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To,

The Chief Executive Officer,
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8P & 9P, KIADB Industrial Area
Electronics City 1st Phase
Bangalore 560100

Sub: Recognition to IFIM Business School, Bangalore, Karnataka for offering programmes through distance mode - reg.,

Sir/Madam,

1. This has reference to the application of your University seeking recognition of erstwhile Distance Education Council for offering programmes through distance mode. In this connection a visiting expert committee comprising nominees of UGC, AICTE and DEC was constituted which visited your University and submitted its recommendations.
2. Attention in this regard is invited to Notification F.No.1-4/2013 (CPP-II), dated 17th June 2013 of University Grants Commission with regard to transfer of regulatory functions of the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) to UGC (copy enclosed). In pursuance of the same, your request for recognition was considered by the competent authority and it has been decided by the Commission to grant recognition to your University for the academic year 2013-14 to 2015-16 to offer the following programmes through ODL mode :

I. Programmes recognized

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Minimum Duration	Eligibility Criteria for admissions
1	PGDM	2 Years	Graduation in any discipline and a valid score in I. an Entrance Test conducted by the institute (IFIM) or II. any other National/ State level Entrance Test such as MAT/ GMAT/ CAT/ PG CET /KMAT etc.
2	PGDM (Finance)	2 Years	Graduation in any discipline and a valid score in I. an Entrance Test conducted by the institute (IFIM) or II. any other National/ State level Entrance Test such as MAT/ GMAT/

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			CAT/ PG CET /KMAT etc.
3	PGDM (International Business)	2 Years	Graduation in any discipline and a valid score in I. an Entrance Test conducted by the institute (IFIM) or II. any other National/ State level Entrance Test such as MAT/ GMAT/ CAT/ PG CET /KMAT etc.

3. The University shall comply with the following specific recommendations of the visiting expert committee:

- a) The infrastructural facilities measuring 6400 Sq. ft. earmarked for the Centre of Distance Learning of the Institute be exclusively used for programmes under distance mode.
- b) The SLM for all the programmes should be ready before the commencement.
- c) The eligibility criteria and admission process for all the three programmes should be as per the norms of AICTE.
- d) The Institution may make use of all modes of ICT and develop e-modules of Management education.
- e) Since the Institute is non-affiliating unit and stand alone, authorities must ensure effective governance in its system.

4. The above recognition is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- i) The University shall offer only above mentioned programmes through distance mode, which are approved by the UGC as above.
- ii) It is the responsibility of the University/Institution to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC/AICTE/any other, and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required, for any specific programme mentioned above. Nomenclature of all programmes should be as per UGC/AICTE. No teacher training programmes can be offered without prior approval of the NCTE even for distance mode.
- iii) The eligibility conditions for admissions will be as per UGC/AICTE norms. For professional and technical programmes norms laid down by the AICTE should be followed. No admission to MBA, PGDM, & MCA programmes can be done without ensuring that the student has secured a valid score in the entrance test/examination for the purpose.
- iv) The minimum duration of a programme should be similar to the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode.
- v) The University should have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters.
- vi) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of Universities 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(CFP-II), dated 27th June 2013, a copy of which is enclosed and is also hosted

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in the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in. In respect of standalone Institutions (other than the Universities), the territorial jurisdiction will be headquarters.

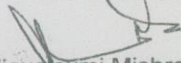
5. Franchising arrangement for offering programmes through distance mode in any form is not allowed.
6. The Institution's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring and regulation by the concerned regulatory authorities.

It may be noted that before launching the programme/s, the Institution should submit an affidavit within 30 days from date of issue of this letter that it agrees to and will abide by all terms and conditions contained in the recognition letter. In case, the UGC does not receive the affidavit within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, the approval accorded to your Institution will be liable to be withdrawn.

It may also be noted that:

- (a) If the institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, the UGC may withdraw its recognition.
- (b) 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 of the students enrolled.

Yours faithfully,


Bijayalaxmi Mishra
Deputy Director

Copy to:

1. The Director, Directorate of Distance Education, IFIM Business School, Bangalore, Karnataka
2. Secretary, Higher Education, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka.
3. Member Secretary, AICTE, 7th floor, Chanderlok building, Janpath, New Delhi 110001
4. Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary, MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
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