

## HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Madam Cama Marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk  
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032, dated the 10th October 2018.

### NOTIFICATION

MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES ACT, 2016.

No. Parini. 2018/C.R.83/Vishi-2.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (10) of section 72 read with section 130 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Mah. VI of 2017), the Government of Maharashtra hereby, prescribes the following uniform Statute relating to convocation, namely :—

### UNIFORM STATUTE No. 4 OF 2018.

1. *Short title.*—This Statute may be called the Maharashtra Public Universities (Convocation) Uniform Statute, 2018.

2. *Definitions.*—In this Statute, unless the context otherwise requires :—

(1) “Convocation” means a ceremonial assembly of a University, normally held for conferring degrees, diplomas, certificates, academic distinctions and other awards to its eligible candidates;

(2) “Graduation Ceremony” means ceremonial assembly of an affiliated college or recognised institution held for conferment of degrees, diplomas, certificates and other awards to its eligible students.

3. *Procedure to be Followed.*—(1) academic calendar published by the University, in addition to the schedules for academic activities, the tentative dates for convocation shall be included.

(2) The convocation shall be held within 120 days from the date of declaration of results of examinations.

(3) Convocation shall be held on the dates to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Chancellor.

(4) In the meeting preceeding to the convocation, the Academic Council shall recommend to the Management Council, the names of persons who are eligible for award of degrees, diplomas, certificates and academic distinctions. Upon recommendation of the Academic Council, the Management Council shall accord approval to confer such degrees, diplomas, certificates and academic distinctions upon such eligible persons.

(5) No degree, diploma, certificate and academic distinction shall be conferred unless the same has been specified by the University Grants Commission and instituted by the University in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Such degrees, diplomas, certificates and academic distinctions shall be prescribed by the Ordinance.

(6) The University shall notify a programme for convocation at least thirty days before the date so fixed.

(7) Convocation shall include the ceremonial aspects, as per the provisions made for them in the Ordinances.

(8) The University shall have the power to assign affiliated colleges or recognised institutions to hold graduation ceremony for their students on its behalf, on the date so fixed, for the purpose of distribution of degrees :

Provided that such graduation ceremony shall be held by the affiliated colleges or recognised institution within one month after the convocation is held by the University.

(9) Such affiliated colleges or recognised institutions shall be required to abide by the directions of the University and hold the graduation ceremonies as per the schedule fixed.

(10) The University shall furnish an annual report to the University Grants Commission on the observance of the above provisions, within forty-five days after the convocation is held.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

SIDHHARTH KHARAT,  
Joint Secretary to Government.