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DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU  
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NEW DELHI-110 001

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**F.No.11-8/2018 (DEB-I)**

**Date: January, 2019**

**The Registrar,  
Sri Krishnadevaraya University,  
Ananthapuramu-515 003  
Andhra Pradesh.**

**Sub: Commission Order on the application, submitted Online by the Higher Educational Institution, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19, session beginning from January 2019 and onwards - reg.**

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, second 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-IV) dated 17.09.2018, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall-be open from 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 to 05<sup>th</sup> 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, **Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Andhra Pradesh** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.



4. Application received from **Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Andhra Pradesh** 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 and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 was given to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.

5. The **Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Andhra Pradesh** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the Commission; on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 in the Commission UGC (DEB) office at 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001. 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 Competent Authority of the Commission.

6. Based on the decision of the Competent Authority, I am directed to issue this Order, there by communicating the programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards by the **Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Andhra Pradesh** as detailed in point no. 7 below.

7. Programme wise recognition status

**7(A) Programmes Recognized :**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition
1.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	2018-19 to 2019-20

As HEI NAAC score is below 3.26, the recognition given is only up to the academic year 2018-19 to 2019-20, based on the UGC (ODL) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018. The list of recognised Learner Support Centres/Study Centres will be available on UGC website shortly.

**7(B) Programmes found deficient**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiencies for all programmes
1.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ADDITIONAL METHODOLOGY)	1. Inadequate faculty as per Part-II of Annexure VI of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.
2.	BACHELOR OF ARTS	
3.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	
4.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	
5.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (COMPUTER)	
6.	BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE	

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7.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE*
8.	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)
9.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)
10.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)
11.	MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE)
12.	MASTER OF ARTS (RURAL DEVELOPMENT)
13.	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)
14.	MASTER OF ARTS (TELUGU)
15.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
16.	MASTER OF COMMERCE
17.	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS*
18.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (ORGANIC CHEMISTRY)*
19.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (BOTANY)*
20.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)*
21.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)
22.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)*
23.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (ZOOLOGY)*

\*As the HEI proposes various science courses which require laboratory facilities, UGC shall conduct the visit to ensure the lab facilities. The date will be informed shortly.

8. For the programmes recognised 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 and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions as per UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure-1**.

9. For the programmes found deficient in 7(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution may 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 and 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.

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12. **Time limit for completion of admission process for offering ODL programmes by HEIs:**

The Commission in its 537<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 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. 10<sup>th</sup> September for July academic session and 10<sup>th</sup> March for January academic session. Accordingly, the HEIs shall comply with the above decision of Commission.

Yours faithfully,

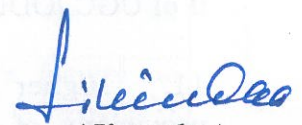


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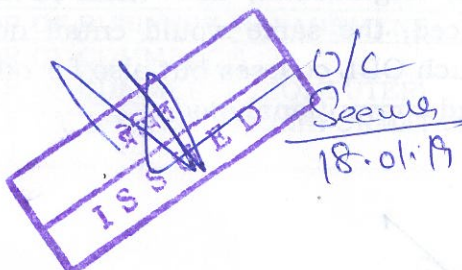
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- 1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Higher Education, Govt. of Telangana, Telangana Secretariat, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana-500004 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and its amendments.
- 2. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
- 3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, Delhi - 110070
- 4. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 5. The Vice-Chancellor, Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Ananthapuramu-515 003, Andhra Pradesh.
- 6. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC.
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**Annexure- 1****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 and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its subsequent amendments.
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 (1) Affidavit dated 28.09.2018 duly notarized and signed by Dr.M.C.S. Subha, Vice Chancellor, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 01.10.2018 ;
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 **Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Andhra Pradesh** shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure - IV of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

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