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

**F.No. - 108-1/2017 (DEB-IV)**

**Date: October , 2018**

**The Registrar,  
Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth,  
Nerul Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra,**

10 OCT 2018

**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 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, **Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth** had been scrutinized by the Expert Committee and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application

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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. 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 **Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth** 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 **Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth** and its LSCs on **17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018** and submitted its report.

7. The report and recommendations of Visiting Committee has been placed before the Expert Review Committee, constituted by the Chairman of the UGC for consideration. Based on the submitted application and recommendations of Visiting Expert Committee and in terms of provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; the Expert Review Committee has made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

8. The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee in its 535<sup>th</sup> meeting dt 27/9/2018 and observed that recommendations of the Committee vis-a vis the recommendations of the Visiting Expert Committee and the facts mentioned in the report need re-confirmation and accordingly decided that the HEI shall be called for an interface meeting with an Expert Committee .

9. Accordingly, you are requested to attend the interface meeting before the Expert Committee, scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 at 10.30 a.m. at UGC DEB office, 35, Ferozshah Road, New Delhi-110001.

10. Further, you are requested to bring relevant documents/information pertaining to the following aspects for perusal of the Expert Committee (as per ODL Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.

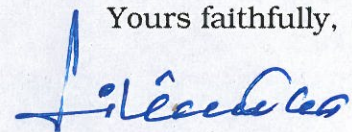
1. PPR for each programme along with approval of statutory bodies of the university.
2. SLM for all semester/ for the full programme are ready and approved by the statutory bodies of the university- Part II(as per sub regulation 3 viii Annexure of UGC (ODL Regulations, 2017)

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3. Programme-wise faculty details with appointment letters and details of administrative staff employed for distance education at Headquarters/Regional Centres/LSC. (Ref per sub regulation 3(vi) &(vii) Annexure VI.
4. Details of Learner Support Centre(LSCs) & Examination Centres alongwith adequate Laboratory facilities for programmes which have lab component - Sub Regulation 3(v).
5. Approval of Regulatory Authorities in professional courses for the academic session 2018-19 and onwards. *(Refer to the attachment)*
6. Details of Assessment/Evaluation mechanism for ODL programmes approved by the statutory bodies and weightage of Term end Examination/Assignment /Practicals /Projects as per ODL Regulation.

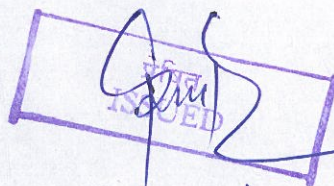
Yours faithfully,



**(Jitendra )**

Education Officer

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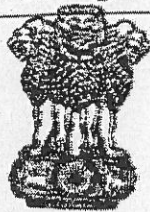


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F.No. AICTE/P&AP/ODL/2018

Date: 28.08.2018

To,  
**Dr. Avichal Kapur,**  
Joint Secretary,  
University Grants Commission,  
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,  
New Delhi - 110 002

**Sub:- Formulation and notification of regulations for professional programmes to be conducted by the higher educational institutions in Open and Distance Learning mode.**

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer your letter dated 13.08.2018 on the above noted subject.

We would like to inform you that Executive Committee/Council in its meeting held on 14.08.2018 considered the Draft- AICTE (Open and Distance Learning Regulation for Standalone Institutions) Regulation, 2018 framed by the duly constituted committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande, Former Director, IIT, Kanpur.

The Council deliberated on various provisions of the Regulations, as applicable to the Standalone Institutions and also referred UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 from the perspective of maintaining sanctity of admissions, examinations, learning materials, learning support centres, territorial jurisdiction and effective use of ICT and took the following decisions:

1. Keeping in view the provisions of the AICTE Act, which mandates approval of AICTE for affiliated colleges and Deemed-to-be-universities, through the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in CA No. 17869-17870/2017 & also CA No. 17902-17905/2017, dated November 3, 2017, the Central Legislated Universities and State Legislated Universities including Open Universities are exempted from seeking approval from AICTE to run programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism in ODL mode. However, Universities shall have to adhere to minimum norms and standards announced by AICTE from time to time and an affidavit stating that the university is observing norms & standards of AICTE, must be submitted to the UGC. For all such Universities, the AICTE approval shall be considered as deemed to have been accorded for running ODL programmes in the

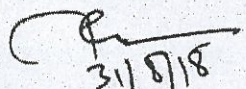


MBA, MCA, Travel and Tourism disciplines. However, in case of violation of AICTE norms, AICTE shall communicate its observations and recommendations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) to initiate actions including withdrawal of Programme recognition and take further actions as per provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and amended from time to time.

2. All the Deemed-to-be-Universities notified by UGC as Category-I institutions as per UGC (Categorization of universities (only) for grant of graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 shall be exempted from seeking approval from AICTE for the programmes mentioned in Sl. No. 1 above i.e. MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism. However, such Deemed-to-be-Universities shall have to adhere to norms & standards announced by AICTE from time to time and an affidavit stating that the deemed-to-be-university is observing norms & standards of AICTE, must be submitted to the UGC. For all such UGC notified Category-I Deemed-to-be-Universities, the AICTE approval shall be considered as deemed to have been accorded for running ODL programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism. However, in case of violation of AICTE norms, AICTE shall conduct inspection and submit its observations and recommendations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) to initiate actions including withdrawal of Programme recognition and take further actions as per provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations.
3. For all other Deemed-to-be-Universities interested in running ODL programs in MBA, MCA and Travel & Tourism, AICTE shall invite applications and such Deemed-to-be-Universities shall submit applications online on the AICTE web portal within notified deadline and shall be processed as per laid down procedure, duly notified by AICTE. AICTE will forward the recommendations to UGC for further necessary action in the matter.

In view of the above, the comments of UGC, if any, may be provided urgently.

Regards,

  
31/8/18  
Prof. A. P. Mittal  
(Member Secretary)