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The Registrar

**Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University
C- 28, The Lower Mall, Patiala
Punjab- 147001**

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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) mode from 2021-22, Academic Session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July, 2021) onwards-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) 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 Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 was notified in the Gazette of India on 4th September, 2020 and amendment to these Regulations was notified in the Gazette of India on 1st July, 2021.

2. The eligibility criterion for Higher Educational Institution is enumerated under Regulation 3 in Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment. The Regulation 4 and 5 describe the process of application and the approval process for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes whereas Regulations 6 describe provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulations 7 describe the process of withdrawal of Recognition.

3. The University Grants Commission has notified the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021, in the Gazette of India on 1st July, 2021. In accordance with these Regulations, the Commission had invited online application from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes from 2021-22, the academic session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July, 2021) and onwards vide public notice F. No. 1-23/2021 (DEB-I) dated 14th July, 2021, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting application shall be open upto 31.07.2021. The last date for submitting duly certified hard copies was 10.08.2021. The **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab** had submitted its application for recognition of the ODL Programmes.

4. Application received from **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab** dated 29.07.2021 had been scrutinized and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated to HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) along with relevant documentary evidence.

5. As the HEI had applied first time since the notification of Regulations, the **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab** was visited virtually by the Visiting Expert Committee (VEC) constituted by the Chairman, UGC on 25.11.2021 in the UGC office, 35, Feroz Shah Road, New Delhi - 110 001.

6. The report of the Visiting Expert Committee was considered by the Expert (Review) Committee (ERC) held on 29.11.2021. The Expert (Review) Committee based on the application submitted, clarification given for the deficiency(s) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the report of Visiting Expert Committee along with documentary evidence enclosed with the report and in terms of provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission, which have been approved by the Competent Authority.

7. Based on Commission decision taken in its 550th meeting held on 18th February, 2021, recommendations of Expert Review Committee (ERC) and its approval by the Competent Authority, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme wise recognition for the programmes to be offered in ODL mode from year 2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July, 2021) onwards by the **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab** as detailed in point no. 8 below.

The Expert Review Committee recommendation sheet approved by Competent Authority along with VEC report has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 30.11.2021.

8. **Programme wise recognition status**

8 (i) **ODL Programmes Recognized**

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Period of Recognition
1.	Bachelor of Arts (Liberal Arts)*	Academic session beginning November, 2021 (Revised from July, 2021) to 2025-2026 (upto Jan, 2026 Only)
2.	Bachelor of Commerce (Digital)	
3.	Bachelor of Science (Data Science)#	

* Bachelor of Liberal Arts recommended as Bachelor of Arts (Liberal Arts)

#To be commensurate with the capacity of the LSC to provide lab facilities to the learner.

- LSCs are approved as per the attached list of LSC wise programmes submitted by the HEI.
- For the programmes of B.Sc (Data Science), the HEI has already advertised for appointment of 1 faculty position, while 2 are already in place. Accordingly, being a Govt. University, the programme has been recommended.

8 (ii) ODL Programmes Not Recognized

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Reason(s) for Refusal
1.	Post Graduate Diploma in Sikh Theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Considered as the duration of the PGD programme is I year. • As per UGC sub-regulations 2 (X) “ Post Graduate Diploma” means a programme with minimum duration of two years, minimum entry level qualification as graduation, minimum 80 credits and nomenclature as recognized by the commission and regulatory authority or statutory council, as applicable.

9. For the programmes recognized in 8(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provision of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in Annexure-1.

10. For the programmes not recognized in **S.No. 8 (ii)** above, the Higher Educational Institution could prefer an appeal to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of uploading/communication of Expert Review Committee (ERC) Sheet on UGC, DEB portal as per the provision at sub-regulation (1) of Regulations 6 of Part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. **The Expert Review Committee recommendation sheet approved by Competent Authority was communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 30.11.2021.**

11. Since the HEI has not made an appeal within the stipulated period, the application stands closed.

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

“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”.

13. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution 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 its amendment(s) and guidelines or orders made there under, the Commission may take actions as per Sub Regulation 3 of Regulations 7 in Part-II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment(s).

14. The HEI may apply afresh as and when UGC invites application for recognition of ODL programmes.

Yours faithfully,


(Smita Bidani)
Deputy Secretary

Encl:- As above


Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh-160003 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 amendment(s).
2. The Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. The Vice Chancellor, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, C-28, The Lower Mall, Patiala, Punjab- 147001
4. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002
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(Sunil Kumar Pushkar)
Section Officer

Some Specific Provisions for Compliance

- 1) The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit 28.07.2021 duly notarized and signed by Dr. Dharam Singh Sandhu Registrar, Centre for Distance & Online Education of Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, submitted to the Commission.
- 2) Intake capacity under Open and Distance Learning mode for a programme under science discipline
 - (i) For Dual Mode University: Intake shall not be more than three times of the approved intake in conventional mode.
 - (ii) For Open University: Learning enrolment will commensurate with the capacity of the Learner Support Centres to provide lab facilities to the admitted learners.
- 3) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions of faculty and staff requirements for offering ODL/ Online programmes as mentioned in University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
- 4) The total deployment of work force and other support at study or Learner Support Centres in Open and Distance Learning mode shall be as mentioned in Regulations.
- 5) Higher Educational Institution shall conduct proctored examination as under:
 - (iii) For ODL Programmes: Examination through pen-paper or online or computer based testing within Territorial Jurisdiction, in the examination centre as condition laid down in Regulations.
 - (iv) For Online Programmes: Examinations either using technology enabled online test with all the security arrangements ensuring transparency and credibility of the examinations, or through the Proctored Examination and in conformity with any other norms for such examination as may be laid down by the Commission
- 6) Higher Educational Institution offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode shall ensure that a Learner Support Centre is established as per Regulations and it also fulfill following conditions as under:
 - (v) Learner Support Centre defined under these regulations shall not be the Learner Support Centre for more than two Higher Educational Institutions at a time to offer programmes in ODL mode.
 - (vi) Private University established under the State Act shall be eligible to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning mode through its Head Quarters; not through any Learner Support Centre.
 - (vii) Learner Support Centre will not be set up under a franchisee agreement in any case
- 7) Higher Educational Institution offering programme in ODL mode and Online mode shall prepare Self Learning Material as per **Annexure-VI** and **Annexure-VII** taking into consideration of the following:
 - (viii) At least 60 percent of Self Learning Materials shall be developed by the in-house faculty of the HEI
 - (ix) Remaining percent of the materials can be sourced from available resources such as other HEIs, Open Educational Resources (OER) and SWAYAM.
- 8) Higher Educational Institution shall adhere to the weightage for different components of assessments for Open and Distance Learning mode and Online mode as under:
 - (x) Continuous or formative assessment (in semester): Maximum 30 per cent.
 - (xi) Summative assessment (end semester examination or term end examination): Minimum 70 per cent.
- 9) Higher Educational Institution shall ensure that the faculty members shown for each programme are on 'full time dedicated basis' with designation as per the requirement detailed in **Annexure-IV** of UGC(ODL programmes and Online programmes) Regulations, 2020 and no faculty member of LSC/other institution has been shown as faculty of the Higher Education Institution.
- 10) Based on the Regulatory Authority recommendations/approval, the maximum intake and other condition will be as per the Regulatory Authority recommendation/approval.
- 11) Information related to ODL be prominently displayed on HEI website.


(Smita Bidani)
Deputy Secretary