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F.No.: 88-2/2017 (DEB-IV)

Date: October, 2018

**The Registrar,
SMT Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Womens University
Sir Vithal Das Vidyavihar Juhutara Road
Sntacruz West mumbai 400049
Maharashtra**

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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. F.No. **88-2/2017 (DEB-IV)** 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 **SMT. Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Womens 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 534th meeting held on 2nd 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 along with documentary evidence submitted by the **SMT. Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Womens University** on **14th September, 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 **19th September, 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 535th Meeting dated 27th September, 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 2018-19 onwards by the **SMT. Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Womens University, in addition to 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 | BACHELOR OF COMMERCE | |
| 3 | MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS) | |

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| 4 | MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI) | 2018-19 to 2019-20 |
| 5 | MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION) | |
| 6 | MASTER OF ARTS (MARATHI) | |
| 7 | MASTER OF COMMERCE | |

* 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 shortly on UGC website.

5(B) Programmes Not Recognised

| S. No. | Name of the Programme | Reasons |
|--------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | BACHELOR OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES | Withdrawn by the HEI |
| 2 | BACHELOR OF MASS MEDIA | |
| 3 | MASTER OF ARTS CAREER AND DEVELOPMENTAL COUNSELLING | |
| 4 | MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) | |
| 5 | MASTER OF ARTS (GUJARATI) | |
| 6 | MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) | |
| 7 | MASTER OF ARTS (MUSIC) | |

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**.

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 534th 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,



(Jitendra)

Education Officer


Copy to:

- 1 The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Annexe Building, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400032 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.

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2. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Vice-Chancellor, **SMT Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Womens University**
Sir Vithal Das Vidyavihar Juhutara Road Sntacruz West mumbai 400049
Maharashtra
4. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC for information.
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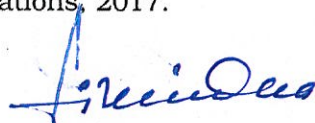
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Conditions

- 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 subsequent amendment.
- 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 27th April, 2018 duly notarized and signed by Dr. Meena Prakash Kute, Registrar, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 27th April, 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 SMT Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University, Maharashtra shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure-IV of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.


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