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The Registrar
Vardhman Mahaveer Open University
Rawatbhata Road
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Rajasthan

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 and onwards vide Public Notice F. No. 1-4/2025 (DEB-NER) dated 12th March, 2025.

3. Application received from **Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota, Rajasthan** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Virtual 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 Meeting (IEC)	18.06.2025 & 30.06.2025	18.07.2025

4. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee Meeting (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 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August,2025 and onwards.

5. **Programme wise recognition status**

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

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (2 Years)	Academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning from July-August, 2025 to January-February, 2026 only.

Note: For Bachelor of Education Programme:- B.Ed programmes (falling under the ambit of NCTE) have been considered on the basis of communication/NOC/approval/recommendations received from the NCTE as applicable.. The HEI shall strictly abide by the conditions, such as nomenclature, valid academic year, period of recognition, etc., mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter while offering B.Ed. Programme in ODL mode.

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

6. For the programme 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,

O/C

(Sanjay Kumar)
Under Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Rajasthan, Department of College Education Block- IV, Dr. S. Radhakirishnan, Shiksha Sanku, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur- 302 025 (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 Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, Landmark — Near Metro Station, New Delhi — 1 10 075.
4. The Joint Secretary, State University, 35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi -110 001.

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