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F.No. 21-4/2021(DEB-I)

25 APR 2022 April, 2021

The Registrar  
University of Kashmir  
Hazratbal, Srinagar,  
Jammu and Kashmir - 190006

**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 mode from academic year 2021-22, Academic session beginning July-August 2022 only - regarding**

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the Commission Order of even number dated 13.01.2022 wherein the details of recognition status were communicated to **University of Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir**.

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 had been provided an opportunity to submit an appeal along with requisite fee and documentary evidence for the programmes 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 as mentioned in the said UGC letter.
3. The appeal alongwith documents submitted by the **University of Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir** have been placed before duly constituted Standing Appellate Committee in the virtual meeting held on **29.11.2021**. The Standing Appellate Committee based on the appeal submitted alongwith documentary evidences, interaction with HEIs representatives and the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020; 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 Higher Education Institution for offering programmes in **Open and Distance Learning mode for academic session July-August 2022 only**, by the **University of Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir** as detailed in point no. 5 below. **The assessment sheet**

duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 30.11.2021.

5. Programme-wise recognition status based on appeal:

(i) Reversal of earlier decision:

| S. No. | Name of the ODL Programmes | Period of Recognition                           |
|--------|----------------------------|---|
| 1      | BACHELOR OF EDUCATION*     | For the academic session July-August, 2022 only |

1.\*As per clarification received from NCTE vide letter dated 03.01.2022 and subsequent approval of Competent Authority, recognition of B.Ed programme is granted for July-August, 2022 session only.

2. The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 30.11.2021.

(ii) Appeal disposed off for the following programme(s):

| S. No. | Name of the ODL Programme | Reason(s) |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------|
|        |                           | NIL       |

6. For the programmes recognized in 5(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**.

7. 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".*

8. 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 shall take actions as per Regulations 7 of Part-II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

9. The appeal stands closed and the HEI needs to apply afresh as and when UGC invites application for recognition of ODL programmes.

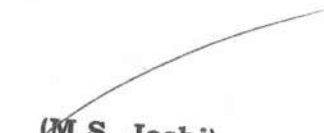
10. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the Higher Educational Institution.

Yours faithfully,

  
**(Raj Verma)**  
Under Secretary

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, 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.
2. The Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi - 110002
4. The Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir - 190006
5. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110 002
6. Guard file.

  
**(M.S. Joshi)**  
Section Officer



Specific Provisions for Compliance

- 1) The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 duly notarized and signed by Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir, Registrar and Prof. Tariq Ahmad Chishti, Director submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 06<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.
- 2) Intake capacity under Open and Distance Learning mode for a programme under science discipline
  - For Dual Mode University: Intake shall not be more than three times of the approved intake in conventional mode.
  - For Open University: Learning enrolment will commensurate with the capacity of the Learner Support Centres to provide lab facilities to the admitted learners.
- 3) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions of faculty and staff requirements for offering ODL/ Online programmes as mentioned in University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
- 4) The total deployment of work force and other support at study or Learner Support Centres in Open and Distance Learning mode shall be as mentioned in Regulations.
- 5) Higher Educational Institution shall conduct proctored examination as under:
  - For ODL Programmes: Examination through pen-paper or online or computer based testing within Territorial Jurisdiction, in the examination centre as condition laid down in Regulations.
  - For Online Programmes: Examinations either using technology enabled online test with all the security arrangements ensuring transparency and credibility of the examinations, or through the Proctored Examination and in conformity with any other norms for such examination as may be laid down by the Commission
- 6) Higher Educational Institution offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode shall ensure that a Learner Support Centre is established as per Regulations and it also fulfill following conditions as under:
  - Learner Support Centre defined under these regulations shall not be the Learner Support Centre for more than two Higher Educational Institutions at a time to offer programmes in ODL mode.
  - Private University established under the State Act shall be eligible to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning mode through its Head Quarters; not through any Learner Support Centre.
  - Learner Support Centre will not be set up under a franchisee agreement in any case
- 7) Higher Educational Institution offering programme in ODL mode and Online mode shall prepare Self Learning Material as per **Annexure-VI** and **Annexure-VII** taking into consideration of the following:
  - At least 60 percent of Self Learning Materials shall be developed by the in-house faculty of the HEI
  - Remaining percent of the materials can be sourced from available resources such as other HEIs, Open Educational Resources (OER) and SWAYAM.

- 8) Higher Educational Institution shall adhere to the weightage for different components of assessments for Open and Distance Learning mode and Online mode as under:
- Continuous or formative assessment (in semester): Maximum 30 per cent.
  - Summative assessment (end semester examination or term end examination): Minimum 70 per cent.
- 9) Higher Educational Institution shall ensure that the faculty members shown for each programme are on 'full time dedicated basis' with designation as per the requirement detailed in **Annexure-IV** of UGC(ODL programmes and Online programmes) Regulations, 2020 and no faculty member of LSC/other institution has been shown as faculty of the Higher Education Institution.
- 10) Based on the Regulatory Authority recommendations/approval, the maximum intake and other condition will be as per the Regulatory Authority recommendation/approval.
- 11) Information related to ODL be prominently displayed on HEI website.



**(Raj Verma)**  
Under Secretary