UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU

F.No. 1-6/2025(DEB-NER)

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The list of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) entitled to start full-fledged Online Programmes as per provisions stipulated under Regulation 3(B)(a) of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning February, 2025

(I) As mandated by the Regulations, online applications were submitted by the Entitled HEIs willing to offer programmes under online mode. Further, each HEI submitted affidavit for ensuring compliance to all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and also deposited prescribed fee as notified by the Commission.

(II) The duly certified information submitted by the HEI, was to ascertain conformity to the following **four provisions only:**

1. Entitlement eligibility criteria of the HEI.
2. Permissibility of proposed programmes to be offered under online mode.
3. Adherence to UGC Notification of Specification of Degrees, 2014 and its amendments.
4. Prior approval of Regulatory Authority, wherever applicable.

(III) The HEIs are entitled to offer Online programmes, till they are complying NAAC or NIRF ranking requirements as per Regulation 3(B)(a) of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and on non-compliance, they shall discontinue the programmes and accordingly, inform the same to the UGC. The learners already enrolled in the current entitled programmes shall be allowed to complete the programmes in the laid down manner as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

(IV) As per the 578th Commission decision, Central or State or Private Universities don't require prior approval/recommendation/NOC from AICTE for offering of Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Postgraduate Diploma programmes falling under the discipline of Management, Computer Applications and Travel and Tourism. However, Deemed to be Universities are still required to seek prior approval/recommendation/ NOC of AICTE for offering of such programmes in ODL and/or Online mode.

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(V) Programmes under the ambit of Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of communication/recommendations received from respective Regulatory Authority. The HEIs shall strictly abide by the conditions such as number of seats, recognition period, etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.

(VI) **The Regulations also mandate that the Entitled HEIs shall not offer online programmes under any franchise arrangement and shall have complete ownership of these programmes.**

(VII) The HEIs shall ensure the compliance of entry level qualification, mode of admission, duration of programme (minimum & maximum) and number of credits as per UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees 2014 and its amendments, UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and other instructions/notices issued by UGC and other statutory/ regulatory bodies from time to time.

(VIII) Higher Education Institution shall write 'UGC entitled as per University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments' instead of 'UGC recognized' at all places.

(IX) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions as stipulated in University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 (including any amendments thereto) and shall take steps as stipulated under Annexure-I to Annexure-X of the said Regulations.

(X) **UGC decided that the last date of ODL/online student admission for the academic session February, 2025 and last date of submitting admission details to UGC shall be 31st March, 2025.**

(XI) The Higher Educational Institutions have submitted an affidavit to the effect that in case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the Higher Educational Institution is found to be false or wrong at a later stage or in case there is any violation of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments by the HEI, the Higher Educational Institution shall be solely liable and responsible for any such contravention/violation and for any consequences thereof (including career consequences of Learner). In such events, the HEI may also be subject to the consequences stipulated under Regulation 7 of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 (including any amendments thereto).

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(XII) The list of entitled HEIs which have submitted the affidavit to ensure compliance of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and have been found complying with above mentioned provision (as per point II above), for academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning February, 2025 is appended herewith.

Note: Additional list of HEIs recognized to offer Online programmes under eligible category as per 3(B)(b) of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning February, 2025 is already uploaded on UGC DEB web portal.

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49.	PUNJAB	PRIVATE UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY	**CHANDIGARH UNIVERSITY**	10	1) BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 2) BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS 3) BACHELOR OF ARTS (JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION) 4) MASTER OF ARTS (JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION) 5) MASTER OF SCIENCE (DATA SCIENCE) 6) MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS) 7) MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) 8) MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS) 9) MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 10) MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

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