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F. No. 9-3/2018(DEB-III)

The Registrar, University of North Bengal, Raja Rammohunpur, P.O. North Bengal University, Dist. Darjeeling-734 18µ (West Bengal)

- Sub: Commission Order for continuation of recognition of the Open and Distance Learning programmes already recognized for the academic session 2019-2020 for a period of one year, academic session 2020-2021 regarding.
- Ref: 1. UGC letter no. 9-3/2018(DEB-III) dated 16.08.2018, 29.10.2018 & 29.01.2019 for recognition of ODL programmes up to 2019-20.
 - Provisions stipulated under Regulation 3 (A) of Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for continuation of recognition of already recognized Open and Distance Learning programmes for 2019-20.
 - UGC Public Notices issued vide F.No.1-15/2020 (DEB-1) dated 12th October, 2020 and 07th December, 2020 regarding continuation of recognition of already recognized Open and Distance Learning programmes for 2019-20; as per Ref. (2) above.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the references cited above, I am directed to issue this order thereby communicating the continuation of the recognition for a period of one year, academic session 2020-2021, starting from July, 2020 and January, 2021 for offering only those programmes under ODL mode which were already recognised for the academic session 2019-2020 as under:

S. No.	Name of Programmes	Period of recognition
1.	BACHELOR OF ARTS	
2.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	Academic session 2020-2021 only
3.	MASTER OF ARTS (BENGALI)	

4.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
5.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)	
6.	MASTER OF ARTS (MATHEMATICS)	
7.	MASTER OF ARTS (NEPALI)	
8.	MASTER OF ARTS (PHILOSOPHY)	
9.	MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE)	
10.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)	

Note: These recognition details were uploaded on website as per reference (3).

2. For the recognized programmes, the Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide in letter and spirit by all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode.

3. The HEI shall adhere to various directives issued by the Commission and other relevant statutory/ regulatory bodies/authorities from time to time.

4. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution found offering programmes in Open and Distance mode and/or Online mode without recognition of the Commission or in violation to any of the provision(s) of these regulations and guidelines or orders made there under, the Commission may take actions as per Regulation 7 in Part -II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and the Higher Educational Institution shall be solely responsible for career consequence of the students, if any, arising out of the same.

5. The other terms and conditions shall remain same as communicated in the previous Commission Orders.

Yours faithfully,

(Smita Bidani) Education Officer

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Govt of West Bengal, "NABANNA" HRBC Building, 325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Howrah- 711 105, with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

- The Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110 001.
- 3. The Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal, Raja Rammohunpur, P.O. North Bengal University, Dist. Darjeeling-734 013, (West Bengal)
- 4. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, BSZ Marg, New Delhi -110 002

5. Guard file.

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S. Joshi) Section Officer