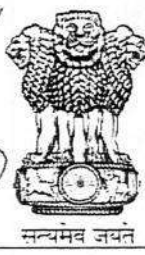


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Sub:- Commission decision on the appeal submitted by the HEI under Regulation 6 of Part II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2023-24, session beginning July-August, 2023 and onwards - regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the Commission Order of even number dated **31st October, 2023**, wherein the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee were communicated to **Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, West Bengal**.

2. As per the provisions under Regulation 6 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, the Higher Educational Institution was provided an opportunity to submit an appeal along with requisite fee and documentary evidence for the programme(s) not recognized as per the UGC letter cited in above para, if any, within 30 days from the date of the communication of assessment sheet of the Interface Expert Committee (as communicated in the said UGC letter).
3. The appeal along with documents submitted by the **Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, West Bengal** was placed before duly constituted Standing Appellate Committee in the virtual meeting held on **26.07.2023**. The Standing Appellate Committee based on the appeal submitted along with documentary evidence, interaction with HEI's representatives and the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Competent Authority/Commission.
4. Based on the recommendations of Standing Appellate Committee and its approval by Competent Authority/Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the decision, on the appeal submitted by HEI for offering programmes in **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2023-24 session beginning from **July-August, 2023** and onwards, by **Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, West Bengal** as detailed in point no. 5 below. The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB web portal on 31.07.2023.
5. **Programme-wise recognition status based on appeal submitted by the HEI (communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 31.07.2023):**

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(i) **Reversal of earlier decision: 05 (Five)**

S.No.	Name of the ODL Programme(s)	Period of Recognition
1.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL EDUCATION - INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY/HEARING IMPAIRMENT/VISUAL IMPAIRMENT)	2023-24, academic session beginning July-August, 2023) to 2024-25 (academic session July-August, 2024 only)
2.	MASTER OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL EDUCATION - INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY/HEARING IMPAIRMENT)	
3.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (EDUCATION)	2023-24 academic session beginning from July-August, 2023 to 2027-28 (upto January, 2028 only).
4.	MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)	
5.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION*	2023-24, academic session July-August, 2023 and January 2024 only

* Based on the recommendations of AICTE, Expert Committee has recommended the proposed MBA (Marketing Management/Financial Management/Human Resource Management) programme for recognition as **Master of Business Administration (MBA)**.

Note: - The B.Ed. Special Education, M.Ed. Special Education and MBA programme (falling under the ambit of RCI & AICTE) have been considered on the basis of communication/NOC/approval/recommendations received from RCI and AICTE. The HEI shall strictly abide by the conditions such as nomenclature, valid academic year, period of recognition etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter while offering B.Ed. Special Education, M.Ed. Special Education and MBA programme in ODL mode.

(ii) **Appeal disposed off for the following programme(s): Nil**

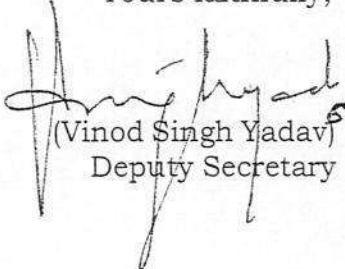
6. For the programmes recognized in 5(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.

7. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulations 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020:-

"No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning Programme and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition".

8. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning 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 shall take action(s) as per Regulations 7 of Part-II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
9. The application of the HEI for the academic year 2023-24, session beginning July - August, 2023 and onwards **stands closed**.
10. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the Higher Educational Institution.


Yours faithfully,


(Vinod Singh Yadav) 5/12/23
Deputy Secretary

Encl:- As above

Copy to:-

1. The Principal 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, Ministry of Education, 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 - 700 064.
6. The Deputy Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.
7. Guard file.


(Dr. N.P. Meena)
Education Officer