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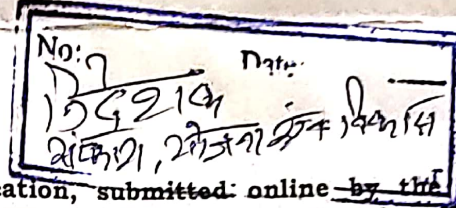
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F.No. 6-7/2018 (DEB-III)

15 OCT 2019 Date: October, 2019

The Registrar,
Vardhman Mahaveer Open University
Rawatbhata Road,
Kota-324 021
(Rajasthan)



Subject: Commission order on the application, submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode under UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 - regarding.

Reference: Recognition status uploaded on UGC website on 31.07.2019 as per approval of the Competent Authority.

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 26 read with clause (j) of Section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017, had been notified in the Gazette of India on 23.06.2017. The first, the second and the third amendment in the principal regulations were notified in the Gazette of India on 11.10.2017, 06.02.2018 and 06.09.2018 respectively.

2. Part-II; sub-regulations (3) to (5); of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 describes the Recognition process of Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes. The sub-regulations (3) describes the process of recognition of Higher Educational Institutions offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning Mode, whereas sub-regulations (4) describes the process for withdrawal of recognition and sub-regulations (5) provides right to appeal to Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the decision of the Commission.

3. The Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes. The application received from the Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Rajasthan, had been scrutinized by the Expert Committee and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated and time period as prescribed in University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 was given to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence. Subsequently, the HEI was invited for interface and representation meetings with the duly constituted Expert Committee.

4. Thereafter, an Expert Committee visit was conducted to assess/evaluate the adequacy and appropriateness of the facilities and preparedness of the HEI to offer programmes in ODL mode as per the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.

5. The report of visiting Expert Committee was considered by the Expert (Review) Committees constituted by the Chairman, UGC to make recommendations to the Commission/Competent Authority. The Expert (Review) Committee based on the application submitted, clarification given for deficiency(s) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the report of visiting Expert Committee alongwith documentary evidence enclosed with the report and in terms of provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission/Competent Authority, which have been approved by the Competent Authority.

6. Based on the approval of the Competent Authority, the decision of the Commission was communicated to the HEI on **31.07.2019** through DEB web portal at the registered e-mail address. The scanned copy of the recommendation sheets of the Expert (Review) Committee was also e-mailed.

7. I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning mode for the academic year 2019-20 (session beginning July, 2019 and January, 2020 only); as detailed in point no. 8 below.

8. **Programme wise recognition status**

8(A) **Programmes Recognized**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition (as per point 6 above)
1	Master of Science (Botany)	2019 -20 (Session beginning from July 2019 and January, 2020 only)
2	Master of Science (Zoology)	
3	Master of Science (Physics)	
4	Master of Science (Chemistry)	
5	Master of Science (Geography)	

8(B) **Programmes found deficient**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiency
Nil	Nil	Nil

9. For the programmes recognized in 8(A) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide in letter and spirit by all the terms and conditions, while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode, as per the provisions detailed in Part-III, Part-IV, Part-V, Part-VI and Annexure-I to Annexure-XI of the University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions given in UGC (ODL) Regulation, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure-1**.

10. If the HEI 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, or if any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the HEI is found to be false or fake at a later date, UGC shall take action as per Regulation (4), Part -II of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

11. Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are required to comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. If any deviation by the HEI is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission/ recognition for such ODL courses but also for other courses offered by the institutions, on regular and conventional mode.

12. The Commission in its 537th meeting held on 10.12.2018 has decided the time limit for completion of admission process by the HEIs for offering ODL programmes as mentioned below:

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| a) Academic session for January | - admission last date February end |
| b) Academic session for July | - admission last date September end* |

*The Public Notice, No. 1-11/2019 (DEB-I) dated 11.09.2019 "In continuation to the UGC notification F.No. 1-1/2019 (DEB-I) dated 31.07.2019 **the last date of admission, for all the HEIs already recognized as on 31.07.2019 to offer programmes in ODL mode for the academic session 2019-20, session beginning in July, 2019 has been extended from 31st August, 2019 to 30th September, 2019, due to natural calamity in various states across the Country and for this time only**".

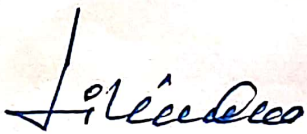
The Commission has also directed that the HEIs shall upload the admission details within ten days from the last date of the admissions in the respective academic session i.e. 10th September for July academic session (10th of October, 2019 for July, 2019 session only) and 10th March for January academic session. Accordingly, the HEIs shall comply with the above decision of Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(Jitendra)
Education Officer

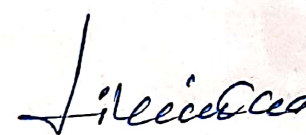
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1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Rajasthan, Department of College Education Block- IV, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Shiksha Sanku, ~~Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302025 (Rajasthan)~~ with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and its amendments.
2. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Vice-Chancellor, Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Rawatbhata Road, Kota-324 021 (Rajasthan)
4. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, New Delhi
5. The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.
6. Guard file.


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Education Officer

Conditions

1. The Higher Educational Institution shall comply with the deployment of manpower and other support at Learner Support Centre/Study Centre as per University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments from time to time.
2. The Higher Educational Institution shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University and by UGC and by the Regulatory Authority, as applicable.
3. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any programme in engineering, Medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any other regulatory body.
4. The Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the terms and conditions mentioned in Affidavit submitted to the Commission.
5. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to clause 11 of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016.
6. The HEI shall establish Examination Centre within the territorial jurisdiction of the HEI subject to condition laid down in clause 7 (i) to (v) of section 13 in Part-IV.
7. In case, Higher Educational Institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition, appropriate punitive action(s), as per provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, shall be taken by the Commission.
8. The Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Rajasthan shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure - IV of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.



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