



By E-mail/Speed Post

F. No. 22-5/2022 (DEB-I)

11 November, 2022

The Registrar
Jagat Guru Nanak Dev
Punjab State Open University
C/28 Lower Mall, Patiala – 147 001, Punjab

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 26.10.2022, wherein the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee duly approved by the Competent Authority were communicated to **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab.**

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 **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab** have been placed before duly constituted Standing Appellate Committee in the virtual meeting held on **12.09.2022**. 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 **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab**.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 29.09.2022.**
5. **Programme-wise recognition status based on appeal (communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 29.09.2022):**

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

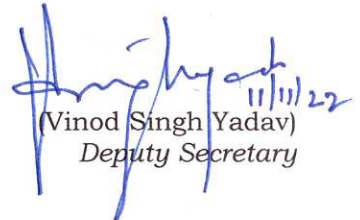
S. No	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Master of Commerce (Commerce)	2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) to 2025 -26 (upto January, 2026only)

(ii) **Appeal disposed off for the following programme(s): 01**

S. No	Programme Name	Reason(s) for refusal
1.	Bachelor of Business Administration	Inadequate Faculty

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 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

End :- As Above

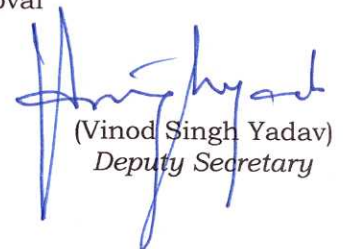
Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh – 160002 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 Vice Chancellor, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, C/28 Lower Mall, Patiala, Punjab - 147001
4. The Joint Secretary, SU Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.
5. Guard file.


(Seema Ahuja)
Section Officer

Specific Provisions for Compliance

- 1) The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 24th May, 2022 duly notarized and signed by Dr. Dharam Singh Sandhu, Registrar submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 07th June, 2022.
- 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 Centers 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 programmes as mentioned in University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- 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.
 - Institutions Deemed to be University shall operate only within its Head Quarters or from those off campuses which are approved by the Government of India through notification published in the Official Gazette.
- 7) Higher Educational Institution offering programme in ODL 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) Based on the Regulatory Authority recommendations/approval, the maximum intake and other condition will be as per the Regulatory Authority recommendation/approval


(Vinod Singh Yadav)
Deputy Secretary



Email/Speed Post

F. No. 22-5/2022 (DEB-I)

21 October, 2022

The Registrar
Jagat Guru Nanak Dev
Punjab State Open University
C/28 Lower Mall,
Patiala- 147 001, Punjab

26 OCT 2022

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 2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) and onwards – regarding.

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 **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab** had submitted its application for recognition of the Open and Distance Learning Programmes.



Handwritten signature in blue ink.

4. Application received from the **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab** 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 **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab** 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 **Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Punjab** as 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: 01**
(Communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 12.08.2022): -

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Recognition Period
1.	MASTER OF ARTS (PUNJABI)	2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) to 2025-2026 (upto January 2026) only.

(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognized:03**

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Reason(s) for refusal
1.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	Inadequate Faculty
2.	MASTER OF COMMERCE	
3.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	

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 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.

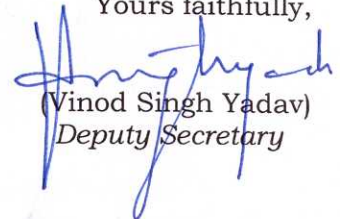
10. For the programmes not recognized as per 8(ii) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of communication of Interface meeting assessment sheet i.e. 12.08.2022 through UGC, DEB portal as per the provision at sub-regulation (1) of Regulations 6 of Part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

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”.


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

Yours faithfully,


(Vinod Singh Yadav)
Deputy Secretary

Copy to:

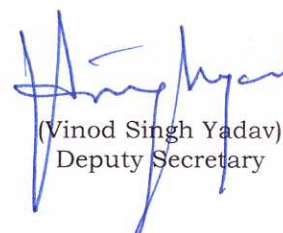
1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh - 160 002 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
2. The Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Vice Chancellor, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, C/28 Lower Mall, Patiala, Punjab 147 001.
4. The Joint Secretary, SU Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.
5. Guard file.


(Sunil K Pushkar)
Section Officer

Specific Provisions for Compliance

- 1) The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 24th May, 2022 duly notarized and signed by Dr. Dharam Singh Sandhu, Registrar, Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 07th June, 2022.
- 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 Centers 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 programmes as mentioned in University Grants Commission Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- 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 applicable, 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.
 - Learner Support Centre will not be set up under a franchisee agreement in any case
- 7) Private University established under the State Act shall be eligible to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning mode through its Head Quarter; not through any Learner Support Centre.
- 8) Higher Educational Institution offering programme in ODL 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.
- 9) 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.
- 10) Based on the Regulatory Authority recommendations/approval, the maximum intake and other condition will be as per the Regulatory Authority recommendation/approval.

o/c


(Vinod Singh Yadav)
Deputy Secretary