



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**  
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU  
35-FEROZE SHAH ROAD  
NEW DELHI-110 001

**F.No.: 1-1/2018 (DEB-II)**

**Date: August, 2018**

**The Registrar,  
Indira Gandhi National Open University,  
Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068**

14 AUG 2018

**Subject: 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 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 and the second amendment in the principal regulations were notified in the Gazette of India on 11.10.2017 and 06.02.2018 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. 74-1/2018 (DEB-IV) dated 28.03.2018, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be open from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> May, 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 28.03.2018, **Indira Gandhi National Open University** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **Indira Gandhi National Open University** 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 **Indira Gandhi National Open University** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the Commission; on **05 July, 2018** in the UGC office, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, 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. The Commission in its 534<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018 considered the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee. Based on the decision of the Commission, 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 onwards by the **Indira Gandhi National Open University**; 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.	BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES	<b>2018-19 to 2022-23</b>
2.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (COUNSELLING AND FAMILY THERAPY)	
3.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (FOOD NUTRITION)	
4.	MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK	
5.	MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (COUNSELLING)	
6.	BACHELOR OF ARTS	
7.	MASTER OF ARTS (TOURISM STUDIES)	
8.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (RETAILING)	
9.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	
10.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (ACCOUNTANCY AND FINANCE)	
11.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION)	
12.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (FINANCIAL AND COST ACCOUNTING)	
13.	BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	
14.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE	
15.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HOSPITALITY AND HOTEL ADMINISTRATION)	
16.	BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK	
17.	MASTER OF ARTS (ADULT EDUCATION)	
18.	MASTER OF ARTS (ANTHROPOLOGY)	
19.	MASTER OF ARTS (DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)	
20.	MASTER OF ARTS (DISTANCE EDUCATION)	
21.	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
22.	MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)	
23.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
24.	MASTER OF ARTS (GANDHI AND PEACE STUDIES)	
25.	MASTER OF ARTS (GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)	
26.	MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI)	
27.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)	
28.	MASTER OF ARTS (PHILOSOPHY)	
29.	MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE)	
30.	MASTER OF ARTS (PSYCHOLOGY)	
31.	MASTER OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)	
32.	MASTER OF ART (RURAL DEVELOPMENT)	



33.	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	<b>2018-19 to 2022-23</b>
34.	MASTER OF ARTS (TRANSLATION STUDIES)	
35.	MASTER OF ARTS (WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES)	
36.	MASTER OF COMMERCE	
37.	MASTER OF COMMERCE (BUSINESS POLICY AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE)	
38.	MASTER OF COMMERCE (FINANCE AND TAXATION)	
39.	MASTER OF COMMERCE (MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STRATEGIES)	
40.	MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES	
41.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)	
42.	MSC (HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION)	

\*According to UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017, Regulations 3, sub-regulation (1) (VIII) shall not be applicable to Open Universities till the time they become eligible for National Assessment and Accreditation Council Accreditation and it shall be mandatory for Open Universities to get National Assessment and Accreditation Council Accreditation within one year of their becoming eligible for the same.

The list of recognized Learner Support Centres/Study Centres available at UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9969719_UGC-RECOGNITION-FOR-ODL-PROGRAMMES-2018-19-ONWARDS.pdf) at the link [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9969719\\_UGC-RECOGNITION-FOR-ODL-PROGRAMMES-2018-19-ONWARDS.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9969719_UGC-RECOGNITION-FOR-ODL-PROGRAMMES-2018-19-ONWARDS.pdf)

**7(B) Programmes found deficient**

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiency
1.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (NURSING) (POST BASIC)	Not allowed as per sub-regulation (3) of regulation 1, Part-I of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017
2.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	
3.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	Non submission of prior approval of respective Regulatory Authority for the academic session 2018-19 and onwards as per sub-regulation (p) of regulation 2, Part-I of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017
4.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BANKING AND FINANCE)	
5.	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	
6.	MASTER OF TOURISM AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT	

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 and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions given in 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 shall submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of

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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.

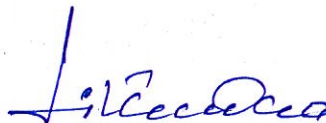
10. If the HEI fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, or if any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the HEI is found to be false or fake at a later date, UGC shall take action as per Regulation (4), Part -II of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Jitendra)  
Education Officer

**Copy to:**

1. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
2. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, Delhi 110070.
3. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. The Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068.
5. The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.
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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.
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 30 April, 2018 duly notarized and signed by Vice Chancellor, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 04 May, 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.

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