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The Registrar
Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University
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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 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 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 and/or Online mode from academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 vide Public Notice F. No. 1-4/2025 (DEB-NER) dated 12th March, 2025.
3. Application received from **Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Assam** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Virtual Interface Expert Committee (IEC) 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.	Interface Expert Committee (IEC)	18.06.2025 and 30.06.2025	18.07.2025
2.	Standing Appellate Committee	06.08.2025	27.08.2025

4. Based on the recommendations of IEC and 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 the academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards.

5. **Programme wise recognition status**

(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized: 03 (Three)**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Bachelor of Library & Information Science (Library and Information Science) – 1 year	Academic year 2025-26 academic session beginning July-August, 2025 to 2029-30 (upto January- February, 2030 only)
2.	Master of Arts (Sanskrit) – 2 years	
3.	Master of Arts (Bengali) – 2 years	

(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognised on the basis of recommendations of the SAC*: 01 (One)**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Master of Arts (Yoga) – 2 years	Academic year 2025-26 academic session beginning July-August, 2025 to 2029-30 (upto January- February, 2030 only)

*The recommendations of the IEC have been reversed by the SAC

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

6. 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.
7. The application of the HEI stands closed.
8. In the event any HEI is found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning 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.
9. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the HEI.

Yours faithfully,



(Sanjay Kumar)
Under Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Assam, Assam Secretariat, Block 'C', 3rd floor, Assam, Guwahati - 781006 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, State University Bureau, 35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi -110 001.



(**Davinder Kumar**)
Section Officer

