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DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU
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F.No.2-11/2018 (DEB-I)

Date: August, 2018

The Registrar,
The Tamil University,
Vagai Vazagam,
Trichy Main Road,
Thanjavur-613 010 (TN)

16 AUG 2018

Subject: Commission Order on the application, submitted Online by the Higher Educational Institution, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards - 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 2ndApril, 2018 to 1stMay, 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, **The Tamil University, Tamil Nadu** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **The Tamil University, Tamil Nadu** 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.

5. The **The Tamil University, Tamil Nadu** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the Commission; on **6th July, 2018** in the Commission head office, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi. The Expert Committee based on the application submitted, clarification given for deficiency(s) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the interface meeting and in terms of provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

6. The Commission in its 534th meeting held on 2nd August, 2018 considered the recommendations of the interface Expert Committee. Based on the decision of the Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, there by communicating the programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards by the **The Tamil University, Tamil Nadu** as detailed in point no. 7 below.

7. Programme wise recognition status

7(A) Programmes Recognized : NIL

7(B) Programmes found deficient

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiency
1.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BBA)	1. SLM not ready for the proposed programmes as per Sub Regulation 3(v) of Part II of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.
2.	BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATION	
3.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION*	
4.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION*	
5.	MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE	
6.	MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK	
7.	BACHELOR OF ARTS BHARATHANATIYAM	2. Non availability of details regarding offering similar programmes in regular mode also as per Sub regulation 3.1 (iii) of Part -II of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017
8.	BACHELOR OF ARTS ENGLISH	
9.	BACHELOR OF ARTS TAMIL MUSIC	
10.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	
11.	BACHELOR OF HISTORY	
12.	BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE	
13.	BACHELOR OF LITERATURE TAMIL	
14.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BOTANY	
15.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE GEOGRAPHY	
16.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MATHS	
17.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PSYCHOLOGY	
18.	BACHELOR OF TAMIL	*Also non submission of prior approval of respective Regulatory Authorities for the academic session 2018-19 and onwards, as per sub regulation 2 (p) of Part -I of UGC (ODL)
19.	MASTER OF ARTS BHARATHANATIYAM	

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20.	MASTER OF ARTS TAMIL	Regulations, 2017. 3. Inadequate faculty as per Part-II of Annexure VI of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017
21.	MASTER OF COMMERCE	
22.	MASTER OF ENGLISH	
23.	MASTER OF HISTORY	
24.	MASTER OF SCIENCE BOTANY	
25.	MASTER OF SCIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	
26.	MASTER OF SCIENCE GEOGRAPHY	
27.	MASTER OF SCIENCE MATHS	
28.	MASTER OF SCIENCE PSYCHOLOGY	
29.	MASTER OF TAMIL MUSIC	
30.	MASTER OF YOGA	

8. For the programmes found deficient in 7(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of this order 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 its amendments.

9. 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,




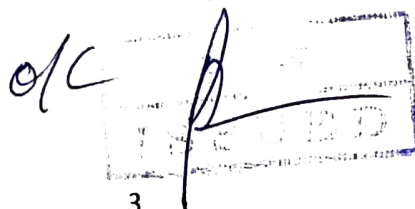
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1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, National Informatics Centre, Ground Floor, Multi Storeyed Building, Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, Fort St George, Chennai- 600 009 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions 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 Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. The Vice-Chancellor, The Tamil University, Vagai Vazagam, Trichy Main Road, Thanjavur-613 010 (TN)
5. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC for information.
6. The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.
7. Guard file.

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