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The Vice-Chancellor,
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Subject:- Establishment of Smt. Manjira Devi University, Hitanu Dhanari, Dunda, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand – regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter Nos. SMDU/2024/009 and No.SMDU/2024/029 dated 18.06.2024 and 22.07.2024 respectively on the subject cited above. The University has submitted attested copy of the **Uttarakhand Private University (Amendment) Act, 2024 (Uttarakhand Act No.5 of 2024)** which has been notified vide **Notification No.114/XXXVI(3)/2024/13(1)/2024** dated **16.03.2024** wherein the **Smt. Manjira Devi University, Hitanu Dhanari, Dunda, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand** has been established as a State (Private) University by the Government of Uttarakhand. The **Smt. Manjira Devi University, Hitanu Dhanari, Dunda, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand** has been come into force with effect from 16.03.2024 (Section 1(2) of the Act No.05 of 2024) Accordingly, the name of the University has been included in the list of universities maintained by UGC under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956. The list is available on the UGC website www.ugc.gov.in.

The University may note and adhere to the following:

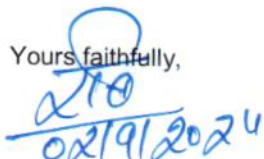
1. The inclusion of the name of the University in the list of universities maintained by the UGC does not by itself allow the University to make admissions in its programmes. This may be done only after creation of required academic and physical infrastructure facilities, including library, laboratories and appointment of teaching and supporting staff as per the norms and standards laid down by the UGC and Statutory Council(s) concerned.
2. The University is requested to submit detailed information (soft copy only in the prescribed format (available at UGC website at the link <https://www.ugc.gov.in/oldpdf/proformaprivateuniversities.pdf>) along with supporting documents duly attested by the Registrar of the University within a period of 3 months from the receipt of this letter. The University is also requested to upload the filled in format and appendices on its website by giving a link on the home page so that the information is accessible to the students and general public.
3. After receipt of the Information in the above mentioned format, the following procedure would be adopted by the UGC for inspection of the University:-
 - a. The information received from the University in the prescribed format would be posted on the UGC website within 10 days of the receipt of the information. Comments would be invited from the general public within 1 month thereafter about the information submitted by the University. The comments received from the general public would be placed before the UGC Expert Committee for perusal.
 - b. An Expert Committee would be constituted by the UGC to ascertain whether the University fulfils the criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc. as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies such as AICTE, BCI, NMC, DCI, INC, NCTE, PCI, etc.

- c. The UGC Expert Committee would inspect the University within 3 months of the receipt of the information for assessment of infrastructure and other facilities available with the University. The report submitted by the UGC Expert Committee would be sent to the University within 2 weeks of the completion of the visit for comments.
 - d. The University may respond to the report within a period of two weeks after its receipt. In case no comments are received from the University within the timeframe, it would be presumed that the University has no comments to offer and further action would be taken on the report. After receipt of comments from the University, the report and comments received from the University, if any, would be placed before a Standing Committee of the UGC. The recommendations of the Standing Committee would be then placed before the Commission for consideration.
 - e. The Commission shall take final decision in the matter. It may require the University to submit further compliance report in respect of the observations/suggestions of the UGC Expert Committee/Standing Committee. The compliance report submitted by the University shall be placed before the Commission for consideration.
 - f. On approval of the Commission, a letter would be issued by the UGC to the effect that the University fulfills the criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc. as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.
 - g. If it is found that the Private University has, even after getting an opportunity to do so, failed to comply with the provisions of the various UGC Regulations including UGC (Establishment of and maintenance of standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 and suggestions given by the UGC Expert Committee, the Commission may pass an order prohibiting the University from offering any course for the award of the degree and/or the post-graduate degree/diploma, as the case may be, till the deficiency is rectified.
 - h. The UGC may also take necessary action against a University awarding a first degree and /or a post-graduate degree, which are not specified by the UGC and inform the public in general through a public notification.
4. As per the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Prof. Yashpal Vs. State of Chhattisgarh, there is no provision to have Regional Centres/off-campus centres beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the State. In view of the judgement of Hon'ble apex court, the University is requested to adhere to the following:-
- a. No off-campus centre(s) is opened by the University outside the territorial jurisdiction of the State in view of the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in case of Prof. Yashpal Vs. State of Chhattisgarh.
 - b. In case the University has already started any off campus centre outside the State, it must be closed down immediately.
 - c. The university shall not establish/open/affiliate/recognise any off campus or constituent college/unit, outside the main campus of university, without the prior and specific approval of UGC.
 - d. It may also be ensured that any off campus centre within the State shall be opened only as per the provision laid down in the UGC (Establishment of and maintenance of standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 and with the prior approval of UGC.
 - e. The University shall not have any affiliated Colleges.
 - f. The University must ensure that there is no franchising of higher education even for the purpose of distance education.
 - g. The University has to follow University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, as amended from time to time.
5. No Open and Distance Learning programmes and on-line programmes shall be started without the prior approval of UGC. Relevant UGC Regulations are available on the UGC website www.ugc.gov.in.

6. The University is empowered to award degrees as specified under Section 22 of the UGC Act through its main campus in regular mode with the approval of Statutory Bodies of the University and Statutory Council(s), wherever required. However, universities can award only such degrees as specified by UGC. The University is required to follow the UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees 2014 and its amendments issued from time to time wherein consolidated list of UGC approved nomenclature of degrees has been specified under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 wherein entry level of each degree and duration of programme have been provided. The approved nomenclature may be followed by the specific area of specialization to be reflected in the parentheses. This notification is available on the UGC website www.ugc.gov.in under the link https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1061840_specification-of-degrees-july-2014.pdf.
7. The University shall immediately appoint an Ombudsperson in accordance with UGC (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023 for redressal of grievances of students preferably within two months of starting academic activities. The UGC (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023 is available on the UGC website at link https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/4675881_Regulation.pdf. The details of Ombudsperson should be displayed on the website of university and send to UGC also.
8. The University shall follow UGC guidelines on Public Self Disclosure by Higher Education Institutions which are available on UGC website at the link- https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/7822003_GUIDELINES-ON-PUBLIC-SELF-DISCLOSURE-BY-HIGHER-EDUCATION-INSTITUTIONS.pdf
9. The University is required to follow the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulation, 2003 and other Regulations issued from time to time and posted on UGC website.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority

Yours faithfully,


(R.I.S. Bhardwaj)
Under Secretary

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