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**The Vice Chancellor
MATS University
Aarang-Kharora Highway, Aarang
Raipur-493441, Chhattisgarh**

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Sub: *Recognition for offering programmes in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode for academic year 2016-17 - reg.*

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to an expert committee which visited the university on 17th August 2015 to review the compliance made by the University on the observations of Expert Committee, which visited earlier in Nov. 2012 and submitted a report. The recommendations of the Expert Committee were placed before the 8th Distance Education Committee held on 18.11.2015. The Committee decided that UGC may seek compliance from the MATS University on the observations/shortcomings as pointed out by Expert Committee in its report.

2. MATS university vide its letter dated 18.12.2015 and subsequently letter dated 23.12.2015 submitted a compliance report. The compliance report of the University was placed in the 9th Distance Education Committee and subsequently the decision of the Committee was approved by the Commission in its meeting held on 04.02.2016. The Committee has accepted the recommendation of the Visiting Expert Committee, which has recommended the approval of 14 programmes. Therefore, your University may offer the following programmes in ODL mode from the academic year 2016-17. The recognition is subject to the mid-term appraisal of the University performance. It is also to be noted that the University does not have recognition from the academic year from 2013-14 to 2015-16 and the same years are treated as unrecognized.

3. The University is also advised to submit an affidavit, stating that the University agreed to and will abide by all the terms and conditions mentioned in the recognition letter, before launching of the following programmes.

Sl.No.	PROGRAMMES
1	MCA
2	BCA
3	PGDCA
4	M. Sc (CS)
5	B.Sc (CS)
6	MBA

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7	BBM
8	BBA
9	M.A (Education)
10	M.A (English)
11	M.A (Hindi)
12	B.A
13	M.Com
14	B.Com

4. The above recognition is subject to the following terms and conditions, while offering the ODL programmes for the academic year 2016-17.
- The University shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) 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 in the country.
 - It is the responsibility of the University to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC, AICTE, NCTE/any other and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required.
 - The University shall not start any new programme without prior approval of UGC and other concerned regulatory authorities in anticipation of recognition.
 - The nomenclature of all the programmes to be offered under distance mode shall be strictly as per UGC/AICTE Regulations.
 - No teacher education programme shall be offered without prior approval of the NCTE.
 - The Ministry of HRD's directions prohibiting B.E/ B.Tech through distance mode communicated vide it's letter dated 29.07.2009 shall be adhered to strictly.
 - The programmes in Engineering and Technology e.g. B.E/ B.Tech/ Diploma and courses in Medicines/ Nursing/ Physiotherapy etc. are not allowed and the University will not be offering the same.
 - The university shall refrain from offering such programmes that are not allowed to be offered, through distance mode by the respective apex body/ies.
 - No online programme leading to award of Degree/ Certification shall be offered by the University, until a policy is framed and approved by UGC in this regard.
 - The minimum duration of a programme offered in ODL mode shall not be less than the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode.
 - The University shall run its ODL programmes only in those subjects/ fields which are offered by it through regular mode.
 - The university shall have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters

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- xiii) The eligibility conditions for admissions to each course to be offered through distance learning mode 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 on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb.
- xv) The programmes in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and /or through any private institution /college
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. It may also be noted that:
- i. If the institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition for which the Affidavit, as mentioned above has been submitted 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 consequences, if any arising out of the same.

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Yours faithfully,

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