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The Registrar,  
Pondicherry University  
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Administrative Building,  
R.V. Nagar, Kalapet,  
Puducherry- 605014

28 JUN 2019

**Sub: Commission decision on the appeal under sub-regulation (5) of part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning 2017) Regulations, submitted by HEI for offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19, session beginning from January, 2019 and onwards - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the UGC Orders of even number dated **14<sup>th</sup> August, 2018** and **18<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**, wherein the details of programmes recognized for 2018-19 onwards and programmes not recognized were communicated to **Pondicherry University**.

2. As per the provisions under sub-regulation (5) of part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning 2017) Regulations and the decision of the Commission it is 535<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, for the programmes not recognized as per the UGC letter cited in above Para, the Higher Educational Institution had been provided an opportunity to submit an appeal along with requisite fee and documentary evidence, if any within 30 days from the date of the said UGC letter.

3. The appeal along with documents submitted by the **Pondicherry University** have been placed before duly constituted Standing Appellate Committee in the meeting held on 10/11 December, 2018, at UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi. The Standing Appellate 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 Competent Authority, in accordance to the Commission decision, in its 534<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 02.08.2018.

4. Based on the decision of the Competent Authority, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the decision, on the appeal received, for offering **programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19, session beginning from January, 2019 and onwards by the (Name of the HEI) as detailed in point no. 5 below.**

5. Programme wise recognition status based on appeal:

5(A) **Reversal of earlier decision (Programmes Recognized) The details of nine recognised programmes as below had already been uploaded on UGC website on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition (If Applicable)*
1	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)	2018-19 to 2019-20 (2018-19, session)

2	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MARKETING)	beginning from January, 2019 onwards.) 2018-19 to 2019-20 (2018-19, session beginning from January, 2019 onwards.)
3	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (FINANCE)	
4	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS)	
5	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL)	
6	MASTER OF COMMERCE (FINANCE)	
7	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
8	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	
9	MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI)	

\*As HEI NAAC score is below 3.26, the recognition given is from the academic year 2018-19 (session beginning from January, 2019) to 2019-20, based on the UGC (ODL) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018.

6. For the programmes recognized 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 & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions given in UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure- 1**.

7. 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.

8. If any deviation is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission/recognition for such ODL course but also for other courses offered by the institution, on regular and conventional mode, as directed by MHRD vide letter F. No.2-18/2017-U3 (A) dated 07.10.2018 on the recommendations of Justice Reddy Committee constituted by MHRD on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03.11.2018 in Civil Appeal No.17869-17870 filed by Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd Versus Rabi Sankar Patro & Ors.

9. The UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 are applicable to all HEIs as given at Clause (3) of sub-regulation (1) of Para – I of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017, It is further clarified that the private universities created under the State enactments shall be under obligation to strictly follow the requirements, stipulated by the UGC, issued from time to time including those under the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

10. **Time limit for completion of admission process for offering ODL programmes by HEIs:**

The Commission in its 537<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10.12.2018 has decided the time limit for completion of admission process by the HEIs for offering ODL programmes as mentioned below:


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| a) | Academic session for January | - | admission last date February end |
| b) | Academic session for July    | - | admission last date August end   |

The Commission has also directed that the HEIs shall upload the admission details within ten days from the last date of the admissions in the respective academic session i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> September for July academic session and 10<sup>th</sup> March for January academic session. Accordingly, the HEIs shall comply with the above decision of Commission.

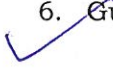
11. The application stands closed for 2018-19. For further recognition, if any, and the HEI needs to apply afresh as and when UGC invites application for recognition of ODL programmes.

12. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the Higher Educational Institutions.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Education Officer

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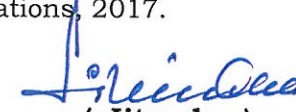
1. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
2. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070
3. The Vice-Chancellor, **Pondicherry University, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Administrative Building, R.V. Nagar, Kalapet, Puducherry - 605014.**
4. The Joint Secretary, Central University Bureau, UGC.
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 & 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 (1) Affidavit dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018, duly notarized and signed by Dr. K. Tharanikkarasu, Registrar, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 09<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 ; and (2) Affidavit dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 pertaining to adherence of terms of conditions laid down by AICTE for programmes of MBA/MCA/Travel and Tourism, duly notarized and signed by Dr. Sasi Kanta Dash, Registrar, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> September, 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 **Pondicherry University, Puducherry** shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure – IV of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

  
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