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✓ The Registrar
Jain Vishva Bharati Institute
Ladnun, Rajasthan- 341306

25 APR 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 February, 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 2024-25, academic session beginning February, 2025 and onwards vide Public Notice F.No. 1-32/2024(DEB-I) dated 14th October, 2024.
3. Application received from **Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Rajasthan** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Interface Expert Committee (IEC) 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)	14.01.2025	18.02.2025

4. Based on the recommendations of Virtual Interface Expert Committee (IEC) 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 February, 2025) and onwards.

5. Programme wise recognition status

(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized: 01 (One)**

Sr. No.	Programmes Name	Period of Recognition
1.	MASTERS OF ARTS (SANSKRIT)	2024-2025, academic session beginning February, 2025 to 2029-30 (upto July-August, 2029 only).

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

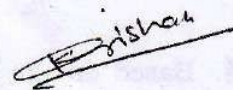
Yours faithfully,



(Neera Chopra)
Under Secretary

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1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Rajasthan, Department of College Education, Block- IV, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Shiksha Sanku, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur- 302025 (Rajasthan) 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, CPP-I/DU Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110 002.



(Krishan Pal Yadav)
Section Officer



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F. No. 22-9/2022 (DEB-I)

17 NOV 2022 / 5 November, 2022

The Registrar
Jain Vishva Bharati Institute
Ladnun – 341306
Rajasthan

Sub:- Commission decision on the appeal submitted by the Higher Educational Institution 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 2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022)- regarding

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the Commission Order of even number dated 16.11.2022, wherein the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee duly approved by the Competent Authority were communicated to **Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan.**

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 (HEI) 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 along with documents submitted by the **Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan** have been placed before duly constituted Standing Appellate Committee in the virtual meeting held on **29.09.2022**. The Standing Appellate Committee based on the appeal submitted by the HEI along with documentary evidences, interaction with HEI's 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 HEI for offering programmes in **Open and Distance Learning** mode from academic year **2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022)** and onwards, by the Pondicherry University, Puducherry as detailed at point no. 5 below. **The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority have already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 12.10.2022.**
5. **Programme-wise recognition status based on appeal (communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 12.10.2022):**

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(i) **Reversal of earlier decision (Programme Recognized): 01**

S. No	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	MASTERS OF ARTS (YOGA & SCIENCE OF LIVING)	2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) to 2026-27 (upto January, 2027 only)

Note: *For Master of Arts (Yoga) programme, the HEI shall comply with the following conditions:-

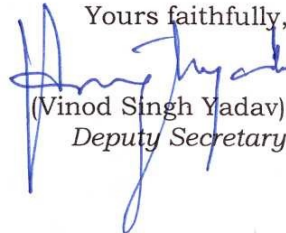
- a. Entry level qualification for the Yoga programmes in ODL mode at different levels is as under:

Level	Entry Qualification
Under Graduate Degree	10+2 with a certificate in Yoga discipline with a duration of atleast 2 months or 10+2 with the certificate by Yoga Certification Board (YCB) The HEI will conduct an entrance for ODL in Online or offline mode for assessment of the expected basic knowledge.
Post Graduate Degree	Bachelor's as per terms referred for Under Graduate Degree
Post Graduate Diploma	Bachelor's as per terms referred for Under Graduate Degree

- b. Yoga Programmes in ODL mode may be offered in hybrid mode wherein theoretical component can be taught in permissible Online Mode and practical component can be done at Headquarter/ Learner Support Centres (LSCs). The conditions of territorial jurisdiction and Learner Support Centres as mentioned in the Regulations shall be complied with.
- c. Permissible practical component will be as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020; for four courses, each of 04 credits (Total 16 credits), 10-12 credits for theory and 6-4 credits for practical course.
- d. The HEIs recognized by UGC for offering Yoga programmes in ODL mode shall conduct minimum contact programme at Headquarter (HQ)/ Learner Support Centres (LSCs) as per following:
"Learner shall be present in Headquarter/Learner Support Centres (LSCs) atleast minimum 2 months in first semester and minimum 2 months in last semester"
- e. HEI shall ensure the compliance of provisions regarding examination, contact classes and various other activities etc. as mentioned in UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
- f. HEI shall comply to the guidelines in respect of model curriculum on Yoga as and when notified by the Commission.
- g. HEI shall comply to provisions of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and guidelines/directions issued by Commission from time to time.

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

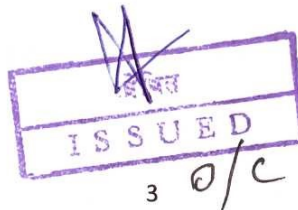
6. For the programmes recognized in 5(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. 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 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, and its amendment(s).
9. The application of the HEI academic year 2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) 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,

(Vinod Singh Yadav)
Deputy Secretary

Encl: As above

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2. The Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Ayush Bhawan, B Block GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi - 110023
4. The Vice Chancellor, Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan - 341306
5. The Joint Secretary, CPP-I/DU Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.
6. Guard file.




(Sunil K Pushkar)
Section Officer

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Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 26 read with clause (j) of section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 have been notified on 4th September, 2020 in the Gazette of India. Subsequently, the first and second amendments in the principal regulations have been notified on 01.07.2021 and 18.07.2022 respectively in the Gazette of India.

2. The eligibility criteria for Higher Educational Institution are enumerated under Regulation 3 in Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments. The Regulation 4 and 5 describes the process of applications for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes and the approval process whereas Regulation 6 describe provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institution aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulation 7 describe the process of withdrawal of Recognition.

3. University Grants Commission had invited online application from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) as per Regulation 3(A) and Regulation 3(B)(b) of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for recognition of the programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/or Online mode from academic year **2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022)** and onwards, vide public notice F. No.3-1/2022 (DEB-III) dated 13th May, 2022, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be open upto 31st May, 2022. The **Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan** had submitted its application for recognition of the Open and Distance Learning Programmes.

4. Application received from **Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan** had been scrutinized and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated to HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning

Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.

5. The **Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan** was invited for a Virtual Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee duly constituted by the Chairman, UGC on **01.08.2022**.

6. The Interface Expert Committee, based on the submitted application, compliance to deficiencies or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Expert Committee Meeting and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments made recommendations for the consideration of the Competent Authority/ Commission.

7. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee 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 **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) by the **Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Ladnun, Rajasthan** detailed in point no. 8 below. **The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 12.08.2022.**

8. **Programme wise recognition status**

(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized:**
(Communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 12.08.2022):-

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Period of Recognition
1.	Bachelor of Arts (Combination of 3 Subjects)	2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) to 2026-27 (upto January, 2027 only)
2.	Bachelor of Commerce	
3.	Masters of Arts (Non-violence and Peace)	
4.	Master of Arts (Political Science)	
5.	Master of Arts (Jainology, Comparative Religion & Philosophy)	
6.	Master of Arts (English)	
7.	Master of Arts (Hindi)	

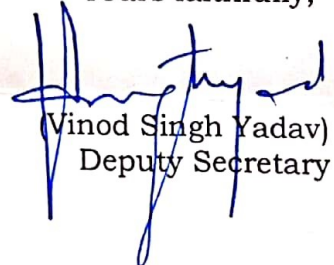
(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognized:**

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Reason(s) for refusal
1	Master of Arts (Yoga & Science of Living)	Based on the communication received from Ministry of AYUSH and as decided in 552 nd Commission meeting, no new yoga based

	programme in ODL shall be accorded recognition till final decision on permissible practical component is taken.
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9. For the programmes recognized in 8(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 and its amendments while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.
10. For the programmes not recommended for recognition as per 8(ii) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of communication of Interface Meeting Sheet through UGC, DEB portal on 12.08.2022 as per the provision at sub-regulation (1) of Regulations 6 of Part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. The appeal submitted by HEI is under process as per University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and decision in the matter shall be communicated shortly.
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".*
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