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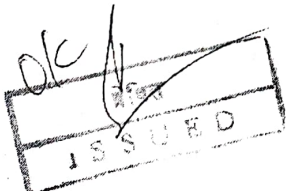
**Sub:** Commission Order on the application submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution (HEI) for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

1. UGC has notified the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments. Regulations 3, 4 and 5 describe the eligibility criterion for HEI, the process of application and the approval process for ODL and Online Programmes whereas Regulation 6 describes provisions of the right to appeal by the HEIs aggrieved with the order of the Commission.
2. The Commission invited online applications from the eligible HEIs for recognition of the programmes under ODL mode and/or Online mode from academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards vide F.No. 1-4/2025 (DEB-NER) dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.
3. Application received from **Himachal Pradesh University** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Virtual Interface Expert Committee (IEC) duly constituted by the Chairman, UGC. The details of the meetings are as under:

Sr.No.	Name of the Committee	Date of meeting	Date of recommendation sheet shared with the HEI
For ODL Programmes:			
1.	Interface Expert Committee (IEC)	19.06.2025 & 24.06.2025	18.07.2025

4. Based on the recommendations of Virtual Interface Expert Committee (IEC) 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 **ODL mode** from academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards.



5. Programme wise recognition status

(i) Open and Distance Learning Programme Recognized from academic session July-August, 2025 :- 15 (Fifteen)

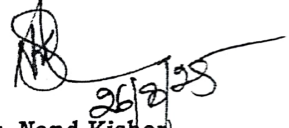
Sr. No.	Programmes Name	Period of Recognition
1	Bachelor of Education - (2 Years) (with approved intake of 450 learners)	Academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and February 2026 only.
2	BACHELOR OF ARTS (COMBINATION OF 3 SUBJECTS) (ENGLISH, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MATHEMATICS, ECONOMICS, HISTORY, HINDI, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SANSKRIT, MUSIC (VOCAL AND INSTRUMENT) AND SOCIOLOGY) (3 Years)	Academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning from July-August, 2025 to 2029-30 (upto January- February, 2030 only).
3	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (GENERAL) (3 Years)	
4	MASTER OF COMMERCE (COMMERCE) (2 Years)	
5	MASTERS OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY) (2 Years)	
6	MASTERS OF ARTS (SANSKRIT) (2 Years)	
7	MASTERS OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) (2 Years)	
8	MASTERS OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) (2 Years)	
9	MASTERS OF ARTS (MUSIC) (2 Years)	
10	MASTERS OF ARTS (JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION) (2 Years)	
11	MASTERS OF ARTS (HISTORY) (2 Years)	
12	MASTERS OF ARTS (HINDI) (2 Years)	
13	MASTERS OF ARTS (ENGLISH) (2 Years)	
14	MASTERS OF ARTS (EDUCATION) (2 Years)	
15	MASTERS OF ARTS (ECONOMICS) (2 Years)	

**Note:- For Bachelor of Education Programme:-** B.Ed. Programmes (falling under the ambit of NCTE) have been considered on the basis of communication/NOC/approval/recommendations received from the NCTE as applicable. The HEI shall strictly abide by the conditions, such as nomenclature, valid academic year, period of recognition, etc., mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter while offering B.Ed. programme in ODL mode.

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

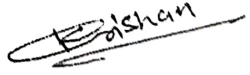
6. For the programmes recognized in the aforementioned table, the HEI shall comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments while offering the programmes in ODL mode.
7. The application of the HEI for the year 2025-26 **stands closed**.
8. In the event any HEI is found offering programmes 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 regulation 7 of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
9. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the HEI.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Nand Kishor)  
Under Secretary

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla- 171 002, Himachal Pradesh 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 Learning), MoE, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, G-7, Sector- 10, Dwarka, Near Metro Station, New Delhi - 110075.
4. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.

  
(Krishan Pal Yadav)  
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