
Fwd: Offering of Online Programmes by Entitled Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards.-reg

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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

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Title: Offering of Online Programmes by Entitled Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards.-reg

Message:

With reference to the above-mentioned subject, please find Screening Expert Committee recommendation/observation sheets in respect of your HEI's application for offering Online Programmes under "Entitled Category" from **for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards.**

Further, the HEI may please note the following for necessary action and compliance:

1. As mandated by the Regulations, Online applications had been 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.

2. The duly certified information submitted by the HEI, was to ascertain conformity to the following four provisions ONLY:
 - i. Mandatory entitlement criteria of HEI based on NAAC score/NIRF ranking.
 - ii. Permissibility of proposed programme to be offered under Online mode.
 - iii. Adherence to UGC Notification of Specification of Degrees, 2014 and its amendments.
 - iv. Prior approval of Regulatory Authority, wherever applicable.

3. The HEIs are entitled to offer Online Programmes, till they are complying NAAC or NIRF ranking requirements as per Regulation 3(B) (a) of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 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.

4. It shall be the sole responsibility of the HEI to ensure that programmes offered in Online mode strictly abide to all the provisions of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and to the clauses as mentioned in the affidavit submitted by the HEI.

5. As decided by the Competent Authority, Last date to admit learners in ODL/Online by approved institutions and the date for submission of admission data on DEB Web Portal via reverse API, as 15 September, 2025

6. The HEI shall comply to the following decision of the Commission; taken in its 550th meeting held on 18th February, 2021:

The Commission has decided that HEIs entitled to offer ODL and Online Programmes are advised not to write 'UGC recognized' in advertisements/websites; HEIs may write 'UGC entitled' instead of 'UGC recognized'.*

**As per provisions (exact reference) of Regulations (relevant with correct title).*

All the HEIs entitled to offer programmes through Online mode shall comply with the above decision of the Commission and inform the implementation status to the UGC.

8. Programmes under the ambit of the Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of communication/recommendation/NOC/ approval received from respective Regulatory Authority. The HEI shall abide by the conditions such as number of seats and recognition period etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.

9. The HEI will be given one chance to submit Compliance/Clarification; as per the recommendations of the Working Group and its approval by the Commission. The UGC DEB web portal for submitting Compliance/Clarification shall remain open and HEI is requested to submit the same at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in/Proposal/Login>.

10. The application of HEI who has submitted Compliance once and same has been already considered, stands closed.

11. 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”.

It is hereby reiterated that HEI shall strictly adhere with the above Commission decision and UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, failing which, strict punitive action will be taken against the HEI as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Thanks and Regards,

UGC (DEB)

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