



**Speed Post**

**F.No.: 127-1/2017 (DEB-IV)**

**Date: August, 2019**

**The Registrar,  
MATS University  
Village-Gullu Arang Kharora Highway  
District - Raipur  
Chhattisgarh - 493 441**

**07 AUG 2019**

**Sub: Commission Order on the application, submitted Online by the Higher Educational Institution, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2019-20, session beginning from July, 2019 and onwards - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the UGC letter of even number dated 09.10.2018, wherein **MATS University** has been called for Representation Meeting before the Expert Committee which was scheduled on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at UGC DEB Office, 35 Ferozshah Road, New Delhi-110001.

2. Part-II; sub-regulations (3) to (5); of the University Grants commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 describes the Recognition process of Higher educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes. The sub-regulations (3) describes the process of recognition of Higher Educational Institutions offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning Mode, whereas sub-regulations (4) describes the process for withdrawal of recognition and sub-regulations (5) provides right to appeal to Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the decision of the Commission.

3. Based on the representation received, the Expert Committee in its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi decided that an Expert Committee should be constituted to visit the HEI to ensure compliance with UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

4. Accordingly, the Chairman, UGC constituted Visiting Expert Committee to visit and evaluate/assess the preparedness of MATS University for offering programmes under ODL mode from 2018-19 onwards, as per UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and its subsequent amendments. The visiting Expert Committee visited MATS University on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 and submitted its report.

5. The report and recommendations of Visiting Committee have been placed before the Expert Review committee, constituted by the Chairman of the UGC for consideration. Based on the submitted application and recommendations of Visiting expert Committee and in terms of provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; the Expert Review Committee has made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.



6. Based on the decision of the Competent Authority, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the decision, on the representation received, for offering **programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2019-20, session beginning from July, 2019 and onwards by the MATS University as detailed in point no. 7 below.**

7. Programme wise recognition status based on representation:

**7 (A) Programmes Recognised** (Recognition status uploaded on UGC website on 27.06.2019 as per approval of the Competent Authority)

| S. No. | Name of the Programme                     | Period of Recognition (If Applicable)*                           |
|--------|---|--|
| 1      | BACHELOR OF ARTS                          | 2019-2020 Academic session beginning July 2019 and Jan 2020 only |
| 2      | BACHELOR OF COMMERCE                      |  |
| 3      | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)    |  |
| 4      | BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION       |  |
| 5      | BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATION          |  |
| 6      | MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)                |  |
| 7      | MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)                  |  |
| 8      | MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI)                    |  |
| 9      | MASTER OF COMMERCE                        |  |
| 10     | MASTER OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)      |  |
| 11     | MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION         |  |
| 12     | MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS           |  |
| 13     | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BIOLOGY)             |  |
| 14     | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)         |  |
| 15     | MASTER OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)             |  |
| 16     | MASTER OF SCIENCE ( MATHEMATICS)          |  |
| 17     | BACHELOR OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE |  |
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\*As HEI NAAC score is below 3.26, the recognition given is only the academic year 2019-20, based on the UGC (ODL) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018.

The university is not authorized to open study centre/off campus centre beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the State as per the observations of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of Prof. Yash Pal vs The State of Chhattisgarh (2005). HEI cannot affiliate any college or institution for conducting courses leading to award of its diplomas, degrees or other qualifications. Also HEI cannot offer its programmes through franchising arrangement with private institutions for the purpose of conducting courses through distance mode or even for regular mode.

HEI, cannot open its centre(s) even within the State as per the provision of UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulation, 2003 without the approval of UGC. The UGC has not granted any approval to the university to open off campus/study centre anywhere.



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**7 (B) Programme Not recognised**

| S. No. | Name of the Programme | Deficiency   |
|--------|-----------------------|--|
| 1      | BACHELOR OF EDUCATION | Non submission of prior approval of respective Regulatory Authority for the academic session 2018-19 and onwards as per sub regulation 2 (p) of Part - I of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017. |

8. For the programmes recognized in 6 (A) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide in letter and spirit by all the terms and conditions, while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode, as per the provisions detailed in Part-III, Part-IV, Part-V, Part-VI and Annexure-I to Annexure-XI of the University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions given in UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure- 1**.

9. For the programmes not recognised in 6(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal to the Commission, if any, along with fee of Rupees ten thousand per programme in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of Secretary, UGC, within 30 days from the date of this order, as per the provision of sub-regulation (5) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and decision of the Commission in its 534<sup>th</sup> Meeting dated 02.08.2018.

10. If the HEI fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, or if any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the HEI is found to be false or fake at a later date, UGC shall take action as per Regulation (4) Part - II of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

11. Higher Educational Institutions are required to comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. If any deviation is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission/recognition for such ODL course but also for other courses offered by the institution, on regular and conventional mode, as directed by MHRD vide letter F. No.2-18/2017-U3 (A) dated 07.10.2018 on the recommendations of Justice Reddy Committee constituted by MHRD on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03.11.2018 in Civil Appeal No.17869-17870 filed by Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd Versus Rabi Sankar Patro & Ors.

12. **Time limit for completion of admission process for offering ODL programmes by HEIs:**

The Commission in its 537<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10.12.2018 has decided the time limit for completion of admission process by the HEIs for offering ODL programmes as mentioned below:

a) Academic session for January - admission last date February end

b) Academic session for July - admission last date August end

The Commission has also directed that the HEIs shall upload the admission details within ten days from the last date of the admissions in the respective academic session i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> September for July academic session and 10<sup>th</sup> March for January academic session. Accordingly, the HEIs shall comply with the above decision of Commission.

13. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the Higher Educational Institutions.

Yours faithfully,

(Jitendra)

Education Officer

**Copy to:**

- 1) The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Chhattisgarh, C-30, Indravati Bhawan, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492003 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.
- 2) The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
- 3) The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110070
- 4) The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 5) The Vice-Chancellor, MATS University, Village-Gullu, Arang Kharora Highway, District - Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 493 441
- 6) The Joint Secretary, Private University Bureau, UGC, Bhadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110001
- 7) The Publication Officer (Web), UGC for uploading on the website.
- 8) Guard file.

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