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F.No. 1-4/2018 (DEB-II)

**The Registrar
Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana
56-57, Institutional Area, D-Block,
Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058**

Sub: Commission order on the application, submitted Online by the HEI, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards, after Expert Committee Visit - 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 2nd April, 2018 to 1st 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, **Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana** 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.

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5. As per UGC (ODL) Second Amendment Regulations 2018 Deemed to be Universities shall be permitted to impart Open and Distance Learning Education subject to University Grants Commission specifically allowing the Deemed to be University to conduct Open and Distance Learning Courses for specific programmes and after off campus centres, study centres are individually inspected and found adequate by the University Grants Commission.

6. Accordingly, the Chairman, UGC constituted Visiting Expert Committee to visit and evaluate / assess the preparedness of **Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana** for offering programmes under ODL mode from 2018-19 onwards, as per UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and its subsequent amendments. The Visiting Expert Committee has visited **Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana** and its LSCs on **13th August, 2018 to 22nd September, 2018** and submitted its report.

7. The report and recommendations of Visiting Committee have been placed before the Expert Review Committee, constituted by the Chairman, UGC for consideration. The recommendations of Visiting Expert Committee (in terms of provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments) and recommendations of the Expert Review Committees were placed before 535th Commission Meeting held on 27.09.2018.

8. Based on the decision of the Commission in its 535th Meeting dated 27.09.2018, 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 or otherwise by the **Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana**; as detailed below.

9. Programme wise recognition status

9 (A) Programmes Recognized

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition (If Applicable)
1.	SHASTRI (B.A.) (VYAKARANA, SAHITYA, PHALITJYOTISHA)	2018-19 to 2019-20
2.	ACHARYA (M.A.) (VYAKARANA, SAHITYA, PHALITJYOTISHA)	

* Based on the UGC (ODL) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018 the Recognition is given for two academic years 2018-19 to 2019-20 only as the HEI have applied for NAAC accreditation.

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

9(B) Programmes found deficient: NIL

10. For the programmes recognized in 9(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)

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Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure- 1**.

11. 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 Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana, 56-57, Institutional Area, D-Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058.
3. The Joint Secretary, CPP-I/Deemed to be University, UGC.
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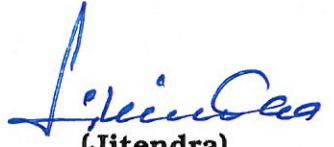
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Conditions

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 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 24.04.2018, duly notarized and signed by Prof. P.N. Shastry, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 02.05.2018.
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 Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana, New Delhi shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure- IV of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 for its HQ and 10 Centres i.e. Lucknow, Allahabad, Jaipur, Sringeri, Trichur, Puri, Jammu, Garli (HP), Bhopal and Mumbai are approved by MHRD Notification vide no. 9-28/2000-U.3 dated 30th June, 2009

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