

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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F.No. DEB/NSOU/KKT/WB/09
Date: 21st August 2013

To,

The Vice-Chancellor
Netaji Subhash Open University
1, Woodburn, Park, Kolkata – 700 020 (WB)

Sub.: Continuation of recognition to Netaji Subhash Open University, Kolkata, WB for offering programmes through distance mode reg.,

Sir/Madam,

1. Reference is invited to DEC letter F.No. DEC/OU/Recog/2008/7834, dated 8th April 2008 vide which your University was accorded recognition for offering programmes through distance mode for a period of 05 years i.e. academic year 2008-09 to 2012-13 as per decision of erstwhile Distance Education Council.
2. Attention in this regard is also 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 continuation of recognition was considered by the competent authority and it has been decided by the Commission to grant continuance of provisional recognition for one academic year i.e. 2013-14 to offer the programmes (approved by the statutory bodies/ authorities of your University) through ODL mode as indicated earlier in the DEC letter F.No. DEC/OU/Recog/2008/7834, dated 8th April 2008 (copy enclosed).
3. The above recognition is subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i) The University shall offer only those programmes through distance mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University as per norms and wherever necessary by the Apex regulatory bodies in the country.
 - 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 programme in the area of engineering, pharmacy, medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy etc or any other not permitted by respective apex regulatory bodies should be offered through distance mode. 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

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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(CPP-II), dated 27th June 2013, a copy of which is enclosed and is also hosted in the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in. In respect of standalone Institutions (other than the Universities), the territorial jurisdiction will be headquarters.
4. Franchising arrangement for offering programmes through distance mode in any form is not allowed.
5. 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.
6. 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,

Bijaya Laxmi Mishra
Dy. Director

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Govt of West Bengal,
2. The Member Secretary, AICTE, 7th floor, Chanderlok building, Janpath, New Delhi 110001
3. Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110 015.
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