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F.No. UGC/DEB/HPU/HP/2013/7002-7006
2014

29th May, 2014

To,

The Vice-Chancellor
Himachal Pradesh University
Shimla - 171 005
Himachal Pradesh

विभागाध्यक्ष दूर शिक्षण विभाग
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Sub. : Continuation of recognition to Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh for offering programmes through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode for academic year 2014 - 15 - reg.,

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to Office letter F.No. DEC/2009/4886, dated 17th Dec. 2009 conveying the approval of the Distance Education Council (DEC) to your University for offering programmes through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode. In this regard, I am directed to inform that the UGC has taken a decision to maintain status quo for 2014-15 and accordingly the recognition/approval granted to your University vide the aforementioned letter would continue for academic year 2014-15. Your University may offer the programmes through ODL mode which were approved by the statutory body of your University and were offered during 2013-14 in accordance with approval conveyed by Distance Education Council (DEC) vide F.No. DEC/2009/4886, dated 17th Dec. 2009 (Copy enclosed).

2 The above recognition is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The University shall offer only those programmes through distance mode which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University as per norms and wherever necessary by the Apex regulatory bodies of the country.
- It is the responsibility of the University/Institution to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC/AICTE/any other, and also

seek its/their prior approval, wherever required, for any specific programme mentioned above.

- iii) Nomenclature of all programmes shall be as per UGC/AICTE.
- iv) No teacher education programmes can be offered without prior approval of the NCTE.
- v) Programmes in physiotherapy are not allowed through distance mode.
- vi) University/Institution shall refrain from offering such programmes that are not allowed to be offered through distance mode by respective apex body/ies.
- vii) MHRD directions prohibiting B.E./ B.Tech through Distance mode vide its letter dated 29/07/2009 shall be adhered to strictly (copy at UGC website).
- viii) The eligibility conditions for admissions will be as per UGC/AICTE norms.
- ix) The minimum duration of a programme offered through ODL mode should not be less than the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode.
- x) The University has at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters.
- xi) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of Universities for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction and opening of off campuses/centres/study centres as mentioned in the UGC notification No.F.27-1/2012(CPP-II), dated 27th June 2013, a copy of which is also posted in the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/deb. In respect of standalone Institutions (other than the Universities), the territorial jurisdiction will be headquarters.
- xii) Franchising arrangement for offering programmes in distance mode in any form is not allowed.

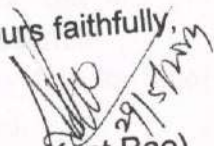
3. The Institution's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring by the concerned regulatory authorities.

4. Before launching the programme/s, the Institution shall submit an affidavit within 30 days from date of issue of this letter that it agrees to and will abide by all terms and conditions contained in letter referred to in para 1 above and the terms and conditions laid down in para 2 above. In case the UGC does not receive the affidavit within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, the approval accorded to your Institution will be liable to be withdrawn. It may also be noted that:

- i) If the institution 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, the UGC may withdraw its recognition.
- ii) In case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the University/institution is found to be false or fake at a later stage, the recognition of

University/institution shall be withdrawn and the University/Institution concerned shall be solely responsible for the career of the students enrolled.

5. Your university is required to send along with the affidavit, a list of programmes (approved by the statutory bodies) that are on offer through distance mode currently, duly authenticated by the Registrar.

Yours faithfully,

 (Dev Kant Rao)
 Dy. Director

Copy to:

1. The Director, International Centre for Distance education and Open Learning (ICDEOL), Summer-Hill, Shimla – 171 005, Himachal Pradesh
2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171 002, Himachal Pradesh
3. The Member Secretary, All India council for Technical education (AICTE), 7th floor, Chanderlok building, Janpath, New Delhi 110001
4. Shri Praveen Prakash, Joint Secretary (TEL), Department of Higher Education, MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110015.
5. Concerned file
6. Master file
7. Publication Officer (Web), UGC for updating website.