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✓ The Registrar
Netaji Subhas Open University
DD-26, Sector-I, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata, West Bengal
PIN- 700 064.

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Sub: Commission Order on the application submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution (HEI) for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning from October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

1. UGC has notified the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments. Regulations 3, 4 and 5 describe the eligibility criterion for HEI, the process of application and the approval process for ODL and Online Programmes whereas Regulation 6 describes provisions of the right to appeal by the HEIs aggrieved with the order of the Commission.
2. The Commission invited online applications from the eligible HEIs for recognition of the programmes under ODL mode and/or Online mode from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning from October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards vide Public Notice F.No. 1-16/2024 (DEB-I) dated 6th May, 2024.
3. Application received from **Netaji Subhas Open University, West Bengal** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Virtual Interface Expert Committee (IEC) duly constituted by the Chairman, UGC. The details of the meetings are as under:

Sr.No.	Name of the Committee	Date of meeting	Date of recommendation sheet shared with the HEI
For ODL Programmes:			
1.	Interface Expert Committee	27.08.2024	14.10.2024

4. Based on the recommendations of IEC and its approval by Competent Authority/Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme-wise recognition for the programmes to be offered in **ODL mode** from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning from October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards.

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5. Programme wise recognition status

(i) Open and Distance Learning Programme Recognized:

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL EDUCATION (INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY/ VISUAL IMPAIRMENT /HEARING IMPAIRMENT) – (2.5 years)	2024-25 academic session beginning from October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) to 2028-29 up to February, 2029 only.
2.	MASTER OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL EDUCATION (INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY/ HEARING IMPAIRMENT) - (2.5 years)	

Note: Programmes falling under the ambit of Regulatory Authority have been considered on the basis of communication/recommendation/MoU received from respective Regulatory Authority (RCI). HEI shall strictly abide by the conditions such as nomenclature, valid academic year, period of recognition, intake, centre etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter while offering programme(s) in ODL mode.

(ii) Open and Distance Learning Programme Not Recognized:

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Reason for non-recognition
NIL		

(iii) Open and Distance Learning/Online Programmes withdrawn by the HEI:

Sr. No.	Programme Name
1.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (FINANCE MANAGEMENT)
2.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)
3.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MARKETING MANAGEMENT)

6. For the programmes recognized in the aforementioned table, the HEI shall comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments while offering the programmes in ODL/Online mode.

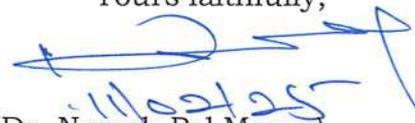
7. Therefore, application of the HEI for academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning from October (revised from July-August, 2024) **stands closed**.

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8. In the event any HEI is found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode without recognition of the Commission or in violation to any of the provisions of these regulations and guidelines or orders made there under, the Commission may take actions as per regulation 7 of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
9. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the HEI.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Naresh Pal Meena)
Education Officer

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1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, Department of Higher Education, Bikash Bhavan, 6th Floor, East Block Saltlake, Kolkata, West Bengal-700091, with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
2. The Economic Advisor, Distance Learning Section, MoE, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi – 110 070.
4. The Chairman, Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), B-22, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110 016.
5. The Vice-Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University, DD-26, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, West Bengal, PIN- 700 064.
6. Deputy Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.


(Amit Saini)
Section Officer

