

Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute
Deemed to be University Pune,
411 006

Memorandum of Association and Rules
(In accordance with UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023)

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1. Short-title, application and commencement

(1) These regulations may be called the University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2023.

(2) These regulations shall apply to any institution seeking declaration as an institution deemed to be University and to any institution for higher education declared under section 3 of the said Act, to be an institution Deemed to be University for the purposes of the University Grants Commission Act:

Provided that the institutions already declared as Deemed to be Universities under section 3 shall achieve the eligibility criteria mentioned in sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 within ten years from the date of commencement of these regulations.

Provided further that the Commission shall take appropriate measures on such institutions which fail to meet the eligibility criteria specified in sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 of these regulations.

(3) These regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette: Provided the institutions Deemed to be Universities declared prior to the date of commencement of these regulations shall amend the Memorandum of Association or rules of the institution Deemed to be University to comply with these regulations within a period of one year from date of commencement of these regulations and the compliance report shall be submitted to the Commission within said time frame, failing which necessary action may be initiated as per the provisions of these regulations.

Name, Address and registration details:

Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute (Deemed to be University)
Yerawada, Pune, 411 006 Maharashtra.

Declared as Deemed to be university under the UGC act 3, 1956.

The Trust is registered as a Not-for-profit Trust under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950.

2. Name of the Institution Deemed to be University:

Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute (Deemed to be University)

3. Approved constituent units/ off-campus/off-shore campuses:

Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), hereafter DCDU, has no constituent units/ off-campus/off-shore campuses other than itself. [If Off-campus centres and Off-shore campus centres are to be started in future, then they shall be started by DCDU only in accordance with the UGC Regulations.]

DCDU, has no approved constituent units/off-campus/off-shore campuses.

4. Definitions –

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

- (1) "Academic Council" means the academic council of the DCDU;
- (2) "Act" means the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956);
- (3) "affiliated college" means a college recognised by, associated with and admitted to the privileges of a University;
- (4) "Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies of a Department of the DCDU;
- (5) "campus" means campus (single or multiple locations within the city) of the DCDU wherein its facilities, faculty, staff, students, and Academic Departments are situated;
- (6) "centre" means a centre of studies of the DCDU;
- (7) "Chancellor", "Vice-Chancellor", and "Pro-Vice-Chancellor" means the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the DCDU, respectively;
- (8) "college" means any institution whether affiliated college or constituent college, known as such or by any other name and provides undergraduate or postgraduate or Ph.D. programmes or all together, for obtaining any qualification from a University, in accordance with the rules and regulations of such University, which has been recognised as competent by the University Grants Commission to provide such programmes or courses of study;
- (9) "constituent college" means a college operating under the administrative, academic, and financial control of the sponsoring body;
- (10) "constituent unit" means an academic unit (Schools or centres or departments) of the institution existing on the date of submission of a proposal to declare an institution to be an institution deemed to be University;
- (11) "Department" means a department of studies of the DCDU;
- (12) "distinct category" means an existing institution or an institution starting from the beginning with the focus on teaching or research in the unique disciplines or addressing the strategic needs of the country or engaged in the preservation of Indian

- cultural heritage or preservation of the environment or dedicated to skill development or dedicated to sports or languages or any other discipline, as so determined by the Expert Committee approved by the Chairman of the Commission;
- (13) "Executive Council" means the executive council of the DCDU;
 - (14) "Expert Committee" means a committee consisting of academics and other experts from other fields and includes representatives of the statutory bodies and approved by the Chairman of the Commission;
 - (15) "Government" means the Department in the Ministry of Education in the Central Government dealing with the higher education;
 - (16) "institution" means an institution of higher education engaged in teaching and research at the undergraduate, post-graduate or higher level;
 - (17) "institution deemed to be University" means an institution of higher education so declared by the Central Government by notification under section 3 of the Act, on the advice of the Commission;
 - (18) "main campus" means the campus of the DCDU, where its major facilities, faculty, staff, students, academic departments and administration are situated;
 - (19) "NAAC" means the National Assessment and Accreditation Council;
 - (20) "NBA" means the National Board of Accreditation;
 - (21) "necessary infrastructure" means the infrastructure required under the norms of the concerned statutory body or the Commission, as the case maybe;
 - (22) "NEP" means the National Education Policy,2020;
 - (23) "NIRF" means the National Institutional Ranking Framework;
 - (24) "notification" means a notification issued by the Central Government in the Official Gazette declaring an institution of higher education, as an institution deemed to be University under section 3 of the Act;
 - (25) "off-campus" means the premises of the institution deemed to be University, approved by the Government, other than the main campus or the campuses;
 - (26) "off-shore campus" means the premises of the institution deemed to be University, approved by the Government, outside India, other than the main campus in India;

- (27) "processing fee" means the fee to be paid by the applicant institution to the Commission along with the application for processing such application;
- (28) "school" or "faculty" means a school or faculty of studies of the institution deemed to be University;
- (29) "sponsoring body" means a body being a charitable or a not-for-profit society or trust or a company under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013), submitting an application for declaring an institution under its administrative, academic and financial control as an institution deemed to be University. The Deccan College Poona Trust, hereafter "Trust" is the sponsoring body of the DCDU;
- (30) "Standing Committee" means a committee consisting of academics and other experts from other fields and includes representatives of the statutory bodies and approved by the Chairman of the Commission;
- (31) "State Government" means the Government of Maharashtra.
- (32) "statutory body" means a body constituted under any law for the time being in force for determining or maintaining standards of quality in the relevant areas of higher education, including the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the Bar Council of India (BCI), the Dental Council of India (DCI), the Indian Nursing Council (INC), the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the National Medical Commission (NMC), or any other statutory body established under an Act of Parliament;
- (33) "teacher" means professors, General Editor, Joint General Editor, Editor, associate professors, Assistant Editor, assistant professors, Sub-Editor, Research Associate, Librarian, Computer Programmer and such other academic and research staff as may be appointed for imparting instructions or conducting research in the DCDU including the adjunct faculty or professor of practice or visiting faculty;
- (34) "Board of Trustees" means Board of Trustees as decreed by the Bombay High Court (1938) and as shall be constituted by the State Government from time to time.
- (35) "Director of Education" means the Director of Education (Higher Education), Government of Maharashtra;
- (36) "Head of the Department" means a teacher in-charge of instruction, training and research in a Department;
- (37) "Hostel" means a place of residence for the students provided and maintained by the DCDU;

- (38) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Deccan College Poona Trust;
- (39) "Secretary of the Sanskrit Dictionary Project" means the Secretary of the Sanskrit Dictionary Project of the Department of Sanskrit and Lexicography of the DCDU;
- (40) "Year" has three different connotations: "Calendar Year" means the period from 1 January to 31 December. "Academic Year" means the period from 1 July to 30 June. "Financial Year" means the period from 1 April to 31 March;
- (41) "Trustee" means the member of the Deccan College Poona Trust; and
- (42) the words and expressions used in these regulations and not defined, but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them.

5. Objectives of the DCDU – (1) The objectives of the DCDU shall be to –

- (a) provide for higher education leading to excellence and innovations in such branches of knowledge as may be deemed fit, primarily at post-graduate, and research degree levels, fully conforming to the concept of a University;
- (b) engage in inter-disciplinary or multi-disciplinary or transdisciplinary teaching and research in addition to domainspecific specialisation;
- (c) provide for high-quality teaching and research recognized nationally and globally;
- (d) recognise, identify and foster the unique capabilities of each student, by sensitising teachers as well as parents to promote each student's holistic development;
- (e) provide multi-disciplinary and a holistic education in the faculties of science, , social sciences, arts, humanities, heritage studies and other disciplines;
- (f) transform into research and teaching intensive University over a period of time;
- (g) focus on research and innovation by setting up start-up incubation centers; technology development centres; centres in frontier areas of research; greater industry-academic linkages; and inter-disciplinary research including humanities and social sciences research;
- (h) provide flexible and innovative curriculum, which includes credit-based courses and projects in the areas of community engagement and service, environmental education, value-based education, etc.;

- (i) contribute for social transformation through socially responsive teaching, learning, research, and fieldwork;
- (j) adopt the provisions of NEP, 2020; and
- (k) strengthen the research ecosystem by establishing Research and Development Cell (RDC).

6. Corpus Fund. – (1) The DCDU is funded by the State Government towards the salaries of its employees and development grants.

- (2) In the event of DCDU receiving any corpus fund, the interest accrued on the corpus fund shall be used only for the purpose of further development of the DCDU.
- (3) In the event of DCDU receiving any corpus fund, the DCDU may invest the corpus fund in any suitable scheme or schemes.

The Deemed University Fund is treated as the Corpus Fund of the DCDU.

6. Off-campus centres – The DCDU has no Off-campus centres. If an Off-campus centre is to be started in future by the DCDU, then it shall be started only in accordance with the UGC regulations.

7. Off-shore campus - The DCDU has no Off-shore campus. Off-shore campus, if it is to be started in future by the DCDU, then it shall be started only in accordance with the UGC regulations.

8. Monitoring – (1) The Commission shall monitor the performance and academic outcomes of the DCDU if it fails to get valid accreditation by the NAAC with less than an 'A' grade or is ranked more than 100 ranks in the NIRF rankings (Universities category) not later than every five years, on the basis of a report submitted annually by the DCDU.

(2) The performance and academic outcomes of the DCDU if it fails to get valid accreditation by the NAAC with less than an 'A' grade or is ranked more than 100 in the NIRF rankings (Universities category) shall be evaluated either physically or virtually by an Expert Committee, as may be decided by the Commission and for the purposes of such evaluation, the Expert Committee may adopt such procedure as it may deem appropriate.

(3) The Expert Committee shall submit a report to the Commission specifying its recommendations on the performance and academic outcomes of the DCDU and if found to be deficient in some aspects, the DCDU shall be given a period to be specified by the Expert Committee, to rectify the deficiencies, failing which, the Expert Committee shall recommend for withdrawal of permission given under sub-regulation (9) of regulation 8 for starting new courses or programmes by the DCDU, in any field, in its existing campus and the approved off-campus centres.

- (4) In cases where, the Expert Committee has recommended for withdrawal of permission under sub- regulation (3), the Commission shall issue appropriate order informing the DCDU and the relevant statutory body concerned and in case, if the Commission finds that the DCDU is not adhering to its order, the Commission shall take action as per the provisions of regulation 34.
- (5) The Commission shall decide on the physical verification of the DCDU or constitute teams for such verification on its own or upon receipt of any complaint against the accuracy and veracity of the information submitted to the Commission and also hosted on the website of the institution.

9. Governance – (1) The existing institution deemed to be University, DCDU, is run by the not-for-profit sponsoring body, Deccan College Poona Trust (DCPT), registered under the Bombay Public Trust 1950, established exclusively, as mentioned in its registration deed, for running the educational institution called Deccan College and no other activities are being carried out or shall be carried out in the future under it, and that the DCPT shall make available the necessary infrastructure for operating the DCDU without any rental or other such charges.

- (2) All moveable and immovable assets of the DCDU shall be used for the purposes of conducting academic activities, promotion of research and related administrative requirements of the DCDU, including the outreach educational activities.
- (3) The highest governing body of the DCDU shall be the Executive Council to be headed by the Vice-Chancellor and consisting of not less than ten and not more than thirteen members.
- (4) The composition of the Executive Council shall be as under-
 - (a) Vice-Chancellor-Chairperson;
 - (b) Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) One Professor, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (d) one Associate Professor, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (e) one Assistant Professor, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (f) The State Government shall nominate an officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra or his or her representative; as DCDU receives grants more than 50% of its expenditure from the Government of Maharashtra.

- (g) up to four nominees of the Trust; and
- (h) the Registrar, who shall be the *ex-officio* Secretary of the Executive Council.

10. Tenure of the members of Executive Council.—(1) All the members of the Executive Council, other than the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, shall hold office for a term of three years.

- (2) Members of the Executive Council appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor categories shall hold office for a period of one year or till such time they cease to be teachers of the University, whichever is earlier.

11. Powers and limitations of Executive Council.—(1) The Executive Council shall have the power of management and administration of the DCDU.

- (2) The Executive Council shall be the final decision-making body of the DCDU in respect of every matter of the DCDU, including academic, administrative, personnel, financial, and developmental matters.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of these regulations and the rules of the DCDU, the Executive Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers, namely:—
 - (i) to appoint such Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and other academic staff, including Chairs, as may be necessary, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee constituted for the said purpose and to fill up temporary vacancies therein;
 - (ii) to regulate and enforce discipline amongst the employees of the DCDU in accordance with the rules of the DCDU;
 - (iii) to provide for the appointment of Visiting Professors, Emeritus Professors, Professor of Practice, Consultants, Scholars, etc., and determine the terms and conditions of such appointments;
 - (iv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by the rules and regulations of the DCDU;
 - (v) to make rules and regulations for the DCDU; and
 - (vi) to create posts with prior approval of the State Government, since the DCDU is receiving funds more than fifty per cent of its annual receipt from the State Government.

12. Meetings of Executive Council.—(1) The Executive Council shall meet at least four times a year (minimum two in one semester), with not less than seven days' prior notice given before every meeting of the Executive Council and emergency meetings may be convened at a shorter notice, for reasons to be recorded in writing for such emergency meeting.

- (2) One-third of the total number of members of the Executive Council shall form the quorum for the meeting.
- (3) In the absence of the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor shall preside over the meeting.
- (4) Every member of the Executive Council including the Chairperson, shall have one vote and the decisions at the meetings of the Executive Council shall be taken by simple majority; and in case of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- (5) Any business, which may be urgent in nature, may be carried out by circulation amongst its members.
- (6) A copy of the minutes of each meeting shall be furnished to the Chancellor of the DCDU, as soon as possible after the convening of the meeting.

13. Termination of membership.— If a member other than the Vice-Chancellor and those representing the teachers, accepts a full-time appointment in the DCDU or fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Executive Council, without proper leave of absence, such member shall cease to be a member of the Executive Council.

14. Delegation of powers of Executive Council — The Executive Council may, by a resolution, delegate to the Vice-Chancellor or any other officer or faculty or to a Committee of officers or faculties of the DCDU, such powers as it may deem fit, subject to the condition that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor or the officer or faculty or the Committee in the exercise of the powers so delegated, shall be reported at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

15. Other authorities of the DCDU —

- A. Academic Council:** (1) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the DCDU and shall, subject to the provision of the rules of the DCDU, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policy of the DCDU.
- (2) The composition of the Academic Council shall be as under—
 - (i) Vice Chancellor -Chairperson;
 - (ii) Pro Vice-Chancellor;
 - (iii) heads of the departments;
 - (iv) up to ten Professors (excluding heads of departments) by rotation, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor giving

due regard to the representation of different departments;

- (v) up to five Associate Professors from departments other than the heads of the departments, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (vi) up to five Assistant Professors from the departments other than the heads of the departments, by rotation, to be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (vii) six persons of repute from amongst the educationists or experts for their specialised knowledge, who are not in the service of the DCDU, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor; and
 - (viii) the Registrar, who shall be the *ex-officio* Secretary of the Academic Council.
- (3) The representation of different categories shall be through rotation and not through an election and the term of members, other than the *ex-officio* members, shall be three years and the Controller of Examination shall be the permanent invitee to the meetings of the Academic Council.

B. Powers and Functions of Academic Council: Subject to the provisions of these regulations and rules of the DCDU, the Academic Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers, namely: –

- a. to exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the DCDU and to give directions regarding methods of instruction, coordination of teaching among departments, evaluation of research and improvement of academic standards;
- b. to bring about and promote inter-departmental coordination and to establish or appoint such committees or boards, as may be deemed necessary for the purpose;
- c. to consider matters of general academic interest either on its own initiative, or on a reference by a department or the Executive Council, and to take appropriate action thereon;
- d. to prescribe courses or programmes of study leading to degree and diploma of the DCDU;

- e. to make arrangements for the conduct of examinations in conformity with the rules and bye-laws of the DCDU;
- f. to maintain proper standards of the examination;
- g. to recognise diplomas and degrees of Universities and other Institutions and to determine equivalence with the diplomas and degrees of the DCDU;
- h. to institute Fellowships, Scholarships, Medals, Prizes, etc.;
- i. to frame rules covering the academic functioning of the DCDU, admissions, examinations, award of fellowships and studentships, free-ships, concessions, attendance, discipline, residence, etc.;
- j. to take a periodical review of the activities of the departments and to take appropriate action to maintain and improve the standards of instruction;
- k. to recommend the institution of teaching posts (Professors, Associate Professors, and Assistant Professors) to the Executive Council;
- l. To promote research within the DCDU and to acquire reports on such researches from time to time;
- m. To appoint examiners, moderators, tabulators and such other personnel for different examiners;
- n. To suggest measures for departmental co-ordination
- o. to make recommendations to the Executive Council for the establishment or abolition of departments etc.
- p. to make recommendations to the Executive Council; and
- q. to exercise such other powers and to perform such other duties, as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the rules of the DCDU.

C. Meeting of Academic Council.—(1) The Academic Council shall meet as often as necessary but not less than four times (at least two times in a semester) during an academic year with not less than seven days' prior notice being given before every meeting of the Academic Council and emergency meetings may be convened at a shorter notice, for reasons to be recorded in writing for such emergency meeting.

(2) One-third of the total number of members of the Academic Council shall constitute the quorum for the meeting of the Academic Council.

(3) Each member, including its Chairperson, shall have one vote, and decisions at the meetings of the Academic Council shall be taken by simple majority; and in case of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

(4) Any business that may be necessary for the Academic Council to perform, which may be urgent in nature, may be carried out by circulation amongst its members.

16. Finance Committee. – (1) The composition of the Finance Committee shall be –

- (i) Vice Chancellor -Chairperson;
- (ii) Pro Vice-Chancellor;
- (iii) One person nominated by the Trust;
- (iv) three persons to be nominated by the Executive Council, out of whom at least one shall be a member of the Executive Council;
- (v) one representative of the State Government.
- (vi) three persons to be nominated by the Chancellor; (vii) Finance Officer-Secretary- *ex officio*

(2) All members of the Finance Committee other than *ex officio* members shall hold office for a term of three years.

(3) The Finance Committee shall meet at least four times in an academic year (at least twice each semester) to examine the accounts and scrutinise the proposals for expenditure and one-third of the total number of members of the Finance Committee shall form the quorum for a meeting.

(4) All proposals relating to the creation of posts and those items which have not been included in the Budget, shall be examined by the Finance Committee before the Executive Council considers them and to decide waiver in fees, the establishment of scholarships, free-ship and any other financial benefits.

(5) The annual accounts and financial estimates of the DCPU prepared by the Finance Officer shall be laid before the Finance Committee for consideration and comments and thereafter the same shall be submitted to the Executive Council for approval.

- (6) The Finance Committee shall recommend limits for the total recurring and non-recurring expenditures for the year, based on the income and resources of the DCDU.

17. Board of Studies.— (1) There shall be one Board of Studies for each department of the DCDU. The composition of the Board of Studies shall be—

- (i) Head of the Department -Chairperson;
- (ii) all Professors of the department;
- (iii) two Associate Professors of the department, by rotation;
- (iv) two Assistant Professors of the department, by rotation; and (v) two external experts to be co-opted for their specialized knowledge.

(2) Subject to the overall control and supervision of the Academic Council, the functions of a Board of Studies shall be to approve subjects for research for various degrees and other requirements of research degrees and to recommend to the concerned Board in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the DCDU regarding—

- (a) courses of studies;
- (b) appointment of supervisors for research; and
- (c) measures for the improvement of the standards of teaching and research.

(3) The powers and functions of the Board of Studies shall be-

- a) To prepare syllabi for courses of study leading to various degrees, diplomas and certificates of the Institute for the approval of the Academic Council;
- b) To recommend panels of paper-setters and examiners for various examinations for the approval of the Academic Council;
- c) To recommend recognition of teachers for teaching various courses for the approval of the Academic Council;
- d) To recommend suspension/cancellation of recognition of teachers for the approval of the Academic Council;
- e) To give its opinion on any other academic matter referred to it by the Academic Council.

(4) The tenure of the members of the Board of Studies shall be of three years.

18. Selection Committee for appointment of teaching staff. – There shall be one or more Selection Committees constituted, for making recommendations to the Executive Council for appointment to the post of Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and such other posts as may be prescribed, in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018.

19. Disqualification. – (1) A person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, and for being, a member of any of the authorities, or being appointed as, and for being, an officer of the DCUD –

- (a) if he or she is of unsound mind; or
- (b) if he or she is an un-discharged insolvent; or
- (c) if he or she has been convicted by a court of law for an offense involving moral turpitude and sentenced in respect thereof to imprisonment for not less than six months; or
- (d) If he or she has not been appointed as per the provisions of these regulations.

(2) If any question arises as to whether a person is or had been subjected to any of the disqualifications mentioned above, the question shall be referred to the Chancellor, and his or her decision shall be final and no suit or other proceedings shall lie in any civil court against such decision.

20. Miscellaneous matters relating to different authorities – (1) If any question arises, as to whether any person, other than Government nominated or appointed, has been duly nominated or appointed as, or is, entitled to be a member of any authority or any committee of the DCUD, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor, whose decision thereon shall be final and binding.

(2) Any member, other than an *ex-officio* member of any authority, may resign by a letter addressed to the Registrar, and the resignation shall take effect as soon as it is accepted by the Chancellor or the Chairperson of the Executive Council, as the case maybe.

(3) Sudden vacancies among the members of any authority or any Committee of the

DCDU shall be filled by the respective authority, as soon as may be, and within a period of six months.

21. Officers of the DCDU – A. Chancellor:

(1) The Chancellor shall hold office for a period of five years from the date of assuming office and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of the Chancellor:

(2) The Chancellor in the DCDU shall be appointed by the State Government from among the panel of three persons recommended by the Committee of the following members:

- i) One nominee of the Executive Council, who shall be the Chairperson
- ii) One nominee of the Academic Council
- iii) One nominee of the State Government not below the rank of Secretary

The Chancellor should be an eminent scholar in the academic field of his specialization. The nominee of the Selection Committee shall not be an employee of the University.

(3) The Chancellor:

- i) may not be a sitting member of the Executive Council
- ii) shall not be an employee of the Institute, and
- iii) shall not be connected with the Institute in any manner.

(4) The Chancellor shall, by virtue of his or her office, be the head of the DCDU and shall, if present, preside at the Convocations of the DCDU held for conferring degrees.

(5) The Chancellor shall exercise powers vested in him/her as per the provisions contained in the Rules and Bye-laws of the Institute.

(6) The Chancellor can attend the Executive Council meetings when specially invited.

(7) The Chancellor, along with the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro Vice-Chancellor, is responsible for the prestige and the high standard of academic quality of the Institute. When the reputation of the Institute is at stake, it will be his duty to take immediate appropriate action with the help of the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro Vice-Chancellor.

- (b) The Chancellor shall not be removed from office except by an order of the State Government.

B. Vice-Chancellor: (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the DCU and shall be appointed by the Chancellor from a panel of three names suggested by a Search-cum-Selection Committee.

(2) The qualifications of the Vice-Chancellor shall be in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018.

(3) The procedure for composition of Search-cum-Selection Committee (SCSC) for the selection of Vice-Chancellor shall be as under –

(a) The composition of the Search-cum-Selection Committee for the selection of Vice-Chancellor shall be as under –

(i) a nominee of the Chancellor, who shall be a reputed academician as the Chairperson of the Committee;

(ii) a nominee of the State Government, not below the position/cadre of Principal Secretary

(iii) an academician, with not less than ten years' service as Professor, nominated jointly by the Executive Council and the Academic Council.

(iv) The SCSC shall submit a panel of names (not necessarily in order of merit) to the Chancellor who may appoint any nominee recommended by the committee. In case the Chancellor does not accept the recommendations of the SCSC he/ she can request the committee to recommend more names.

(b) the Vice-Chancellor in the DCU shall be appointed by the Chancellor

(4) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of five years from the date on which he or she enters upon his or her office or until he or she attains the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one more term by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that notwithstanding the expiry of the said period of five years, he or she shall continue in office until his or her successor is appointed and enters upon his or her office. However, in no case, the Vice-Chancellor shall hold office beyond the age of seventy years.

Provided further that the Chancellor may direct the Vice-Chancellor, after his or her term has expired, to continue in office for such period, not exceeding a total period of one year.

- (5) If the office of the Vice-Chancellor becomes vacant due to death, resignation or otherwise, or if he or she is unable to perform his or her duties due to ill health or any other cause, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that if the Pro-Vice-Chancellor is unavailable, the Chancellor shall appoint the senior most Professor who shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, until a new Vice-Chancellor assumes office or the existing Vice-Chancellor resumes the duties of his or her office, as the case may be.

- (6) Emoluments and Service Conditions of the Vice-Chancellor

i) Vice-Chancellor shall receive the salary and other allowances as prescribed for Vice-Chancellors by the State Government from time to time.

ii) He/ she shall be provided with rent-free residential accommodation. He shall vacate the accommodation within one month from the date he/she ceases to be the Vice-Chancellor.

iii) He/ she shall be provided with a car, including fuel and repair charges, with driver for his/her official use, and a free telephone facility at his residence. iv) He/ she shall not be entitled to vacation but shall be entitled to leave admissible to non-teaching employees of the DCDU. He/ she can encash his/her unutilized Earned Leave when he/she relinquishes the charge of the Vice-Chancellor.

v) He/she shall be entitled to a sumptuary allowance of Rupees one lakh per year for official purposes.

C. Powers and duties of Vice-Chancellor—(1) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Principal Executive Officer and academic officer of the DCDU and shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the DCDU and give effect to the decision of all authorities of the DCDU.

- (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, if he or she is of the opinion that immediate action is necessary on any matter, exercise any power conferred on any authority of the DCDU by or under these regulations and shall report to such authority at its next meeting the action taken by him or her on such matter:

Provided that, if the authority mentioned in this subregulation is of the opinion that such action ought not to have been taken, it may refer the matter to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final:

Provided further that any person in the service of the DCDU who is aggrieved by the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor under this regulation shall have the right to represent against such action to the Executive Council within ninety days from the date on which decision on such action is communicated to him or her and thereupon the Executive Council may confirm, modify or reverse the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor.

- (3) The Vice-Chancellor, if he or she is of the opinion that any decision of any authority of the DCDU is beyond the power of the authority conferred by the provisions of these regulations or that any decision taken is not in the interest of the DCDU, may ask the authority concerned to review its decision within sixty days of such decision and if the authority refuses to review the decision either in whole or in part or no decision is taken by it within the said period of sixty days, the matter shall be referred to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.
- (4) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the *ex-officio* Chairperson of the Executive Council, the Academic Council and the Finance Committee and shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, preside at the Convocations held for conferring degrees to the students.
- (5) The Vice-Chancellor shall be entitled to be present at, and address, any meeting of any authority or other body of the DCDU, but shall not be entitled to vote unless he or she is a member of such authority or body.
- (6) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to see that these regulations are duly observed and implemented and he or she shall have all the powers necessary to ensure such implementation.
- (7) The Vice-Chancellor shall have all the powers necessary for the proper maintenance of discipline in the DCDU, and he or she may delegate any such powers to such person or persons, as he or she may deem fit.
- (8) The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to convene or cause to be convened the meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee, and other authorities.

D. Removal of Vice-Chancellor. –

(1) Where there are reasons to believe that the Vice-Chancellor of the DCDU does not possess the qualifications as required under the University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018, or is not appointed as per the procedure stipulated in these regulations or has committed any financial or administrative impropriety, the Chairman of Commission shall constitute an enquiry committee consisting of academic, administrative or financial experts to enquire into the matter.

(2) On the directions from the Commission, the Chancellor shall place the Vice-Chancellor under suspension, pending an enquiry.

(3) The enquiry committee shall give an opportunity of hearing to the Vice-Chancellor before submitting its report to the Commission and where the report of the enquiry committee confirms the ineligibility or procedural violations or impropriety, as the case may be, the Commission shall direct the Chancellor to remove the Vice-Chancellor by following due procedure.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the Chancellor may, at any time after the Vice-Chancellor has entered upon his or her office, by order in writing, remove the Vice-Chancellor from office on the grounds of incapacity, misconduct or violation of these regulations:

Provided that the Chancellor shall make no such order unless the Vice-Chancellor has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken against him or her:

Provided further that the Chancellor may, at any time before making such an order, place the Vice-Chancellor under suspension, pending an inquiry.

(5) The actions referred to in sub-regulations (1) to (4) shall have the approval of the State Government.

E. Pro-Vice-Chancellor. – (1) On the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, the Executive Council shall appoint a Professor as Pro-Vice-Chancellor to discharge the duties of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor in addition to his or her duties as a Professor:

Provided further that where the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor is not accepted by the Executive Council, the

matter shall be referred to the Chancellor, who may either appoint the Professor recommended by the Vice-Chancellor or ask the Vice-Chancellor to recommend name of another Professor for reconsideration by the Executive Council.

- (2) The term of office of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be decided by the Executive Council, but it shall not, in any case, exceed five years or until the expiration of the term of office of the Vice-Chancellor, whichever is earlier:

Provided that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor whose term of office has expired shall be eligible for re-appointment by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellor:

Provided further that the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall, while discharging the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, continue in office, notwithstanding the expiration of his or her term of office as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, until the Vice-Chancellor resumes office or a new Vice-Chancellor assumes office, as the case may be:

Provided also that, in any case, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall retire on attaining the age of sixty years.

- (3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall have the powers and duties as may be prescribed by the rules of the DCDU.
- (4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall assist the Vice-Chancellor in respect of such matters as may be specified by the Vice-Chancellor on this behalf, from time to time, and shall also exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned or delegated to him or her by the Vice-Chancellor.

F. Registrar – (1) (a) The Registrar shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the DCDU and shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of the selection committee consisting of the following:— (i) Vice-Chancellor -Chairperson;

(ii) one nominee of the Chancellor;

(iii) two members of the Executive Council nominated by it; and

(iv) one expert not in the service of the University to be nominated by the Executive Council.

(v) Director of Higher Education or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Director

(b) The meeting of the selection committee shall be fixed after prior consultation with, and subject to the convenience of the Chancellor's nominee and the experts nominated by the Executive Council and the proceedings of the selection

committee shall not be valid unless at least three of these members attended the meeting.

(2)The Registrar shall retire on attaining the age of fifty-eight years and the emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Registrar shall be such as may be prescribed by the rules of the DCDU.

(3)When the office of the Registrar is vacant or when the Registrar is, by reason of illness, absence, or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

(4)The Registrar shall be *ex-officio* Secretary of the Executive Council and the Academic Council, but shall not be deemed to be a member of any of these authorities.

(5)The Registrar shall be directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor and work under his or her direction.

(6)The Registrar shall have the power to take disciplinary action against employees, excluding teachers and other academic staff, as may be specified in the order of the Executive Council and to suspend them pending inquiry, to administer warnings to them or to impose on them the penalty of censure or the withholding of increment:

Provided that no such penalty shall be imposed unless the person has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the action proposed to be taken in regard to him or her.

(7)An appeal shall lie to the Vice-Chancellor against any order of the Registrar imposing any of the penalties specified in sub-regulation(6).

(8)In the case where the inquiry discloses that a punishment beyond the power of the Registrar is called for, the Registrar shall, upon the conclusion of the inquiry, make a report to the Vice-Chancellor along with his or her recommendations:

Provided that an appeal shall lie to the Executive Council against an order of the Vice-Chancellor imposing any penalty.

(9)It shall be the duty of the Registrar –

- (a) to be the custodian of the records, the common seal, and such other property of the DCDU as the

Executive Council shall commit to his or her charge;

- (b) to issue all notices convening meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, and any Committees appointed by those authorities;
- (c) to keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Executive Council, the Academic Council, and any Committees appointed by those authorities;
- (d) to conduct the official correspondence between the Executive Council and the Academic Council;
- (e) to supply to the Chancellor copies of the agenda of the meetings of the authorities of DCDU as soon as they are issued and the minutes of such meetings;
- (f) to represent the DCDU in suits or proceedings by or against the University, sign powers of attorney and verify pleadings or depute his or her representative for the purpose;
- (g) to perform such other duties as may be specified in the rules of the DCDU or as may be required from time to time by the Executive Council or the Vice-Chancellor, as the case maybe;
- (h) to enter into an agreement, sign documents, and authenticate records on behalf of the DCDU;
- (i) to make arrangements to safeguard and maintain the buildings, gardens, office, canteen, cars and other vehicles, laboratories, libraries, reading rooms, equipment and other properties of the DCDU; and
- (j) to conduct the official correspondence on behalf of the authorities of the DCDU.
- (k) To prepare draft minutes of the meetings of all the authorities of the DCDU and of all the Committees and Sub-Committees appointed by any of these authorities. To get these minutes approved from the Chairperson of the Committee concerned and keep them in safe custody after actions taken therein.
- (l) To perform such other duties as may be specified in the Rules of DCDU as may be specified in the

Rules of DCDU or as assigned by the Executive Council or the Vice-Chancellor from time to time.

G. Finance Officer – (1) The Finance Officer shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a selection committee constituted for the purpose and he or she shall be a full-time salaried officer of the DCDU.

(2) The Finance Officer shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment by following the procedure prescribed for the appointment of the Finance Officer:

Provided that, the Finance Officer shall retire on attaining the age of fifty-eight years.

(3) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Finance Officer shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time.

(4) When the office of the Finance Officer is vacant or when the Finance Officer is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.

(5) The Finance Officer shall be *ex-officio* Secretary of the Finance Committee but shall not be deemed to be a member of such Committee.

(6) The Finance Officer shall –

(a) exercise general supervision over the funds of the DCDU and shall advise it as regards its financial policy; and

(b) perform such other financial functions as may be assigned to him or her by the Executive Council or as may be prescribed by the rules of the DCDU.

(7) Subject to the control of the Executive Council, the Finance Officer shall –

(a) ensure that the limits fixed by the Executive Council for recurring and non-recurring expenditures for a year are not exceeded and that all amounts of money are expended on the purpose for which they are granted or allotted;

- (b) be responsible for the preparation of annual accounts and the budget of the DCDU and for their presentation to the Executive Council;
- (c) keep a constant watch on the state of the cash and bank balances and on the state of investments;
- (d) watch the progress of the collection of revenue and advise on the methods of collection employed;
- (e) ensure that the registers of buildings, land, furniture, and equipment are maintained and up-to-date and that stock-checking is conducted, of equipment and other consumable materials in all offices, departments and specialized laboratories;
- (f) bring to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor unauthorized expenditure and other financial irregularities and suggest disciplinary action against persons at fault;
- (g) call for from any office, department, laboratory, etc. maintained by the DCDU any information or returns that he or she may consider necessary for the performance of his or her duties; and
- (h) work under the direction of the Vice-Chancellor and shall be responsible to the Executive Council through the Vice-Chancellor.

H. Controller of Examinations – (1) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a selection committee constituted for the purpose and he or she shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the DCDU, provided that the post of Controller of Examinations is created by the Executive Council subject to the approval of the State Government.

Provided further that in absence of such approval by the State Government, the Vice-Chancellor, on the approval of the Executive Council, shall delegate the duties of the Controller of Examination as additional charge to a senior faculty member not below the grade of Associate Professor for a period of five years or till the retirement of the faculty member, whichever is earlier.

(2) The Controller of Examinations shall be appointed for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment by following

the procedure prescribed for the appointment of Controller of Examination:

Provided that the Controller of Examinations shall retire on attaining the age of sixty years.

- (3) The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Controller of Examination shall be such as may be prescribed by the Executive Council from time to time.
- (4) When the office of the Controller of Examinations is vacant or when the Controller of Examinations is, by reason of illness, absence or any other cause, unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the duties of the office shall be performed by such person as the Vice-Chancellor may appoint for the purpose.
- (5) The Controller of Examination shall arrange for and supervise the examinations of the DCDU in the manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the DCDU.
- (6) The Controller of Examinations shall be a permanent invitee to the Academic Council.
- (7) The Controller of Examinations shall ensure that all the specific directions of the Executive Council, Academic Council and Vice-Chancellor in respect of examination and evaluation are complied with.

I. Dean. – The DCDU has no position of Dean of faculty.

J. Head of the Department – (1) There shall be a Head of the Department for each of the departments in the DCDU, who shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from amongst the Professors of the department:

Provided that if there is no Professor in the department or there is only one Professor in the department, whose term as Head of the Department is ending, the Vice-Chancellor may appoint an Associate Professor as Head of the Department.

- (2) The term of the Head of the Department shall normally be two years and he or she shall be eligible for reappointment for one more term by following the procedure prescribed for appointment of the Head of the Department.
- (3) The powers and functions of the Head of the Department shall be prescribed by the rules of the DCDU.

K. Librarian

A. Selection of the Librarian

The Librarian shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendations of a Selection Committee consisting of :

- i) Vice-Chancellor (Chairperson) ii) Pro Vice-Chancellor
- iii) Three experts who are not connected with the DCDU to be nominated by the Executive Council
- iv) A nominee of Director of Higher Education

Three members of whom two are subject experts shall constitute the quorum. The emoluments and other terms and conditions of service of the Librarian shall be prescribed by the Bye-Laws.

B. Duties of the Librarian

- i) The Librarian shall be responsible for the custody of books, manuscripts, periodicals, furniture, etc. given in his/her charge.
- ii) He/She shall submit to the Vice-Chancellor, by the end of the academic year, a report on the working of the library.
- iii) He/She shall carry on all the correspondence regarding the library.
- iv) He/She shall maintain a complete register and index of books etc. in possession of the library,
- v) He/She shall take stock every three years of all the books, manuscripts, periodicals, furniture, etc., in the library and report to the Vice-Chancellor. He shall also conduct an annual stock checking of books, etc., issued to staff members, students and other users of the library. vi) For all administrative matters he/she shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor and in all matters concerning the library he shall act under the general control and orders of the Vice-Chancellor

22. Control of the State Government on the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), DCDU

- I) Without prior approval of the State Government, DCDU shall not -
 - a) Create new posts of teachers, officers or other employees;
 - b) Revise the pay, allowances, post-retirement benefits and other benefits of its teachers, officers and other employees;
 - c) Grant any special pay, allowances or other extra remuneration of any description whatsoever, including ex-gratia payment or other benefits having financial implications, to any of its teachers, officers or other employees;
 - d) Divert any earmarked funds received for any purpose other than that for which it was received;

- e) Transfer by sale or lease immovable property;
 - f) Incur expenditure on any development work from the funds received from the State Government for the purposes other than the purposes for which the funds are received;
- II) The Deccan College shall be competent to incur expenditure from the funds received from:
- a) Various funding agencies without any share of contribution from the State Government;
 - b) individuals, industries, institutions, organization or any person whosoever, to further the objectives of the Deccan College

Provided that no funds or contribution received from any person or institution shall be used for purposes other than the purposes for which the funds are received without the approval of the said person or institution.

- III) The State Government prescribes Service Rules as prevailing in the NonAgricultural universities of the State prescribed in their statutes to teaching staff of DCDU and Maharashtra Non-Agriculture Universities non-teaching employees standard code (Service Condition), 1984 to the non-teaching staff of the DCDU.
- IV) The State Government may give directions to the Institute from time to time to ensure that the objects mentioned in Clause 6 of the decree dated 16 August 1939 are duly complied with and the Institute shall comply with such directives.
- V) The State Government may carry out a test audit or a full audit of the accounts of the Institute regularly at such intervals as the State Government may deem fit.

23. Admission and fees structure

A. Admission – Admission of students to the DCDU shall be strictly based on merit in the entrance exam conducted by the DCDU.

B. Fee structure – (1) Donation or capitation fee in whatever nomenclature or form, either directly or indirectly, is strictly prohibited.

(2)The DCDU shall follow the rules and regulations regarding fee structure, number of seats, etc., issued by the relevant statutory bodies.

(3)The fee shall be fixed transparently, keeping in view nonprofiteering or non-commercial aspects.

- (4) The fee shall be collected as declared in the prospectus of the DCDU and with a proper receipt for such payment and the prospectus shall also state that donation or capitation fee in whatever nomenclature or form, either directly or indirectly, shall not be collected from the student or parent and in case of any grievance, the student or parent may submit their complaint to the DCDU.
- (5) The DCDU may provide fee concessions or scholarships or may allocate some seats to meritorious students belonging to socially and economically deprived groups of the society.
- (6) The DCDU shall abide by all the University Grant Commission notifications, guidelines regarding the refund of fees and return of original certificates, as may be issued from time to time.
- (7) The DCDU shall maintain the records of the entire process of selection of candidates, exhibit such records on its website, and preserve such records for a minimum period of five years.
- (8) The DCDU shall make available the prospectus on its website at least sixty days before the commencement of admissions, including fee structure, refund policy, number of seats in a programme, eligibility qualifications, admission process, etc.
- (9) The DCDU shall not retain any original certificates of the students, faculty members, and staff.

24. The DCDU open to all. – (1) The DCDU shall be open to the persons of all genders and of whatever caste, creed, race or class, and it shall not be lawful for the DCDU to adopt or impose on any person, any test whatsoever of religious belief or profession in order to entitle him or her to be appointed as a faculty member of the DCDU or to hold any other office therein or to be admitted as a student in the DCDU or to graduate there at or to enjoy or exercise any privilege thereof:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the DCDU from making special provision for the employment or admission of women, persons with disabilities, or of persons belonging to the weaker section of the society and, in particular, of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the other socially and educationally backward classes of citizens.

(2) All policies and procedures, in matters of admission, fee, and employment as applicable to the university level public funded and self-financing institutions, respectively, shall apply.

- 25. The DCDU to be unitary.**— The DCDU shall be unitary in nature and shall not affiliate any other institution.
- 26. Reservation policy.**— The DCDU shall implement the policy on reservations in admissions and recruitment, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of India and any Act of Parliament for the time being in force and disclose all such information on its website.
- 27. Online or distance education.**— The DCDU may offer courses online or distance courses or degrees in accordance with the regulations notified by the Commission from time to time.
- 28. Power to conduct enquiry and consequences for violation of regulations.**— (1) Where the State Government or the Commission, as the case may be, receives information by way of a complaint or otherwise, that the DCDU has violated any of the provisions of these regulations, it shall cause to conduct an enquiry into the facts of such information after issuing a notice to the said effect to the DCDU.
- (2) The Commission may also cause an inspection, to be made by experts in matters of academics, administration, and finance regarding academic outcomes or any matter connected with the administration or finances of the DCDU for the purpose of the enquiry.
- (3) Based on the enquiry or thorough procedures mentioned in these regulations, if the State Government or the Commission, as the case may be, is satisfied that the regulations have been violated, the DCDU shall be subjected to such action as provided in these regulations.

29. Grievance Redressal Machinery

For redressing the grievances and dealing with complaints and allegations of the staff, the DCDU shall lay down a procedure under the Bye-Laws.

30. Seniority Lists

- a) Whenever in accordance with these Rules, any person is to hold an office or to be a member of an authority of the DCDU by rotation according to seniority, such seniority shall be determined according to the length of the continuous service of such person in that grade and in accordance with such other principles as the Executive Council may prescribe from time to time.
- b) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain in respect of each cadre of persons to whom the provisions of these Rules apply, a complete and up-to-date seniority list in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing clause.

- c) If two or more persons have equal length of continuous services in a particular grade or if the relative seniority of any person or persons is in doubt, the Registrar shall submit the matter etc. to
- d) the Executive Council whose decision shall be final.
- e) There shall be reservation maintained in all categories of posts for backward classes as per the norms and rules of the State Government.

31. Bye-Laws

The Executive Council shall frame Bye-Laws consistent with the Rules for administration and management of the DCDU. The Bye-Laws made under these Rules shall be subject to the previous sanction of the State Government and no Bye-Law shall be cancelled or added or altered without such sanction.

32. Funds, Accounts, Audit, and Annual Report.—(1) The books of accounts of the DCDU shall be maintained, managed, and operated in the name of the DCDU and not in the name of the Trust; and, shall be kept in such form as may be specified by the Executive Council and conform to the rules or regulations, if any, prescribed by the Commission, in this regard.

(2) Funds shall not be diverted at any time from the accounts of the DCDU to any other accounts, including to the accounts of the Trust or to any other body.

(3) The DCDU shall get its books of accounts audited annually, separately published and uploaded on the website of the DCDU; and the accounts of the DCDU shall be open for examination by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the accounts of the DCDU shall also, where required, be open for inspection by the Commission.

(4) The annual financial statements and accounts shall be audited by a qualified professional, a Member or Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, to be appointed by the DCDU:

Provided that, the Commission may, on receipt of information regarding financial impropriety or embezzlement or illegal diversion of funds from the accounts of the DCDU; or of fees being collected against the provisions of these regulations, issue a notice directing the DCDU to show cause as to why an inspection, including a forensic audit, not be ordered in respect of the complaint, and after providing a reasonable opportunity to the DCDU, the Commission may on being satisfied that there were sufficient grounds to proceed further,

cause an inspection by a team of the Commission or may direct a forensic audit; the report of and the inspection team and the forensic audit report taken together shall form the basis for the Commission to take further action, as it may be deemed fit, under these regulations including the recommendation for withdrawal of the DCDU status, to the Government.

- (5) Annual Reports, Annual Financial Statements, and Audit Reports shall be uploaded on the DCDU website and also on the Commission's portal, after due approval by the Executive Council and shall submit a copy of the annual report, Annual Financial Statements and annual audit report to the State Government.

33. Miscellaneous.— (1) The DCDU shall, as soon as may be, after the completion of the academic programme, and in no case later than one hundred and eighty days from the date of such completion, ensure that the degree, diploma, certificate, or any other qualification in respect of the programme of studies, is awarded and made available to students.

- (2) The DCDU shall compulsorily create Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), identities of its students and upload their credit scores in digital lockers and ensure that the credit scores are reflected in ABC portal and adopt Samarth-Gov.

- (3) The DCDU shall not at any time enter into any franchise agreement or arrangement, either overtly or covertly, with any individual or organisation for establishing, maintaining, or operating the off-campus or off-shore campus or constituent units or course or programme of study or department of the DCDU. except in the following cases, namely:—

(a) The DCDU may enter into an agreement or arrangement for practical training of students of skill-oriented vocational courses, if such course is approved by the University Grants Commission or any other body established under any Act of Parliament.

(b) twinning Programmes, Joint Degree Programmes, and Dual Degree Programmes shall be offered in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree, and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022.

(c) the income and property of the DCDU shall be utilised solely for promoting the objectives of the DCDU.

(d) the Commission shall have the power to issue directions to the DCDU for implementation of any public policy of the Government or in respect of any law in force, including appropriate directions in case of any violation of any law or policy by the DCDU.

(e) no portion of the income and property of the DCDU shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise how so ever by way of profit to the persons who were at any time or are members of the DCDU or to any of them or any persons claiming through them:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any member thereof or another person as consideration for any service rendered to the DCDU or for traveling or other allowances and such other charges.

(f) in consultation with the Commission, the Government shall have the power to impose such other conditions, not inconsistent with these regulations, in the notification, and the same shall be binding on the DCDU.

(g) where the DCDU wishes to surrender its status of "institution deemed to be University", it may do so with the prior permission of the Government; and similarly, withdrawal of any constituent units or off-campus or off-shore campus of the DCDU from the purview of the DCDU, shall require the Trust to take the prior permission of the Government:

Provided that such surrender or withdrawal, as the case may be, shall take effect only after the last batch of students on the rolls of the DCDU have been accorded the opportunity to qualify for the completion of the programme of study and award of degree.

(h) The DCDU shall furnish to the Central Government or the Commission such returns or other information with respect to its property or activities as the Central Government or the Commission may, from time to time, require, within such period as may be specified by the Central Government or Commission.

(i) Convocations of the DCDU for conferring the degrees or for other purposes shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules of the DCDU.

(j) The Executive Council may, by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members

present and voting, withdraw a degree of academic distinction conferred on, or any certificate or diploma granted to, any person by the DCDU for good and sufficient cause:

Provided that no such resolution shall be passed until a notice in writing has been given to that person calling upon him or her to show cause within such time as may be specified in the notice as to why such a resolution shall not be passed and until his or her objections, if any, and any evidence he or she may produce in support of them, have been considered by the Executive Council.

- (k) In the event of conflict of opinion with regard to the interpretation of these regulations, the opinion of the Commission shall be final.
- (l) The provisions contained in these regulations shall prevail in case of any inconsistency or conflicting provisions in any other regulations issued by the Commission under the provisions of the Act.

34. Legal proceedings.—(1) The Registrar may sue or be sued for the purpose of any legal proceedings against the DCDU, who shall have the power to enter into agreements, sign documents and authenticate records on behalf of the DCDU, and have the powers to exercise such powers and perform such duties under the provisions of these regulations.

(2) No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against the Government or the Commission in respect of anything done or purported or intended to be done in pursuance of any of these regulations.

35. Consequences of the violations of regulations.— Where the DCDU is found to have violated the provisions of these regulations or any other applicable regulations of the Commission, it may be subjected to one or more of the following actions, namely:—

- (a) for violation of these regulations established by the enquiry committee set up by the Commission or Government, the DCDU shall be warned in writing with public notice or barred from any expansion in terms of diversification to new courses or programmes of study or departments and establishment of off-campus or off-shore campuses, for a period of three years or as recommended by the enquiry committee, whichever is higher;
- (b) continuous violation of regulations established by the enquiry committee set up by the Commission or Government may result in closure of the courses or programmes of study

or Departments and off- campuses or constituent institutions or off-shore campuses or may result in withdrawal of the status of institution deemed to be University;

- (c) in order to protect the interests of students in case of surrender or withdrawal of the status, as the case may be, shall take effect only after the last batch of students on the rolls of the institution deemed to be University or its constituent units, has been accorded opportunity to qualify for the completion of the programme of study and award of degree.

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