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The Registrar,
University of Kashmir
Hazratbal, Srinagar
Kashmir- 190006.

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 from academic year 2018-19 session beginning from January, 2019 and onwards - regarding.

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 amendment 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 from the academic session 2018-19 vide public notice F.No. 2-4/2018 (DEB-I) dated 17.09.2018, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be open from 18th September, 2018 to 5th October, 2018. It was also mentioned that the duly certified hard copies of the application submitted online mode along with annexures shall reach UGC (DEB) office at 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001 within 10 working days of submission of online application. In response to the public notice dated 17.09.2018, **University of Kashmir** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **University of Kashmir** 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.

5. The **University of Kashmir** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the UGC; on 20th, December, 2018 at UGC office, 35 Feroz Shah Road, New Delhi. The Expert Committee based on the application submitted, clarification given for deficiency(s) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting 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.

6. Based on the decision of the Expert Committee recommendations and approval of the Competent Authority, 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 from academic year 2018-19 beginning January, 2019 onwards by the **University of Kashmir**; as detailed in point no. 7 below.

7. **Programme wise recognition status**

7(A) **Programmes Recognized**

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition
1	MA/MSc. (MATHEMATICS)	2018-19 to 2019 -20 (2018-19, session beginning from January, 2019 onwards.)
2	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
3	MASTER OF COMMERCE	
4	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	
5	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
6	MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)	
7	MASTER OF ARTS (ISLAMIC STUDIES)	
8	MASTER OF ARTS (URDU)	

The list of recognized Learner Support Centres/Study Centres will be available shortly.

7(B) **Programmes found deficient**

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiency
1.	LLB (ACADEMIC TWO YEARS)	1. Nomenclature is not as the UGC specification of degrees. 2. No approval from regulatory body (BCI).

8. For the programmes recognized in 7(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**.

9. For the programmes found deficient in 7(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of this order as per the provision at clause 4(i) of sub-regulation (3) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.

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.

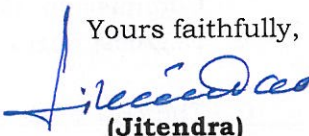
11. Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are required to comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. If any deviation by the HEI is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission/ recognition for such ODL courses but also for other courses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

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 and 10th March for January academic session. Accordingly, the HEIs shall comply with the above decision of Commission.

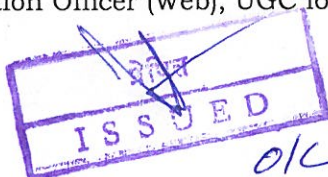
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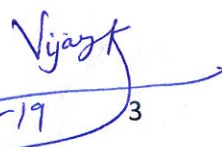

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Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir *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 Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi
4. The Secretary, Bar Council of India, 21, Rouse Avenue, Institutional Area, New Delhi, Delhi 110002
5. The Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar Kashmir- 190006.
6. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC
7. The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.
8. Guard file.

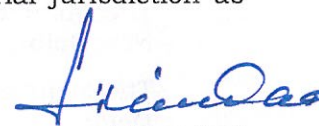



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Conditions

1. The total intake capacity (Number of learners) in Open and Distance Learning mode in Higher Educational Institution and/or Learner Support Centre/Study Centre shall be as mentioned in clause 6 of Annexure-X of the University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.
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 to all the terms and conditions mentioned in Affidavit dated 01st October, 2018 duly notarized and signed by Prof. Nilofer Khan, Registrar, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 26th October, 2018
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 **University of Kashmir** shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure – IV of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.


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