ज्ञान-विज्ञान विमुक्तये

सत्यमेव जयते

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU
Ministry of Education, Govt. of India
35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi – 110001
Website: https://deb.ugc.ac.in/
Email: ugcdeb.r45@gmail.com
Ph. No. 011-2360 4664/641

Speed Post/E-mail

F.No 8-10/2024(DEB-I) **February, 2025**

The Registrar
Desh Bhagat University, Punjab
Off to NH-44, Amloh Road,
Mandi Gobindgarh District
Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab-14
Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab 147301

12 FEB 2025

Sub: Commission Order on the application submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution (HEI) for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

1. UGC has notified the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments. Regulations 3, 4 and 5 describe the eligibility criterion for HEI, the process of application and the approval process for ODL and Online Programmes whereas Regulation 6 describes provisions of the right to appeal by the HEIs aggrieved with the order of the Commission.

2. The Commission invited online applications from the eligible HEIs for recognition of the programmes under ODL mode from academic year 2024-25 academic session beginning October 2024 vide Public Notice F. No. 1-16/2024(DEB-I) dated 6TH May, 2024.

3. Application received from **Desh Bhagat University, Mandi, Punjab** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Visiting Expert Committee (VEC), Expert Review Committee (ERC) and Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) duly constituted by the Chairman, UGC. The details of the meetings are as under:

Sr.No.	Name of the Committee	Date of meeting	Date of recommendation sheet shared with the HEI
For ODL Programmes:			
1.	Visiting Expert Committee (VEC)	13.08.2024 & 14.08.2024	17.10.2024
2.	Expert Review Committee (ERC)	10.10.2024	17.10.2024
3.	Standing Appellate Committee (SAC)	12.12.2024	07.01.2025

ISSUED

The report of the VEC was considered by the ERC. Based on the recommendations of VEC/ERC/SAC 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 ODL mode from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards.

4. **Programme wise recognition status**

(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programme Recognized from academic session October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024): Nil**

(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programme Recognized from academic session February, 2025 (on the basis of the recommendations of the SAC*): 06**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Bachelor of Business Administration (General) (03 Years)	2024-25, academic session beginning from February, 2025 to Academic Year 2028-29 (upto July, 2029 only).
2.	Bachelor of Arts (Combination of 3 Subjects)- General (03 Years)	
3.	Master of Arts – English (02 Years)	
4.	Master of Tourism & Travel Management (02 Years) (learner intake shall be limited to 240 intake)	
5.	Master of Business Administration (General) (02 Years) (learner intake shall be limited to 240 intake)	
6.	Master of Commerce (02 Year)	

***The recommendations of the VEC have been reversed by the SAC.**

Note: The Expert Committee has recommended that HEI shall adhere to the specified learner intake for Master of Business Administration (General) and Master of Tourism & Travel Management programmes listed in the table above.

(iii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognised: 07**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Reason for non-recognition
1.	Bachelor of Commerce	(i.) Assessment criteria of proposed programmes are not as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. (ii.) Qualification of full-time dedicated faculty for proposed programmes are not submitted. (iii.) SLM for proposed programmes need to be restructured as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. (iv.)Minimum number of credits criteria per semester is not followed for proposed programmes.
2.	Bachelor of Computer Applications	
3.	Bachelor of Tourism & Travel Management	(i.) Assessment criteria of proposed programme are not as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. (ii.) Qualification of full time dedicated faculty for proposed programme is not submitted. (iii.) SLM for proposed programme need to be restructured as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. (iv.) Minimum number of credits criteria per semester is not followed for proposed programme. (v.) Minimum duration of proposed Bachelor of Tourism & Travel Management programme is not as per Specification of Degrees, 2014.
4.	Bachelor of Education	(i.) Approval of Regulatory Authority (NCTE) is not submitted. (ii.) SLM for proposed programmes are not submitted. (iii.) PPR for proposed programmes are not as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
5.	Master of Education	
6.	Master of Arts - Journalism & Mass Communication	(i.) Assessment criteria of proposed programmes are not as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. (ii.) Qualification of full time dedicated faculty for proposed programmes is not
7.	Master of Computer Applications	

		submitted. (iii.) SLM for proposed programmes need to be restructured as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. (iv.) Minimum number of credits criteria per semester is not followed for proposed programmes.

5. For the programmes recognized in the aforementioned table the HEI shall comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments while offering the programmes in ODL mode.

6. The application of the HEI stands closed.

7. In the event any HEI is 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 regulation 7 of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

8. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the HEI.

Yours faithfully,

(Neera Chopra)
Under Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh- 160 003. with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
2. The Economic Advisor, Distance Learning Section, MoE, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. The Joint Secretary, Private University Bureau, UGC Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg Delhi, 110002.

(Krishan Pal Yadav)
Section Officer