



F.No. 2-6/2018 (DEB-II)

Date: August, 2019

The Registrar,  
Manonmaniam Sundaranar University,  
Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli- 627 012  
Tamil Nadu.

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**Sub: Commission decision on the HEI's representation submitted for review of programmes found deficient, for recognition for 2019-20, session beginning from July 2019 and onwards to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the UGC letter of even number dated **18.01.2019**, wherein the details of programmes found deficient along with deficiencies and other relevant information/conditions were communicated to **Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Tamil Nadu**.

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 Competent Authority, 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 **Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Tamil Nadu** on 25.04.2019 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 03.05.2019 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 Competent Authority, UGC.

4. Based on the decision of the Competent Authority, I am directed to issue this Order, on the representation received by the **Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Tamil Nadu** are detailed below.

5. Programme wise recognition status based on representation:

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**5(A) Programmes Recognised:**

(Recognition status uploaded on UGC website on 27.06.2019 as per approval of the Competent Authority)

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition
1.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY AND POLICE ADMINISTRATION)	2019-2020 Academic session beginning July 2019 and Jan 2020 only
2.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
3.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
4.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HISTORY) (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
5.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HISTORY) (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
6.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (TAMIL)	
7.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
8.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM) *	
9.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM) *	
10.	BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATION	
11.	BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE	
12.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (TAMIL LITERATURE)*	
13.	MASTER OF ARTS (MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM)	
14.	MASTER OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY AND POLICE SCIENCE)	
15.	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
16.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
17.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
18.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
19.	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	
20.	MASTER OF ARTS (TAMIL)	
21.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (FINANCE)	
22.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL)	
23.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HUMAN RESOURCES)	
24.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MARKETING)	
25.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (PRODUCTION)	
26.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SYSTEM)	
27.	MASTER OF COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
28.	MASTER OF COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
29.	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	
30.	MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES	

As HEI NAAC score is below 3.26, the recognition given is only up to the academic year 2019-20, based on the UGC (ODL) Third Amendment Regulations, 2018.



\*Note: 1. The nomenclature of programme has been changed as BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM), BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM) & BACHELORE OF ARTS (TAMIL LITERATURE) instead of BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM), BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM) & BACHELOR OF LITERATURE (TAMIL) as specified in UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees. HEI needs to correct the nomenclature before commencement of programme.

2. The nomenclature of BACHELOR OF LITERATURE (TAMIL) needs to be corrected by the University as BACHELOR OF ARTS (TAMIL LITERATURE) before initiating the programme.

**5(B) Programmes found deficient:**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiencies
1.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY) *	All Science courses approval shall be processed through an Expert Committee visit to the HEI for ascertaining the existence of the required infrastructure and faculty
2.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS) *	
3.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)	
4.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY) *	
5.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (STATISTICS) *	
6.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)*	
7.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)*	
8.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)*	
9.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY)*	

\*As the HEI has proposed various science courses which require infrastructure, UGC shall conduct the visit to ascertain the existence of the required infrastructure. The details will be informed in due course of time.

**5(C) Programmes withdrawn by the HEI:**

S. No.	Name of the Programme
1	BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (LATERAL ENTRY)
2	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION YOGA FOR HUMAN EXCELLENCE
3	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (LATERAL ENTRY)

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 found deficient 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 534<sup>th</sup> 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.

9. Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are required to comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. If any deviation by the HEI is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission/ recognition for such ODL courses but also for other courses offered by the institutions, 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.

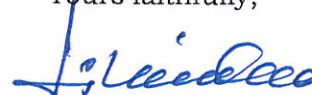
10. **Time limit for completion of admission process for offering ODL programmes by HEIs:**

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.

Yours faithfully,



(Jitendra)

Education Officer

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, National Informatics Centre, Ground Floor, Multi Storeyed Buliding, Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, Fort St. George, Chennai- 600 009 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and its amendments.
2. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, Delhi- 110070
4. The Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli- 627 012, Tamil Nadu.
5. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi- 110002.
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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 subsequent 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 (1) Affidavit dated 05.10.2019 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. S. Santhosh Baboo, Registrar, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 22.11.2018.
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. The **Manonmaniam University, Tamil Nadu** shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure-IV of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.
8. 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.
9. 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.

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