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The Registrar
Jagat Guru Nanak Dev State Open University,
C-28, Lower Mall, Patiala
Punjab- 147001

Sub: - Commission Order on the application submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution (HEI) for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning from July- August, 2023 and onwards – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) 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 Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 has been notified in the Gazette of India on dated 4th September, 2020. Subsequently, the first and second amendments in the principal regulations have been notified on 01.07.2021 and 18.07.2022 respectively in the Gazette of India.

2. The eligibility criterion for Higher Educational Institution is enumerated under Regulation 3 of Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 & its amendments. The Regulation 4 and 5 describes the process of applications for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes and the approval process whereas Regulations 6 describe provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulations 7 describe the process of withdrawal of Recognition.
3. University Grants Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) as per Regulation 3(A) and Regulation 3(B)(b) of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for recognition of the programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/ or Online mode from **academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning July- August, 2023 and onwards**, vide public notice F. No. 1-1/2023 (DEB-I) dated 1st March, 2023, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be open up to 31st March, 2023. **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev State Open University, Talwandi Sabo, Punjab** submitted its application for recognition of the Open and Distance Learning Programmes.

4. Application received from **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev State Open University, Talwandi Sabo, Punjab** had been scrutinized and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated to HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.
5. The **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev State Open University, Punjab** was invited for a Virtual Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee duly constituted by the Chairman, UGC on **29.05.2023**.
6. The Interface Expert Committee, based on the submitted application, compliance to deficiencies or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments made recommendations for the consideration of the Competent Authority/ Commission.
7. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee and its approval by Competent Authority/Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme wise recognition for the programmes to be offered in **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning July- August, 2023 and onwards by **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev State Open University, Punjab** as detailed in point no. 8 below. **The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 16.06.2023.**

8. **Programme wise Recognition status**

- (i) **Open and Distance Learning programmes :- Recognized :-01**
(Assessment Sheet Communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB portal on 16.06.2023)


S.No.	Name of the Programme(s)	Period of Recognition
1.	MASTERS OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	2023-24 academic session beginning July-August, 2023 to 2027-28 (upto January, 2028 only)

(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognized: - 02**

S.No.	Name of the Programme(s)	Reason(s) for Refusal
1.	MULTIDISCIPLINARY FIVE YEAR INTEGRATED PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCE B.A. – M.A. (HONS.) (HISTORY/ SOCIOLOGY/ POLITICAL SCIENCE/ ECONOMICS (SOCIAL SCIENCES))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate faculty Approval of statutory bodies of PPR & SLM is not submitted.
2.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate faculty

9. For the programmes Recognized in 8(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes & Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.
10. For the programmes not Recognized as per 8(ii) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of communication of Interface Meeting Sheet through UGC-DEB portal i.e 16.06.2023 as per the provision at sub-regulation (1) of Regulations 6 of Part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
11. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulation 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020:
"No Higher Education Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning programme and /or Online programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition".
12. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution found offering programme in Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode without recognition of the Commission or in violation to any of the provisions of these regulations and guidelines or orders made there under, the Commission may take actions as per Regulations 7 of Part -II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 & its amendments.

Yours faithfully,



(Vinod Singh Yadav) 11/7/23
Deputy Secretary

Encl: - As Above

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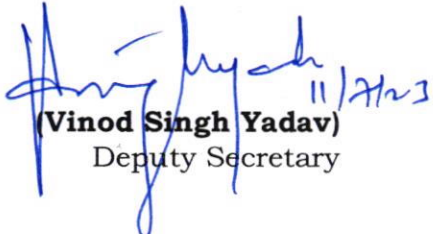
1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Govt of Punjab, Chandigarh- 160003 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
2. The Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Vice Chancellor, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev State Open University, C-28, Lower Mall, Patiala, Punjab- 147001
4. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110002.
5. Guard file.




(Jai Kumar)
Section officer

Specific Provisions for Compliance

- 1) The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 31.05.2023 duly notarized and signed by Prof. Karamjeet Singh, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Manjit Singh, Registrar of Jagat Guru Nanak Dev State Open University, Punjab submitted to the Commission.
- 2) Intake capacity under Open and Distance Learning mode for a programme under science discipline.
 - For Dual Mode University: Intake shall not be more than three times of the approved intake in conventional mode.
 - For Open University: Learning enrolment will commensurate with the capacity of the Learner Support Centers to provide lab facilities to the admitted learners.
- 3) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions of faculty and staff requirements for offering ODL programmes as mentioned in University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- 4) The total deployment of work force and other support at study or Learner Support Centres in Open and Distance Learning mode shall be as mentioned in Regulations.
- 5) Higher Educational Institution shall conduct proctored examination as under:
 - For ODL Programmes: Examination through pen-paper or online or computer-based testing within Territorial Jurisdiction, in the examination centre as condition laid down in Regulations.
 - For Online Programmes: Examinations either using technology enabled online test with all the security arrangements ensuring transparency and credibility of the examinations, or through the Proctored Examination and in conformity with any other norms for such examination as may be laid down by the Commission.
- 6) Higher Educational Institution offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode shall ensure that a Learner Support Centre is established as per Regulations and it also fulfill following conditions, as applicable, as under:
 - Learner Support Centre defined under these regulations shall not be the Learner Support Centre for more than two Higher Educational Institutions at a time to offer programmes in ODL mode.
 - Learner Support Centre will not be set up under a franchisee agreement in any case
- 7) Private University established under the State Act shall be eligible to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning mode through its Head Quarter; not through any Learner Support Centre.
- 8) Higher Educational Institution offering programme in ODL mode shall prepare Self Learning Material as per **Annexure-VI** and **Annexure-VII** taking into consideration of the following:
 - At least 60 percent of Self Learning Materials shall be developed by the in-house faculty of the HEI.
 - Remaining percent of the materials can be sourced from available resources such as other HEIs, Open Educational Resources (OER) and SWAYAM.
- 9) Higher Educational Institution shall adhere to the weightage for different components of assessments for Open and Distance Learning mode and Online mode as under:
 - Continuous or formative assessment (in semester): Maximum 30 per cent.
 - Summative assessment (end semester examination or term end examination): Minimum 70 per cent.
- 10) Based on the Regulatory Authority recommendations/approval, the maximum intake and other conditions will be as per the Regulatory Authority recommendation/approval.


(Vinod Singh Yadav)
 Deputy Secretary