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The VCs
All Category-I HEIs (as per list attached)

Subject: Compliance of Commission decision regarding offering of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programmes by Category-I Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) notified by UGC from academic session beginning January-February 2023 and onwards.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above mentioned subject, I am directed to inform you that based on the recommendations of DEB Working Group, Commission in its 563rd meeting held on 22nd November, 2022 has decided that all Category-I HEIs notified by UGC as per UGC (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 and its amendments willing to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning mode from academic session beginning January-February, 2023 shall submit information in prescribed format to UGC.

The information thus collected shall be assessed by UGC-DEB to ascertain conformity to the following aspects:-

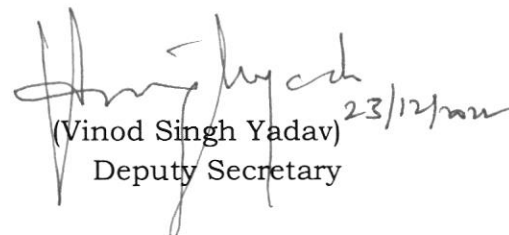
1. Verification of Category-I Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) entitlement as notified by UGC.
2. Permissibility of proposed programmes to be offered under ODL mode.
3. Adherence to UGC Notification of Specification of Degrees, 2014 and its amendments.
4. Prior approval of Regulatory Authority, wherever applicable.

In view of the above, Category-I HEIs willing to offer Open and Distance Learning programmes for academic session beginning January-February, 2023 are required to submit information on UGC-DEB web portal at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in> along with supporting documents, affidavit (in the prescribed format) and requisite fees. The list of HEIs along with programmes found in compliance of the above points shall be uploaded on UGC website.

In this regard, further information will be communicated to the HEIs shortly. Further, HEIs are requested to visit the UGC-DEB website at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in> on regular basis for latest updates/announcements in this regard.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Vinod Singh Yadav)
Deputy Secretary