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F.No.: 120-1/2017(DEB-IV) **Date: August, 2018**

14 AUG 2018

The Registrar,
Shivaji University
Vidyanagar,
Kolhapur – 416004

Subject: Commission Order on the application, submitted Online by the Higher Educational Institution, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in *Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards - regarding.*

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) 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) Regulations, 2017, had been notified in the Gazette of India on 23.06.2017. The first and the second amendment in the principal regulations were notified in the Gazette of India on 11.10.2017 and 06.02.2018 respectively.

2. Part-II; sub-regulations (3) to (5); of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 describes the Recognition process of Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes. The sub-regulations (3) describes the process of recognition of Higher Educational Institutions offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning Mode, whereas sub-regulations (4) describes the process for withdrawal of recognition and sub-regulations (5) provides right to appeal to Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the decision of the Commission.

3. The Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes from the academic session 2018-19 vide public notice F.No. 74-1/2018 (DEB-IV) dated 28.03.2018, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall-be open from 2ndApril, 2018 to 1stMay, 2018. It was also mentioned that the duly certified hard copies of the application submitted online mode along with annexures shall reach UGC (DEB) office at 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001 within 10 working days of submission of online application. In response to the public notice dated 28.03.2018, Shivaji University had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **Shivaji University** had been scrutinized by the Expert Committee and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated and time

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period as prescribed in University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 was given to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.

5. The **Shivaji University** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the Commission; on **06th, July, 2018** in the UGC head office, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi. The Expert Committee based on the application submitted, clarification given for deficiency(s) or defect(s)communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting and in terms of provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

6. The Commission in its 534th meeting held on 2nd August, 2018 considered the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee. Based on the decision of the Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards by the Shivaji University; as detailed in point no. 7 below.

7. **Programme wise recognition Status**

7(A) **Programmes Recognized**

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition *
1.	BACHELOR OF ARTS	2018 -19 to 2019-20

*As HEI NAAC score is below 3.26, the recognition given is only upto the academic year 2019-20, based on the UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018.

The list of recognized Learner Support Centres/Study Centres is available at UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in at the link https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9969719_UGC-RECOGNITION-FOR-ODL-PROGRAMMES-2018-19-ONWARDS.pdf

7(B) **Programmes found deficient**

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiency
1.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	Inadequate faculty *
2	MASTER OF ARTS ECONOMICS	
3	MASTER OF ARTS ENGLISH	
4	MASTER OF ARTS HINDI	
5	MASTER OF ARTS HISTORY	
6	MASTER OF ARTS JAINOLOGY AND PRAKRIT	
7	MASTER OF ARTS MARATHI	
8	MASTER OF ARTS PHILOSOPHY	
9	MASTER OF ARTS POLITICAL SCIENCE	
10	MASTER OF ARTS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	
11	MASTER OF ARTS SANSKRIT	
12	MASTER OF ARTS SOCIOLOGY	
13	MASTER OF ARTS URDU	
14	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	1) Non submission of prior approval of respective Regulatory Authority for
15	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (EXECUTIVE MODE)	

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		the academic session 2018-19 and onwards. 2) Inadequate Faculty *
16	MASTER OF COMMERCE	Inadequate faculty *
17	MASTER OF COMMERCE (VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE)	
18	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)	

* As per the requirements specified in Annexure-VI of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.

8. For the programmes recognized in 7(A) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide in letter and spirit by all the terms and conditions, while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode, as per the provisions detailed in Part–III, Part–IV, Part–V, Part–VI and Annexure-I to Annexure-XI of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions given in UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure-1**.

9. For the programmes found deficient in 7(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of this order as per the provision at clause 4(i) of sub-regulation (3) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.

10. If the HEI fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, or if any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the HEI is found to be false or fake at a later date, UGC shall take action as per Regulation (4), Part -II of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

(Jitendra)
Education Officer

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Annexe Building, Mumbai, Maharashtra – 400032 *with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.*
2. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt of India, ShastriBhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, Delhi - 110070.

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4. The Vice-Chancellor, Shivaji University, Vidyanagar, Shivaji University, Kolhapur - 416004

5. The Joint Secretary, State University, UGC for information.

6. The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.

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Annexure- 1

Conditions

1. The total intake capacity (Number of learners) in Open and Distance Learning mode in Higher Educational Institution and/or Learner Support Centre/Study Centre shall be as mentioned in clause 6 of Annexure-X of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.

2. The Higher Educational Institution shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University and by UGC and by the Regulatory Authority, as applicable.

3. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any programme in engineering. Medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any other regulatory body.

4. The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 20th April, 2018 duly notarized and signed by Prof. Dr. Vilas Dattu, Nandavadekar, Registrar submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 05th May, 2018.

5. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to clause 11 of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016.

6. The HEI shall establish Examination Centre within the territorial jurisdiction of the HEI subject to condition laid down in clause7(i) to (v) of section 13 in Part-IV.

7. In case, Higher Educational Institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition, appropriate punitive action(s), as per provisions of the UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, shall be taken by the Commission.

(Jitendra)
Education Officer

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(Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India)
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Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002

F.No.1-6/2018 (DEB-I) 1st October, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

Distance Education Bureau – Important Decision for the HEIs

A. The Commission in its 535th meeting held on 27th September, 2018 has **decided to extend the last date of admission in the recognized 'Open and Distance Learning' programmes** to be offered by the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) for the academic session 2018-19 **to October 20, 2018**. The HEIs shall complete the admission process by 20th October, 2018 and no admission shall be made after this.

B. The revised programme recognition status, based on decision of the Commission on the representations alongwith documentary evidences received from the HEIs, will be available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb, by **October 03, 2018**. **HEIs may start admission process in the programmes recognised as per the revised programme recognition status available on UGC website.** The UGC letter detailing programme wise recognition status to Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) will be issued at the earliest.

C. For the programmes not recognised (still found deficient), as per revised recognition status at 'B' above, the Higher Educational Institution may submit an appeal to the Commission, if any, along with a fee of Rupees ten thousand per programme, within 30 days from the date of the UGC letter, as per the provision of sub-regulation (5) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.

D. The programme recognition status based on decision of the Commission on the Expert Committee Visit Reports will be available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb, by **October 03, 2018**. **HEIs may start admission process in the programmes recognised as per the revised programme recognition status available on UGC website.** The UGC letter detailing programme wise recognition status to Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) will be issued at the earliest.

E. For the programmes found deficient, as per recognition status at 'D' above, HEIs can submit representations within 30 days along with documentary evidence for consideration for recognitions in the second stage. Thereafter, if the Programmes still remaining deficient, HEIs have an appeal option.

(Rajnish Jain)
Secretary

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
Distance Education Bureau

F.No. 1-6/2018 (DEB-I) **Dated: 03-10-2018**

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				NUMBER OF RECOGNISED PROGRAMMES	NAME OF RECOGNISED PROGRAMMES 2018	NUMBER OF RECOGNISED PROGRAMMES	NAME OF RECOGNISED PROGRAMMES
					9) MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS) 10) MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) 11) MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) 12) MASTER OF ARTS (ARABIC)		
30.	MAHARASHTRA	MAHATMA GANDHI ANTARRASHTRIYA HINDI VISHWAVIDYALAYA (CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)	2018-19 TO 2019-20	1	1) BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	11	1. MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 2. BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM 3. BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE 4. MASTER OF ARTS (AHOLM) 5. MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI) 6. MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) 7. MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) 8. MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY) 9. MASTER OF JOURNALISM 10. MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE 11. MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
31.	MAHARASHTRA	SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY (STATE UNIVERSITY)	2018-19 TO . 2019-20	1	1) BACHELOR OF ARTS	08	1. BACHELOR OF COMMERCE 2. MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI) 3. MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) 4. MASTER OF ARTS (MARATHI) 5. MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) 6. MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY) 7. MASTER OF BUSINESS

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							ADMINISTRATION 8. MASTER OF COMMERCE
32.	MAHARASHTRA	YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN MAHARASHTRA OPEN UNIVERSITY (STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY)	2018-19 TO 2022-23	17	1) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (AGRICULTURE) 2) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CSA) 3) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HORTICULTURE) 4) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (INDUSTRIAL DRUG SCIENCE) 5) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE) 6) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (AUTOMOTIVE TECHNIQUES) 7) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES) 8) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS TECHNIQUES) 9) BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (FACILTY SERVICES) 10) BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS 11) MASTER OF SCIENCE (AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION) 12) MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)	15	1. MASTER OF LIBRARY INFORMATION SCIENCE 2. BACHELOR OF ARTS (MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM) 3. BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE 4. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MEDIA GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION) 5. BACHELOR OF COMMERCE 6. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS) 7. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY) 8. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHS) 9. MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) 10. MASTER OF SCIENCE (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE) 11. BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (AVIATION, HOSPITALITY AND TRAVEL AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT) 12. BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

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Date: January , 2019

SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY
Vice-Chancellor's Office
Date 5/2/2019
Inward No 118
To whom Registrar/Distance Edu.

24 JAN 2019

The Registrar,
Shivaji University
Vidyanagar,
Kolhapur - 416004

Sub: Commission decision on the appeal under sub-regulation (5) of part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning 2017) Regulations, submitted by HEI for offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19, session beginning from January, 2019 and onwards - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the UGC Orders of even number dated **14th August, 2018** and **18th October, 2018**, wherein the details of programmes recognized for 2018-19 onwards and programmes not recognized were communicated to **Shivaji University.**

2. As per the provisions under sub-regulation (5) of part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning 2017) Regulations and the decision of the Commission it is 535th meeting held on 27th September, 2018, for the programmes not recognized as per the UGC letter cited in above Para, the Higher Educational Institution had been provided an opportunity to submit an appeal along with requisite fee and documentary evidence, if any within 30 days from the date of the said UGC letter.

3. The appeal along with documents submitted by the **Shivaji University** was placed before duly constituted Standing Appellate Committee in the meeting held on 10/11 December,2018, at UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi. The Standing Appellate Committee based on the appeal submitted along with documentary evidences, interaction with the HEI Authorities and the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Competent Authority, in accordance to the Commission decision, in its 534th meeting, held on 02.08.2018.

4. Based on the decision of the Competent Authority, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the decision, on the appeal received, for offering **programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19, session beginning from January, 2019 and onwards by the Shivaji University as detailed in point no. 5 below.**

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5 **Reversal of earlier decision (Programmes Recognized)**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition* (If Applicable)
1.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	2018-19 to 2019-20 (2018-19, session beginning from January,2019 onwards.)
2.	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
3.	MASTER OF COMMERCE (VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE)	
4.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)	

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6. For the programmes recognized in 5 above, the Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide in letter and spirit by all the terms and conditions, while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode, as per the provisions detailed in Part–III, Part–IV, Part–V, Part–VI and Annexure-I to Annexure-XI of the University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions given in UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure- 1**.

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8. Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are required to comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. If any deviation is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission/ recognition for such ODL course but also for other courses offered by the institution, on regular and conventional mode, as directed by MHRD vide letter F. No.2-18/2017-U3 (A) dated 07.10.2018 on the recommendations of Justice Reddy Committee constituted by MHRD on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03.11.2018 in Civil Appeal No.17869-17870 filed by Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd Versus Rabi Sankar Patro & Ors.

9. **Time limit for completion of admission process for offering ODL programmes by HEIs:**

The Commission in its 537th meeting held on 10.12.2018 has decided the time limit for completion of admission process by the HEIs for offering ODL programmes as mentioned below:

a) Academic session for January - admission last date February end
b) Academic session for July - admission last date August end

The Commission has also directed that the HEIs shall upload the admission details within ten days from the last date of the admissions in the respective academic session i.e. 10th September for July academic session and 10th March for January academic session. Accordingly, the HEIs shall comply with the above decision of Commission.

10. The application stands closed, and the HEI needs to apply afresh as and when UGC invites application for recognition of ODL programmes.

11. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the Higher Educational Institutions.

Yours faithfully,

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Education Officer

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