

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU**

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**List of Category-I HEIs entitled to offer Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programmes for academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning July-August, 2023.**

- (I) UGC in its 563<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 decided that 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 (ODL) mode from Jan-Feb 2023 academic session shall submit information to UGC. HEI is also required to submit an affidavit for ensuring compliance to all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- (II) Based on the above Commission decision, all Category-I HEIs willing to offer Open and Distance Learning programmes for academic year 2023-24 academic session beginning July-August, 2023, submitted the information along with prescribed fees, affidavit and supporting documents to the UGC. The information collected from the HEIs was only to ascertain conformity to the following provisions:
  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.
- (III) The name of Category-I HEIs, along with the programmes found in compliance to University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes for academic year 2023-24 academic session beginning July-August, 2023 and onwards is enclosed herewith.
- (IV) The HEIs are entitled to offer the ODL programmes for the period, till they are Category-I HEIs as per the relevant UGC notifications /regulations and if not, they shall discontinue the programmes and inform the same to UGC. The learners already enrolled in the currently entitled programmes shall be allowed to complete the programmes in the manner laid down as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- (V) Programmes under the purview of other regulatory authorities have been considered on the basis of NOC/ approval/ recommendation received from the respective regulatory authority. The HEI shall abide by the conditions such as the number of seats, valid academic year, etc. mentioned in the relevant regulatory authority letter.