferably from final year).</p> <p>The tenure of the Board of Studies shall be four years.</p>
26	Powers and Functions of Board of Studies	26.1	<p>The Board of Studies shall execute such powers and perform such functions to provide for effective and relevant curriculum to the needs of the dynamic society in general and specific to industry and research using outcome based education framework. It shall also be responsible for learning-centered pedagogy, assessment design which focusses both on individual and system, evaluation and preparation for programme level accreditation.</p>
		26.2	<p>The Board of Studies shall have the following powers and functions, namely-</p> <p>(i) To design and modify curricula of courses to align with the programme outcomes;</p> <p>(ii) To suggest, modify and approve course outcomes</p> <p>(iii) To propose to the academic council, curriculum structure, assessment and evaluation methodologies;</p> <p>(iv) To carry out training need analysis for faculty members and recommend training in pedagogy and subject-specific competencies;</p> <p>(v) To prepare list of examiners and recommend to Board of Examinations for approval;</p> <p>(vi) To recommend learning resources including text books and reference books for courses of the programme;</p> <p>(vii) To liaison with relevant industries and recommend collaborations to the University;</p> <p>(viii) To evaluate the attainment of COs and POs of programmes of the School with appropriate periodicity and suggest for improvements in programme design and delivery; and</p> <p>(viii) To discuss and recommend any matter related to the academic excellence of concerned programme/School.</p>
27	Finance Committee	27.1	<p>There shall be a Finance Committee which consists of following members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The President or his nominee – Chairman; The Executive President – Member; The Vice-Chancellor; One finance expert nominated by President;

			e. The Chief Finance and Accounts Officer shall be the Member Secretary.
		27.2	The finance committee shall meet at least two times during an academic year and the quorum of the meeting shall be five.
28	Powers and Functions of Finance Committee	28.1	<p>The Finance Committee shall have the following powers and functions, namely-</p> <p>(i) To scrutinize the annual budget estimates proposed by the University and the annual accounts of the University, review the yearly audit reports and make recommendations thereon;</p> <p>(ii) To scrutinize all the proposals of the University involving expenditure in excess of budgetary provision; for which no provision is made in the budget, including creation, upgradation and abolition of posts in the University and make recommendations thereon;</p> <p>(iii) to plan practical and implementable strategies for mobilizing funds for the University and also make proper plans for investment of excess funds at the disposal of the University and funds mandated by Act and make recommendations thereon;</p> <p>(iv) Propose the fees structure for the programs and courses offered by the university and get approval; and</p> <p>(v) All the proceedings of the finance shall be placed before Governing Body through Board of Management for its approval.</p>
		28.2	<p>Notwithstanding anything contained in section 28.1, the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Executive President may in case of urgency and for reasons to be recorded in writing, incur without the approval of the Finance Committee, any expenditure up to a limit as approved by the Governing Body in any case for which no provision is made in the budget or which is in excess of the provision made in the budget;</p> <p>Provided that, such expenditure shall be placed before the Finance Committee for information at its immediate next quarterly meeting.</p>
29	Research and Innovation Council	29.1	<p>The Research and Innovation Council shall consist of the following members, namely-</p> <p>a. Vice-Chancellor – Chairperson;</p> <p>b. Pro Vice-Chancellors, out of which one shall be the Member Secretary;</p> <p>c. Deans of Schools;</p> <p>d. Two Directors of Centres related to research including entrepreneurship;</p>

			<p>e. At least two experts from outside the University nominated by the Vice Chancellor; and</p> <p>f. Registrar</p> <p>The normal tenure of nominated members shall be three years.</p>
30	Powers and Functions of Research and Innovation Council	30.1	The Research and Innovation Council shall exercise such powers and perform such functions to promote, strengthen, enhance, regulate the research and innovation activities in the University. The committee shall meet as often as necessary but not less than twice a year.
		30.2	The Council may constitute sub-committees for performing its functions as deemed fit.
31	Other Authorities	31.1	The Vice-Chancellor shall have the powers to constitute Committee(s) with the approval of the President, as deemed fit. Such committees shall exercise their powers and functions within the delegated authority and terms of reference, and automatically get dissolved on completion of their tenures or by a specific order of dissolution by the Vice-Chancellor.
32	Rules of meetings of business of Authorities	32.1	The rules of business of meetings like agenda approval mechanism, time-line for circulation of agenda and proceedings, voting modalities, etc., of various Authorities shall be framed by the respective authorities. The Governing Body may frame its own rules as it deems fit.
		32.2	In case of urgency member secretary of an authority, with the direction from the chairperson of the committee may circulate an agenda through email for approval for necessary action and incorporate the resolution and the action taken in the next immediate meeting.

CHAPTER – IV : Appointment and Service conditions of Academic and other Staff

Section	Heading	Sub-section	Statute
33	Appointment and service conditions of Academic staff	33.1	<p>The requirement of academic staff of the University shall be as per the approval of the Governing Body approval.</p> <p>(i) The qualifications, experience and terms and conditions of service of regular faculty members shall be as prescribed by the University Grants Commission and/or other regulatory bodies from time to time;</p> <p>(ii) All recruitments for academic positions shall be advertised in different media/University website and selection will be on the basis of merit recommended</p>

			<p>by the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose;</p> <p>(iii) For recruitment of faculty members the selection committee shall be constituted as per the guidelines of UGC and/or other regulatory bodies; and</p> <p>(iv) The recommendation of the selection shall be placed for the approval of the President;</p>
		33.2	Notwithstanding the recruitment procedure contained in section 33.1, the Board of Management may invite a person for taking up any academic position in the University on recommendation by the Vice-Chancellor in special cases.
		33.3	Subject to the approval of Governing Body, the Board of Management may invite a distinguished faculty on sabbatical leave from institutes of repute from India or abroad to take up an academic position in the University.
		33.4	Apart from regular appointments, the Vice Chancellor may appoint academic staff on a temporary basis as Professor of Practice, Emeritus Professor, Adjunct faculty, Advisor, Consultant or any other appropriate title on recommendation by the Dean of the School and report such appointments to the Board of Management in the subsequent meeting.
34	Appointment and service conditions of non-academic staff	34.1	<p>The requirement of non-academic staff of the University shall be as per the approval of the Governing Body.</p> <p>(i) The qualifications, experience and terms and conditions of service of non academic staff shall be as per the norms of the University;</p> <p>(ii) The recruitment of non academic staff shall be advertised in different media / University website and selection will be on the basis of merit recommended by the selection committee constituted for the purpose and approval from the Executive President/President;</p> <p>(iii) The selection committee for recruitment of non academic staff shall be constituted as below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chancellor or his nominee - Chairperson Registrar – member The Dean of the concerned school -member Finance Officer - Member Programme Head/Unit Head – Member Secretary <p>(iv) the chairperson of the selection committee may invite expert/s if necessary as members</p> <p>(v) If a post is required to be filled by contract or invitation, the Vice Chancellor may at his descretion</p>

			constitute an adhoc selection committee as the circumstances may require; and (vi) The Board of Management at its discretion may decide to outsource any work, partly or wholly to any agency deemed fit.
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CHAPTER – V : OPERATION OF FUNDS AND THEIR MAINTENANCE

Section	Heading	Sub-section	Statute
35	Operation of Funds	35.1	The Finance Committee shall formulate the / guidelines, for the operation, maintenance and monitoring of Endowment Fund for the University, General Fund, Development Fund, Provident or Pension Fund and other funds of the University, etc., as per the norms of the Sponsoring Body and the Governing Body and seek the approval of the Board of Management and Governing Body. The President may constitute a Funds Raising/Investment Committee with the approval from the Governing Body to advise the Finance Committee in the effective investment of funds.
36	Appointment of Auditors	36.1	The President shall appoint a qualified firm of Chartered Accountants to undertake the statutory audit of accounts of the University in the manner prescribed under Section 44 of the Act.
		36.2	The contract with the firm of Chartered Accountants shall be for a term of three years which may be renewed for a further term of three years. Under certain circumstances for the reasons if necessary, the President can appoint another firm for the same by breaking the contract with the earlier firm.
		36.3	The firm of Chartered Accountants shall prepare the Annual Accounts, Audit Reports and Balance Sheets and submit the same through the Finance Committee for approval by the Board of Management and Board of Governors sufficiently before November 30 of each year, for the onward transmission to the Sponsoring Body and the Government on or before December 31 of each year.
		36.4	The President shall appoint Internal Auditor/s to conduct periodical and / or concurrent audit. The audited report shall be placed before the the Finance Committee.

CHAPTER – VI : ADMISSION, FEES AND OTHER STUDENT MATTERS

Section	Heading	Sub-section	Statute
37	Academic Programmes and number of seats	37.1	The academic programmes and the number of seats in different programmes shall be fixed by the Governing Body from time to time, on the recommendations of Academic Council and Board of Management, considering the provisions in the Act and the concerned Regulatory Bodies.
		37.2	The reservations of seats in various programmes shall be as per the policies of the Government declared from time to time.
38	Admission of Students	38.1	Admission to various programmes shall be governed by the Regulations and / or Guidelines formulated for the concerned programmes.
		38.2	The University may conduct its own entrance test or utilize the results of other entrance tests conducted at State/National level as recognized by the University, from time to time.
		38.3	The University shall have the freedom to admit students both from India and abroad by formulating necessary Regulations in line with norms of regulatory bodies published time to time.
39	Fees of Students	39.1	The fee structure and fees to be charged for various programmes shall be as proposed by the Finance Committee, recommended by the Governing Body and approved by the Fees Regulating Authority as provided in the Section 36 of the Act
40	Scholarships, Fellowships and Concessions	40.1	The Governing Body is authorized to institute fellowships, studentships, free-ships, scholarships, medals, awards and prizes on recommendation of the Board of Management. The Finance Committee shall administer such benefits through an endowment fund under the guidance of the Governing Body. Appropriate Regulations and/or Guidelines shall be formulated for this purpose.
	Conditions of residence of students	40.2	Regulations and/or Guidelines shall be formulated for the conditions of residence of the students of the University.

CHAPTER – VII : CONFERMENT OF DEGREES

Section	Heading	Sub-section	Statute
41	Convocation	41.1	The University shall arrange convocation(s) for the conferment of honorary degrees/degrees, diplomas

			and other academic distinctions for those candidates who are found eligible. Appropriate Regulations and/or Guidelines shall be framed for this purpose by the Academic Council and approved by the Board of Management.
		41.2	The President shall preside over at the Convocation. In absence of the President, the Vice-Chancellor shall preside over at the Convocation.
42	Conferment of Honorary Degrees	42.1	The proposals for conferment of honorary degrees shall be as prepared by the Academic Council, recommended by the Board of Management and approved by Governing Body.
		42.2	The conferment of honorary degrees shall be made during Convocation
43	Withdrawal of Degrees	43.1	The Academic Council by a special resolution passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of the voting members may recommend to the Governing Body for withdrawal of any degree or academic distinctions conferred on any person by the University for good and sufficient cause. The Governing Body shall consider the recommendation of the Academic Council for arriving at the final decision.

CHAPTER – VIII : MISCELLANEOUS

Section	Heading	Sub-section	Statute
44	Grievance and Dispute Redressal	44.1	The Vice-Chancellor and Registrar shall be responsible for the resolution of disputes and grievances among employees and students of the University.
		44.2	The Vice-Chancellor may constitute appropriate Grievance Redressal mechanisms for arbitration and resolution of disputes and grievances of the employees and students of the University as per guidelines published by UGC from time to time.
		44.3	All disputes among the authorities shall be referred to the Governing Body for redressal. However, the decision of the President shall be final and binding on all parties.
45	Delegation of Powers	45.1	Subject to the provisions of the Act and these Statutes, any Officer or Authority of the University may delegate in writing, the powers to any other Officer or Authority or person, with the approval of the Governing Body or Board of Management as the case may be, subject to the condition that overall responsibility for the exercise of the powers so

			delegated shall continue to vest in the Officer or Authority delegating such powers.
46	Creation of entities	46.1	The Governing Body may lay down suitable Regulations and/or Guidelines for establishing entities including Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV), Companies under section-25 of the Companies Act, Registered Societies and other entities to promote academic and research excellence, innovation and entrepreneurship.
47	Resource mobilization and Corpus fund(s)	47.1	The University may raise resources from different sources such as consultancy, entrepreneurship, royalty, donations, continuing education programmes, and online and distance education programmes and create and operate its own Corpus Fund(s) wherever necessary to do so and manage these funds through structured systems. The Governing Body may create such suitable structures with due accountability as it deems appropriate from time to time.
48	Protection of action taken in good faith	48.1	No suit or other legal proceedings shall be permissible against any Officer or other employee of the University for anything, which is done in good faith or intended to be done in pursuance of the provisions of the Act, these Statutes, or the Regulations.
49	Interpretation of Statutes	49.1	The decision of the Governing Body on all questions relating to the interpretation of these Statutes and the provisions therein shall be final and binding.