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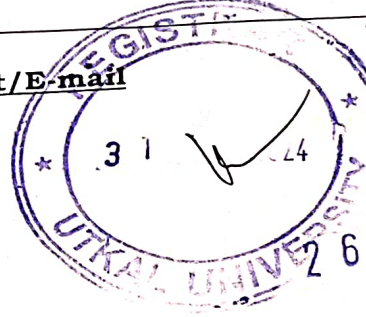
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F. No. 8-32/2023 (DEB-I) (ODL)

The Registrar
Utkal University
Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar
Odisha - 751004



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 (ODL) mode from academic year 2024-25 academic session beginning from September, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the Commission Order of even number dated 22nd May, 2024 wherein the recommendations of the Expert Review Committee were communicated to **Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.**

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 was 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 above para, if any, within 30 days from the date of the communication of assessment sheet of the Expert Review Committee (as communicated in the said UGC letter).
3. The appeal along with documents submitted by the **Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha** were placed before duly constituted Standing Appellate Committee in the virtual meeting held on **14.06.2024 & 11.07.2024**. The Standing Appellate Committee based on the appeal submitted along with documentary evidence, interaction with HEI's 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 year 2024-25 academic session beginning from September, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards, by the **Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha** as detailed in point no. 5 below. The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been

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communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 18.07.2024.

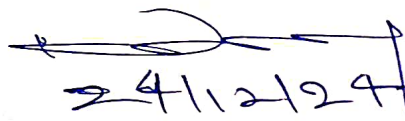
5. Programme-wise recognition status based on appeal submitted by the HEI (Communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 18.07.2024):

(i) Reversal of earlier decision: 15 (Fifteen)

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programme	Period of Recognition
1.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION- (3 years duration)	2024-25 academic session beginning from September, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) to 2028-29 (upto January, 2029 only)
2.	*MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - (2 years duration)	
3.	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS - (2 years duration)	
4.	MASTER OF COMMERCE - (2 years duration)	
5.	MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK - (2 years duration)	
6.	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY) - (2 years duration)	
7.	MASTER OF ARTS (SANSKRIT) - (2 years duration)	
8.	MASTER OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) - (2 years duration)	
9.	MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) - (2 years duration)	
10.	MASTER OF ARTS (ODIA) - (2 years duration)	
11.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) - (2 years duration)	
12.	MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI) - (2 years duration)	
13.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) - (2 years duration)	
14.	MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION) - (2 years duration)	
15.	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS) - (2 years duration)	

Note: In addition to the above, the Expert Committee recommended the following:-

1. Based on the information submitted by the HEI, Master of Computer Applications (MCA) programme shall be offered from the HEI's Headquarters only.
2. *As HEI has submitted the PPR & SLM and its approval only for MBA programme instead of MBA (Management Studies) programme. Accordingly, MBA (Management Studies) programme is recommended as **MBA programme** only.


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"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".

8. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning 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 action(s) as per Regulations 7 of Part-II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
9. The application of the HEI for the academic year 2023-24 is **stands closed**.
10. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the Higher Educational Institution.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Naresh Pal Meena)
Education Officer

Encl:- As above

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar-751001
{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 Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, Delhi- 110 070.
3. The Economic Advisor, Distance Learning Section, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
4. The Vice Chancellor, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha - 751004.
5. The Deputy Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi - 110001.
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(Davinder Kumar)
Section Officer