

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

1	Short title and commencement	1.1	These Ordinances may be called as the First Ordinances of the MIT Vishwaprayag University, Solapur.
		1.2	These Ordinances shall come into force with effect from the date they are approved by the State Government.
2	Definitions	2.1	<p>In this ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:</p> <p>(i) “<i>Academic Council</i>”, “<i>Board of Management</i>”, “<i>Governing Body</i>” and “<i>Board of Examinations</i>”, means “<i>Academic Council</i>”, “<i>Board of Management</i>”, “<i>Governing Body</i>” and “<i>Board of Examinations</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>Authorities</i>” means the authorities of the university as specified by or under the Act ;</p> <p>(iv) “<i>campus</i>” means the area of the university within which it is established;</p> <p>(v) “<i>class</i>” means specific group of students meeting for specific instructional courses;</p> <p>(vi) “<i>continuing Student</i>” means a student, who has completed at least one term, prior to the current term.</p> <p>(vii) “<i>course</i>” means a prescribed set of instructions in a subject offered as a unit of studies within an academic program;</p> <p>(viii) “<i>Dean</i>” means a faculty member heading a School</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>Online and Distance Education</i>” means education imparted including conduct of examinations by a combination of any one or more means of communication, viz. broadcasting, telecasting, correspondence courses, seminars, webinars, contact programs and any other such methodology including online courses, instructions etc.;</p> <p>(xvii) “<i>prescribed</i>” means prescribed by Statutes or Ordinances or Regulations, as the case may be, made by or under this Act ;</p> <p>(xviii) “<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>(xix) “<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> <p>(xx) “<i>Programme</i>” means a set of courses leading to a certificate, diploma and degree;</p> <p>(xxi) “<i>Registrar</i>”, “<i>Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation)</i>” and “<i>Vice-Chancellor</i>” means</p>
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3	Admission and Enrollment of Students	3.1	The admission criteria for various programmes run by the University shall be published in the admission prospectus as per the corresponding regulations formed by the University according to the provisions of the Act. Admission criteria along with the schedule shall be published by the University at least two months before the commencement of the academic session.
		3.2	Admission of students and Enrolment of the provisionally admitted and continuing students shall be done as per the

			schedule notified by the University each year by an Admission Committee formed by the Vice Chancellor.
4	Programmes of Studies for award of degrees and certificates	4.1	<p>(i) The University shall offer Certificate, Diploma, Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Doctoral programmes in the subjects under respective faculties/Schools or a combination thereof as provided in the Act;</p> <p>(ii) The nomenclature of various degrees shall be as approved by academic council and as per the guidelines of University Grants Commission and/or concerned regulatory bodies;</p> <p>(iii) The structure and duration of the Academic programs shall be as approved by the Governing Body on the recommendation of Academic Council;</p> <p>(iv) Criteria for different levels of entry and exit of students for various programmes shall be as per the regulations of concerned programmes formed by the University;</p> <p>(v) The University may also run programmes/courses of study through online and distance learning, correspondence or any other technological mode with appropriate approvals of the academic council and as per the guidelines of University Grants Commission prescribed from time to time; and</p> <p>(vi) The University may also offer full time/part time Diploma and Certificate programs of shorter durations in various faculties /disciplines/interdisciplinary, vocational and skill development courses/programmes as approved by the Academic Council.</p>
5	Award of degrees and academic distinctions	5.1	<p>(i) The Governing Body, on the recommendation of the Board of Management and Academic Council, shall approve the degrees, diplomas and other distinctions to be conferred;</p> <p>(ii) The Academic Council shall approve the text and the format of the degrees, diplomas and certificates;</p>

			<p>(iii)The Statement of Marks / Grade Card / Transcript of Credits shall be signed / digitally signed by the Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) and/or Registrar of the University;</p> <p>(iv)The Passing Certificate, wherever necessary, shall be issued to the candidates and the same shall be signed / digitally signed by the Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) and/or Registrar of the University;</p> <p>(v) The Degree Certificates shall be signed by the President / Vice Chancellor and/or Registrar of the University;</p> <p>(vi)The University shall make provisions for establishing Academic service mechanism enabling students' mobility by registering to Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) as per the UGC regulations; and</p> <p>(vii) The University shall establish a system for uploading data on the Digi Locker NAD platform or any such other systems mandated by the central regulatory bodies.</p>
6	Award of Honorary Degrees	6.1	<p>(i) If the Academic Council so recommends by a two thirds majority decision of its members present at its meeting that an Honorary degree or other academic distinction be conferred on any person on the grounds that he in its opinion, by reason of eminent attainment and position, is fit and proper to receive such a degree or academic distinction, the Academic Council may recommend the same for the approval of the Board of Management/Governing Body of such a degree or academic distinction on the person concerned; and</p> <p>(ii) The Honorary degree or academic distinction may be conferred only in exceptional cases. It shall not be conferred as a matter of course. Only such of the persons who have contributed substantially to any subject assigned to any Faculty or School of the University as may be approved or have rendered conspicuous service to the cause of education,</p>

			<p>research and extension, shall be identified for the purpose of grant of such Honorary degrees or academic distinctions:</p> <p>Provided that, not more than two eminent persons may be conferred Honoris Causa at a time.</p>
7	Withdrawal of degrees	7.1	<p>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 distinction, degree, diploma or privilege conferred on any person by the University for good and sufficient cause. The Governing Body shall consider the withdrawal of the distinction, degree, diploma or privilege of the person by a resolution passed by simple majority of the total number of members of the Governing Body and by a majority not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting, if such a person has been found to have obtained a degree or diploma or certificate fraudulently, or has obtained admission through a false caste certificate or any such claim:</p> <p>Provided that, no action under this section shall be taken against any person unless he has been given an opportunity to show cause against the action proposed to be taken.</p> <p>Provided further that, a copy of resolution passed by the Governing Body shall be immediately sent to the person concerned, along with the show-cause notice.</p>
8	Fellowships, Scholarships, stipends, medals and prizes	8.1	<p>The Governing Body, on recommendations of the Board of Management as proposed by the Academic Council, shall decide the policy for the award of fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes.</p>
9	Conduct of examinations/ assessments and evaluation	9.1	<p>(i) The Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) shall be responsible for smooth conduction of examinations and assessments as per the pattern approved by the Academic Council;</p> <p>(ii) The Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) shall arrange for the evaluation of the written examinations online or otherwise at one or more centres in the University;</p> <p>(iii) The Board of Examinations shall be the competent authority to take action on students for unfair practices in the examination on recommendation by a committee formed for the purpose; and</p>

			(iv) The Registrar (Assessment & Evaluation) shall be responsible for declaring the results within a time frame as approved by the Academic Council.
10	Intra-University Migration of students	10.1	Migration of the students amongst the Schools/Programmes of the University may be allowed by the Registrar on the recommendation of the concerned Dean of the School with the approval of the Vice- Chancellor or an Equivalence committee appointed by the Vice Chancellor, as required.
11	Fees to be charged	11.1	Fees to be charged under various heads for different programmes run by the University shall be as recommended by the Board of Management and approved by Governing Body, subject to approval from the Fees Structure Review Committee as provided in Section 36 of the Act.
12	Conditions of residence of students in the hostels of the University	12.1	<p>(i) The University shall endeavour to make available suitable facilities for the residence of the students of the University;</p> <p>(ii) The University may make regulations regarding operation of hostels, such as criteria and process for admission of students to hostels, maintenance of discipline and facilities in the hostels;</p> <p>(iii) The admission to the Hostels shall be made by the Chief Warden in consultation with the Registrar or such other officer of the University as appointed by the Vice Chancellor in this regard; and</p> <p>(iv) The Hostels shall be supervised by Rector or Warden/Resident Counsellor appointed by the Competent Authority of the University who shall oversee the discipline among the residents of the Hostels.</p>
13	Discipline of students	13.1	<p>(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall establish mechanisms to maintain discipline in the University campus including hostels by constituting appropriate committees for the purpose as per the guidelines of UGC and/or other regulatory bodies;</p> <p>(2) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers to the Deans and/or Programmes Heads of the respective Faculty/ School/Units pertaining to the disciplinary</p>

			control over the students in respective Faculty/Schools/Units; and (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall establish mechanisms to curb the menace of ragging as per the guidelines of UGC and other regulatory bodies.
14	Creation of Bodies for improving academic life of students	14.1	The Vice-Chancellor, with the approval of Academic Council may constitute other bodies/committees with defined terms of reference as deemed fit and necessary for improving the academic life of students in the campus.
15	Collaborations	15.1	<p>The University may cooperate and collaborate with other Universities, Institutions, Centres of Excellence, Industries, Research & Development organizations and Persons of Eminence or such other organizations as deemed appropriate in India or abroad on mutually accepted terms and conditions in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Establishment of University Centre abroad subject to necessary approvals from Central Government/ State Government / UGC /Other Regulatory Bodies, as may be applicable; (ii) Joint Research projects; (iii) Exchange of teaching staff and research staff; (iv) Twinning programme, Articulation of syllabi, Exchange of students at Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Doctoral level under credit transfer arrangement as per the guidelines published by concerned regulating body from time to time; (v) Co-designing and team teaching and sharing of learning resources; (v) Developing e-courses for interactive and integrated learning; (vi) Sharing of Library, Laboratory and other learning resources; (vii) Joint arrangement for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Holding Conferences, Seminars and Workshops; b. Training and Internship Programs;

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Skill Development & Vocational Courses; d. Refresher and continuing education Courses; e. Expert lectures; f. Any other activities of mutual interest; and <p>(viii) The scope and the terms and conditions of cooperation and collaboration shall be as approved by the Governing Body on recommendations of the Board of Management and/or the Academic Council from time to time.</p>
16	Interpretation	16.1	Any clarification or interpretation related to any of the provisions of these Ordinances shall be referred to the Governing Body on the recommendations of Board of Management whose decision shall be final and binding.