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F.No. 40-3/2022 (DEB-II)

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✓ Registrar
International Institute for Population Sciences
Govandi Station Road, Opposite Sanjona Chamber
Deoner, Mumbai - 400 088
Maharashtra

Sub: - Commission decision on the appeal submitted by the HEI under Regulation 6 of Part II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year 2022-23 - regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the Commission Order of even number dated 17.11.2022, wherein the recommendation of the Expert Review Committee (ERC) duly approved by the Competent Authority of UGC were communicated to **International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

2. As per the provisions under Regulation 6 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, the Higher Educational Institution had been provided an opportunity to submit an appeal along with requisite fee and documentary evidence for the programme(s) not recognized as per the UGC letter cited in the above Para, if any, within 30 days from the date of the communication of assessment sheet to the HEI.
3. The appeal along with documents submitted by the **International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, Maharashtra** were placed before duly constituted Standing Appellate Committee in its physical/virtual meeting held on 10.01.2023. The Standing Appellate Committee based on the appeal submitted by the HEI along with documentary evidence, interaction with HEI representatives and the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Competent Authority/ Commission.
4. Based on the recommendations of Standing Appellate Committee and its approval by Competent Authority/Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the decision, on the appeal submitted by HEI for offering programme(s) in **Open and Distance Learning mode from academic session beginning Jan-Feb 2023** onwards by **International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, Maharashtra** as detailed in point no. 5 below. The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 20.02.2023.
5. **Programme-wise recognition status based on appeal (already communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 20.02.2023):**

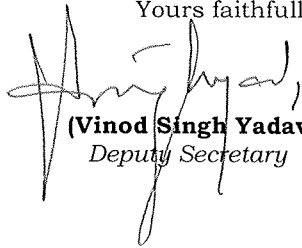
(i) **Reversal of earlier decision:01**

S. No	Programme Name	Recognition period
1.	MASTERS OF ARTS (Population Studies)	Academic session beginning January-February, 2023 up to Academic Session July -August, 2027-28.

(ii) **Appeal disposed off for the following programme(s): Nil**

6. For the programme(s) recognized in 5(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments, while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.
7. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution found offering programme(s) 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 shall take actions as per Regulations 7 of Part-II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
8. The **application by the HEI stands closed** and the HEI needs to apply afresh as and when applications are invited by UGC.
9. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the Higher Educational Institution.


Yours faithfully


(Vinod Singh Yadav)
Deputy Secretary

Encl: - As above

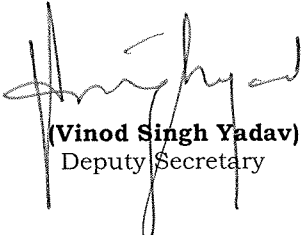
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1. Principal Secretary, Technical and Higher Education Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Annex building, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400 032 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of UGC (Open and Distance Learning programmes and 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, International Institute for Population Sciences, Govandi Station Road, Opposite Sanjona chamber Deoner, Mumbai- 400 088, Maharashtra.
4. The Joint Secretary, CPP-I/DU, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.
5. Guard file.


(M.K. Meena)
Under Secretary

Specific Provisions for Compliance

- 1) The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit **28th May, 2022** duly notarized and signed by Dr.K.S. James, Director & Sr. Professor and Dr. K. C. Das, Professor.
- 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 Centres 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/ Online programmes as mentioned in University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
- 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 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.
 - Deemed to be University established under the State Act shall be eligible to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning mode through its Head Quarters; not through any Learner Support Centre.
 - Learner Support Centre will not be set up under a franchisee agreement in any case
- 7) Higher Educational Institution offering programme in ODL mode and Online 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.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Higher Educational Institution shall ensure that the faculty members shown for each programme are on 'full time dedicated basis' with designation as per the requirement detailed in **Annexure-IV** of UGC(ODL programmes and Online programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments no faculty member of LSC/other institution has been shown as faculty of the Higher Education Institution.


(Vinod Singh Yadav)
Deputy Secretary