



Government of Maharashtra

No. SFU -2021/C.R.8/Uni-4
Higher and Technical Education Dept.
Mantralaya Annex 4th Fl.
Mumbai 400032.
Date: 24 November, 2021.

To,

President,
Maharashtra Cosmopolitan Education Society,
2390-B, K.B.Hidayatullah Road,
Camp,
Pune-411 001.

**Subject : Letter of Intent for establishment of Self-financed
University in Maharashtra.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your application along with detailed project report submitted to the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra bearing letter No. MCES/SiffU/2020/02/006/2021 Date 12 January, 2021. We are pleased to inform you that we are issuing this Letter of Intent under clause 7(1) of model guidelines for establishment of self-financed university in Maharashtra issued on 19th January, 2019 and providing you with an opportunity to establish a quality self-financed university in the State of Maharashtra.

In order to qualify for and establish a self-financed university in the state you need to comply with the following points and provide necessary information as mentioned below within a maximum period of one year from the date of issuance of the Letter. In case of failure to comply with any of the points mentioned within the stipulated time frame, the proposal submitted shall stand rejected and the letter of intent would also stand withdrawn.

1. Establishment of Endowment Fund for Self-Financed University

An Endowment fund should be established for the proposed university as per the guidelines.

- P.A. Inamdar University, Pune as the Proposed University is to be located at 2390-B, K.B. Hidayatullah Road, Azam Campus, Camp., Tal. Haveli, Dist: Pune, Maharashtra: Rs.10 Crore of Endowment fund should be established.

2. Land/Building Ownership Documents

- Documentary proof like Sale deed, 7/12 extracts, property card, location maps, directional maps (Google Maps) should be provided in order to show land is owned by the sponsoring body.
- Lease / Sub-lease Agreement needs to be provided in case land is on lease.
- Documentary proof from local authority like Tehsildar / MMRDA / any other concerned authority as applicable should be provided in order to clarify the concerned area comes under one of the following categories – Rural / Tehsil or district HQ / Divisional HQ / Mumbai Metropolitan Region.
- If any part of the proposed land is agricultural then District collector's/concerned authority permission need to be provided for Non-Agricultural usage.
- Land requirement criteria should be fulfilled as per clause 8(2) of guidelines issued for establishment of self-financed University in Maharashtra.
- Acquisition of land and infrastructural facilities should be as per the proposed programs of study.

3. Location and Headquarters

- Exact location of the proposed university should be provided with full address and clear directional maps. Maps should clearly show the boundaries of the proposed university. It is expected that the university shall operate from a single campus within specified boundaries.
- Campus Master Plan dedicated for the proposed university only should be provided showing various disciplines and facilities including sports facilities. Existing infrastructure and infrastructure (existing + proposed) dedicated for the proposed university should be clearly demarcated.
- Existing and proposed construction status including cost and area of construction for the next 5 years for various facilities should be explained.

4. Student Admission and Selection

Declaration on following points should be provided:

- The admissions in the University shall be made strictly on the basis of merit. (as per clause 8(5) of guidelines)
- **Reservation:** As per the State Government Policy of reservation and amendments thereof time to time shall strictly follow.

The fees or any other expenditure due to such reservation shall not be reimbursed by the Government.

The Universities established by minorities shall be excluded from the ambit of the said reservation.

- Out of the total approved intake capacity, 40% of the seats shall be reserved for the students having Domicile of Maharashtra. An undertaking on the same should be provided.
- Give undertaking to abide by the rules, regulations and policies issued by the State Government from time to time regarding reservation for students and staff in the self-financed university.
- Fulfill such other conditions and provide such other information as may be prescribed by the Universities Grants Commission and any other Statutory Body established by law.
- Information regarding detailed course wise admission process and details related to entrance tests should also be provided.

- The National Minority Educational Act, 2004 is applicable throughout the country. The provisions of this Act shall apply to the Self Finance University.

5. Minimum Infrastructural Requirements etc.

- Approved construction and building plans from concerned authorities (Municipal Corporation / Collectors office (rural) / Nagar panchayat (rural) / clearance from any other local authorities as applicable)
- Construction of 15,000 square meters of covered space for administrative purposes and for conducting academic programs, if not already constructed.
- Purchase books and journals of at least Rs.10 lacs or as per the norms of regulating bodies, whichever is higher, and give undertaking to invest within first 3 years not less than Rs.50 lacs or as per the norms of regulating bodies, whichever is higher, on books, journals, computers, library networking and other facilities so as to make the library facilities adequate for contemporary teaching and research;
- Purchase of equipment, computers, furniture, other mobile and immobile assets and infrastructure facilities worth Rs.20 lacs or as per the norms of regulating bodies and give undertaking to procure within the first 5 years, equipment, computers, furniture, other mobile and immobile assets and infrastructure facilities worth not less than Rs.1 crore or as per the norms of regulating bodies, whichever is higher ;
- Information regarding Projection on infrastructural development should be provided over the next 5 years including cost and area to be developed.

6. Staff Recruitment and other activities

- Information on Existing staff to be transferred to proposed university (if any) along with projection on teaching and non-teaching staff recruitment (designation wise) as per the proposed courses needs to be provided.
- Give undertaking to appoint at least 1 Professor, 2 Readers / associate professor and adequate number of Lecturers / Assistant professors along with necessary supporting staff as per the proposed courses in each department or discipline to be started by the University, before the university starts functioning.
- Give undertaking to take up co-curricular activities like seminars, debates, quiz programs and extracurricular activities like games, sports, National Service Scheme, National Cadet Corps etc. for the benefit of students as per the norms laid down by the regulating bodies.
- Give undertaking for establishment of provident fund and to take up welfare programs for the employees of the University.
- Fulfil such other conditions and provide such other information as may be prescribed by the University Grants Commission, All India Council for Technical Education or any other statutory body established by the law of the Union or State Government.

7. Programs of study

- Programs of study as per UGC nomenclature should be mentioned including phase wise introduction of courses over the next 5 years and enrollment targets for each of the courses.
- UG Diploma programs cannot be a part of the proposed university.

8. Financial Projections

Information on following points needs to be provided

- Financial projections like capital expenditure, recurring expenditure, loan repayment statements, Internal fund generations, mobilization of resources should be explained in details for the next 5 years.
- Projections should be correlated to each other wherever necessary.
- Basis of calculation should be clearly mentioned such as cost of construction, staff salary, fees etc.

9. Research and Innovation

Information on following points needs to be provided

- Proposed programs of research along with facilities, development plan, objectives, benefits to society etc. should be clearly explained.
- Innovative ideas to be implemented for improvement of higher and technical education in the state would be appreciated.

10. Dissolution of University

- Give undertaking not to dissolve the University before 15 years of its establishment and if the University is dissolved before 15 years all the assets of the University without liabilities and free from all encumbrances will vest with the Government.
- Give undertaking that all the assets of the University without liabilities and free from all encumbrances will vest with the Government if the University is dissolved on account of the contravention of provisions of the Act, Rules, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, directives of the Government and other statutory bodies.

11. Declaration on Correctness of information

A Declaration should be provided regarding the information, facts and figures provided so far in the detailed project report and subsequent compliance reports are true, and in case of any deviation from this the application is liable to be rejected on immediate basis.

In addition to the above mentioned requirements Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra may ask for any additional information as and when necessary.

All the above mentioned points needs to be complied with within a period of maximum one year from the date of issuance of this letter and report to be submitted for verification. In case of any clarification the sponsoring body may contact Department of Higher and Technical Education, Mantralaya, Mumbai.



(Ajit Bawiskar)

Deputy Secretary, Gov. of Maharashtra.

University
open to all.

11. (1) No citizen of India shall be excluded from any office of the university or from membership of any of its authorities, bodies or committees, or from appointment to any post, or from admission to any degree, diploma, certificate or other academic distinction or course of study on the ground only of sex, race, creed, class, caste, place of birth, religious belief or profession, or political or other opinion.

(2) The university shall adopt policies and orders of the Government issued, from time to time, in regard to the reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-notified Tribes (*Vimukta Jatis*), Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Special Backward Category and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for the purpose of admission of students in the departments and institutions of the university.

(3) The university shall adopt the general policy of the State Government in regard to the welfare of various categories of weaker sections of the society and minorities as directed by the State Government, from time to time.

University to
be self-
financed.

12. Every university established under this Act shall be self-financed. The university shall not be entitled to any financial assistance of any nature from the Government and any student admitted to university shall not be entitled to claim for any type of financial assistance or scholarship or reimbursement of fees from the State Government.

Endowment
fund.

13. (1) The sponsoring body shall establish an endowment fund for the university with such amount as may be specified by an order issued by the Government.

(2) The endowment fund shall be used as security deposit to ensure that the university complies with the provisions of this Act and rules, Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations made thereunder.

(3) The Government shall have the powers to forfeit, in the prescribed manner, a part or whole of the endowment fund in case the university or the sponsoring body contravenes the provisions of this Act and rules, Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations made thereunder.

(4) Income from endowment fund may be utilized for development of infrastructure of the university, but shall not be utilized to meet the recurring expenditure of the university.

(5) The amount of endowment fund shall be invested by the university until the dissolution of the university, by way of fixed deposit in the Nationalized Bank with Director of Higher Education as joint holder, subject to the condition that the amounts so invested from the fund shall not be withdrawn without the permission of the Government.

General fund.

14. The university shall also establish a fund, which shall be called the general fund to which following shall be credited, namely:-

- (a) fees and other charges received by the university;
- (b) any contribution made by the sponsoring body;
- (c) any income received from consultancy and other works undertaken by the university;
- (d) bequests, donations, endowments and any other grants; and
- (e) all other sums received by the university.