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F.No.: 24-2/2018 (DEB-II)

Date: January, 2019

The Registrar,
Himachal Pradesh University
Gyan Path, Summer Hill
Shimla - 171005

Subject: Commission order on the application submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in *Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19, session beginning from January, 2019 and 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, the second amendment and the third amendment in the principal regulations were notified in the Gazette of India on 11.10.2017, 06.02.2018 and 06.09.2018 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. 2-4/2018 (DEB-I) dated 17.09.2018, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be opened from 18th September, 2018 to 5th October, 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 17.09.2018, **Himachal Pradesh University** had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **Himachal Pradesh University** had been scrutinized by the Expert Committee and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated and time period as prescribed in University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 was given to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.

5. The **Himachal Pradesh University** was invited for an Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the UGC; on 20th, December, 2018 at UGC office, 35 Feroz Shah Road, 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. Based on the decision of the Expert Committee recommendations and approval of the Competent Authority, 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 beginning January, 2019 onwards by the **Himachal Pradesh 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 | MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | 2018-19 to 2019 -20 (2018-19, session beginning from January, 2019 onwards) |
| 2 | MASTER OF COMMERCE | |
| 3 | MASTER OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) | |
| 4 | MASTER OF ARTS (SANSKRIT) | |
| 5 | BACHELOR OF EDUCATION | |
| 6 | BACHELOR OF ARTS | |
| 7 | BACHELOR OF COMMERCE | |
| 8 | BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS | |
| 9 | MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS | |
| 10 | MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS) | |
| 11 | MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) | |
| 12 | MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI) | |
| 13 | MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) | |
| 14 | MASTER OF ARTS (MUSIC) | |
| 15 | MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) | |
| 16 | MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY) | |

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| 17 | MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS) | 2018-19 to 2019 -20 (2018-19, session beginning from January,2019 onwards) |
| 18 | MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION) | |

*As HEI NAAC score is below 3.26, the recognition given is from the academic year 2018-19 (session beginning from January, 2019) to 2019-20, based on the UGC (ODL) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018. The list of recognized Learner Support Centres/Study Centres will be available shortly.

7(B) **Programmes found deficient**

| Sr. No. | Name of the Programme | Deficiency |
|---------|------------------------------|--|
| 1. | MASTER OF MASS COMMUNICATION | Nomenclature is not as per UGC specification of degrees. |

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 & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions given in UGC(ODL) Regulation, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure-1**.

9. For the programmes found deficient in 7(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution may 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 & 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.

11. Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are required to comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. If any deviation by the HEI is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission/ recognition for such ODL courses but also for other courses offered by the institutions, on regular and conventional mode.

12. 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:

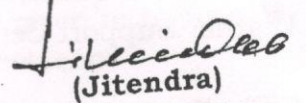
- a) Academic session for January - admission last date February end
- b) Academic session for July - admission last date August end

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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.

Yours faithfully,


(Jitendra)

Education Officer

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla - 171002, Himachal Pradesh 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, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi
4. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070
5. The Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh University, Gyan Path, Summer Hill - 171005.
6. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC
7. The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.
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