



**F.No. 2-1/2017 (DEB-III/DEB-IV)**

**Date: May, 2017**

✓ **The Registrar**  
**Tamil Nadu Open University**  
**No. 577, Anna Salai**  
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**Chennai-600 015**

19 MAY 2017

**Sub:** *Permission to start M.Phil/Ph.D programmes under Regular Mode as per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016- reg.*

Sir,

This is with reference to your letter F.No. TNOU/Research/-77/2017/543 dated 27.02.2017 submitting therewith a duly notarised affidavit dated 27.02.2017 signed by Dr. S. Vijayan, Registrar to the effect that University will strictly follow UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degrees) Regulations 2016 and will abide by all its clauses in toto.

In this context, I am directed to convey the approval of UGC to start M.Phil/Ph.D programme under Regular/Part-Time mode by the University subject to the condition that the essential clauses of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016 (Copy enclosed) pertaining to eligibility criteria for admission to M.Phil/Ph.D programme, duration of programme, procedure for admission, allocation of Research Supervisor, Course Work, Research Advisory Committee, Evaluation and Assessment Methods and Depository with INFLIBNET must be followed in letter and spirit. It may be noted that as per Clause 11 of the Regulations, no university is permitted to conduct M.Phil/Ph.D programmes through distance education mode.

In case if there is any deviation in implementing the clauses of UGC Regulations, 2016, the permission would be deemed to be treated as withdrawn. Above permission is subject to the condition that Act/Statute/Ordinance /Rule of the University provide for the same.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
**(Dr. Avichal Kapur)**  
Joint Secretary