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Sub: Advisory to Open Universities on offering 4-year Undergraduate Programmes in Open and Distance Learning as part of implementation of NEP-2020

महोदया/महोदय,

As you are aware, the National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020 places a strong emphasis on the necessity of innovation and flexibility in higher education to meet the various demands of students. In order to promote flexible curricular structures and to enable creative combinations of disciplinary areas for study in multidisciplinary context, NEP envisions implementation of 4-year Undergraduate Programmes in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

Open Universities are a crucial pillar of our higher education system, significantly contributing to the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) by providing accessible and flexible learning opportunities for diverse student populations. It is, therefore felt that student enrolled under ODL and Online mode shouldn't be kept deprived from the transformative reforms envisaged in NEP-2020. Accordingly, steps should be taken to enable students of ODL mode to avail all prospects envisioned under NEP-2020, at par with the students of conventional mode.

Accordingly, Open Universities are hereby advised to launch fresh 4-year Undergraduate Programmes by applying afresh as per the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments, to the Commission or convert existing 3-year Undergraduate degree Programmes into 4-year Undergraduate degree Programmes as part of the implementation of NEP-2020 for academic session beginning July-August 2024 onwards. This requires introducing modification in syllabus and curriculum as per the existing UGC National Credit Framework document, National Higher Education Qualification Framework(NHEQF) & Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes, revision of programme Project Report (PPR), Self-Learning Materials (SLM) and approval of PPR and SLM by the statutory bodies of the institution. This includes incorporating Skill based Programmes and Indian Knowledge System as mandatory courses, Credit rationalization for major and minor courses, and exit provisions for the learners.

Thank you for your attention to this important initiative.

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