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F.No. 40-17/2021 (ODL) (DEB-II)

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✓ The Registrar
Uttarakhand Open University
Teen Pani Bypass,
Near Transport Nagar,
P.O. - Industrial Area,
Haldwani, Nainital,
Uttarakhand

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Sub: Commission Order on the application, submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) from 2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July 2021) and onwards - regarding

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) 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 Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 has been notified in the Gazette of India on dated 4th September, 2020.

2. The eligibility criteria for Higher Educational Institution is enumerated under Regulation 3 of Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. The Regulation 4 and 5 describes the process of applications for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes and the approval process whereas Regulations 6 describe provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulations 7 describe the process of withdrawal of Recognition.
3. The University Grants Commission has notified the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021, in the Gazette of India on 1st July, 2021. In accordance with these Regulations, the Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes from **2021-22, the academic session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July, 2021)** and onwards vide public notice F. No. 1-23/2021 (DEB-I) dated 14th July, 2021, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be open upto 31.07.2021. The last date for submitting duly certified hard copies was 10.08.2021. The **Uttarakhand Open University, Uttarakhand** had submitted its application for recognition of the Open and Distance Learning Programmes.

4. Application received from **Uttarakhand Open University, Uttarakhand** had been scrutinized and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated to HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.
5. The **Uttarakhand Open University, Uttarakhand** was invited for a Virtual Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee duly constituted by the Chairman of the Commission, held on **08/ 10/ 2021** in the UGC office, 35 Feroze Shah Road. New Delhi – 110 001.
6. The Interface Expert Committee, based on the submitted application, compliance to deficiency(ies) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment made recommendations for the consideration of the Competent Authority/ Commission.
7. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee 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 **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021(**revised from July 2021**) by the **Uttarakhand Open University, Uttarakhand**; as detailed in point no. 8 below.

8. **Programme wise recognition status**

(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recommended***

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Period of Recognition
1	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION (VISUAL IMPAIRMENT)	2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021(revised from July, 2021) to 2025 -26 (upto January, 2026 only)
2	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION (HEARING IMPAIRMENT)	
3	BACHELOR OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES	

*Note:- 1. The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 20/10/2021

2. Based on the Regulatory Authority recommendations/approval, the maximum intake and other condition will be as per the Regulatory Authority recommendation/approval.

(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recommended :- Nil**

9. For the programmes recognized in 8(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 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.

10. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulations 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020:

“No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning Programme and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition”.

11. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution 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 Regulations 7 of Part -II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

Yours faithfully,


(Neethu S. Thulaseedharan)
Education Officer