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DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU  
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F.No.2-1/2018 ( DEB-III )

Date: October, 2018

The Registrar,  
Lalit Narayan Mithila University,  
Kameshwara Nagar,  
Darbhanga-846 008  
(Bihar)

Sub: Commission decision on the HEI's representation submitted for review of programmes found deficient, for recognition for 2018-19 onwards to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the UGC letter No.2-1/2018(DEB-III) dated 16.08.2018, wherein the details of programmes recognised for 2018-19 onwards and programmes found deficient along with deficiencies and other relevant information/conditions were communicated to **Lalit Narayan Mithila University**,

2. 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 the decision of the Commission in its 534<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018, for the programmes found deficient as per the UGC letter cited in above para, the Higher Educational Institution had been provided an opportunity to submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of the said UGC letter.

3. The representation for review along with documentary evidence submitted by the **Lalit Narayan Mithila University**, on 16.08.2018 for review and the justifications given by the HEI representatives during the hearing, were considered by the duly constituted Expert Review Committee in the meeting held on 07.09.2018 at UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi. The Expert Review Committee based on the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

4. Based on the decision of the Commission in its 535<sup>th</sup> Meeting dated 27.09.2018, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the Commission decision, on the representation received, for programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year

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2018-19 onwards by the Lalit Narayan Mithila University, in addition programmes already recognized vide letter mentioned in Para 1 above, as detailed in point no. 5 below.

5. Programme wise recognition status based on representation:

**5(A) Programmes Recognised**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition
1	Bachelor of Arts*	2018-19 to 2019-20 *
2	Master of Arts (English) *	
3	Master of Arts (Hindi) *	
4	Master of Arts (Urdu) *	
5	Master of Arts (Maithili) *	
6	Master of Arts (History) *	
7	Master of Arts (Geography) *	
8	Master of Arts (Political Science) *	
9	Master of Arts (Economics) *	
10	Master of Arts (Education) *	
11	Master of Arts (Sociology) *	
12	Master of Arts (Home Science) *	
13	Master of Arts (Philosophy) *	
14	Master of Arts (Psychology) *	

\* Status as per the approval of competent authority as on 17.10.2018 (In place of Bachelor of Arts (English) and Master of Arts (English) as shown previously)

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

**5(B) Programmes Not Recognised**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Reasons
Nil	Nil	Nil

6. For the programmes recognised in 5(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**.

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7. For the programmes not recognised in 5(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal to the Commission, if any, along with fee of Rupees ten thousand per programme in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of Secretary, UGC, within 30 days from the date of this order, as per the provision of sub-regulation (5) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and decision of the Commission in its 534<sup>th</sup> Meeting dated 02.08.2018.

8. 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.


Yours faithfully,

  
(Smita Bidani)  
Education Officer

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1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Bihar, Vikas Bhawan, Patna 800017 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 Vice-Chancellor, Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Kameshwara Nagar, Darbhanga-846 008(Bihar)
4. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC
5. 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 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 the Affidavit dated 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, duly notarized and signed by Sh. Mustafa Kamal Ansari, Registrar submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. and (2) Affidavit dated N.A. pertaining to adherence of terms of conditions laid down by AICTE for programmes of MBA/MCA/Travel and Tourism, duly notarized and signed by N.A. submitted to the Commission vide letter dated N.A. .
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 Lalit Narayan Mithila University shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as per specified in Annexure – IV of the University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulation, 2017.

  
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