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The Registrar
Manav Rachna International
Institute of Research & Studies
Sector-43, Aravalli Hills
Delhi-Suraj Kund Road
Faridabad-121004
Haryana

Sub: Commission Order on the application submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution (HEI) for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Online mode from 2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July, 2021) 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 was notified in the Gazette of India on 4th September, 2020 and amendment to these Regulations was notified in the Gazette of India on 1st July, 2021.

- The eligibility criterion for Higher Educational Institution is enumerated under Regulation 3 in Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment(s). The Regulation 4 and 5 describe the process of application and the approval process for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes whereas Regulations 6 describe provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulations 7 describe the process of withdrawal of Recognition.
- In accordance with above Regulations, the Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes from 2020-21, academic session beginning January, 2021 and onwards vide public notice F.No.1-1/2020 (DEB-I) dated 23rd September, 2020, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be open upto 15.10.2020. Further, the last date for submitting applications was extended upto 31.10.2020. The Manav Rachna International Institute of Research & Studies, Sector-43, Aravalli Hills Delhi-Suraj Kund Road, Faridabad-121004, Haryana had submitted its application for recognition of the Online Programmes.



- Application received from Manav Rachna International Institute of Research & Studies, Sector-43, Aravalli Hills Delhi-Suraj Kund Road, Faridabad-121004, Haryana 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 to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) along with relevant documentary evidence.
5. As the HEI had proposed a learning platform other than SWAYAM, it was invited for an Interface Meeting with the duly constituted Technical Expert Committee on 30th July, 2021. Later, on the basis of request received from the HEI, the Competent Authority has accorded approval to switch over the learning Platform from Non-SWAYAM to SWAYAM for offering Online Programmes.
 6. The Manav Rachna International Institute of Research & Studies, Sector-43, Aravalli Hills Delhi-Suraj Kund Road, Faridabad-121004, Haryana was visited virtually by the Visiting Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC on 25.10.2021 from UGC office, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi - 110 001.
 7. The report of the Visiting Expert Committee (VEC) was considered by the Expert (Review) Committee (ERC) held on 02.11.2021 & 23.11.2021. The Expert (Review) Committee based on the application submitted, clarification given for the deficiency(s) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the reports of Visiting Expert Committee along with documentary evidence enclosed with the reports and in terms of provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission, which have been approved by the Competent Authority.
 8. Based on Commission decision taken in its 550th meeting held on 18th February, 2021, recommendations of Expert Review Committee (ERC) and its approval by the Competent Authority, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme wise recognition for the programmes to be offered in Online mode from year 2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July, 2021) by the Manav Rachna International Institute of Research & Studies, Sector-43, Aravalli Hills Delhi-Suraj Kund Road, Faridabad-121004, Haryana; as detailed in point no. 9 below.
 9. Programme wise recognition status

(i) Online Programmes Recognized

S. No.	Name of the Online Programmes	Period of Recognition
1	BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July, 2021) to 2025-26 (upto January, 2026 only)
2	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
3	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS)(ECONOMICS)	
4	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	
5	MASTER OF COMMERCE	



6	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	HEI shall ensure the compliance of Programmes under the ambit of Regulatory Authorities which have been considered on the basis of communication/ recommendations received from respective Regulatory Authority. The HEI shall abide by the conditions such as number of seats, valid academic year, period of recognition etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.
7	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	

Note: - The assessment sheets duly approved by Competent Authority have already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 25.11.2021.

(ii) Online Programmes Not Recognized

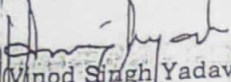
S. No.	Name of the Online Programmes	Reason(s) for refusal
1	BACHELOR OF ARTS(HONS) (APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY)	Due to the involvement of practical component, which is prohibited as per the provision of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment.
2	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (INTERIOR DESIGN)	
3	MASTER OF ARTS (APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY)	
4	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)	Cannot be offered in Online mode as per the decision of the Commission in its 550 th Meeting.

10. For the programmes recognized in S.No 9 (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 amendment(s) while offering the programmes in Online mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in Annexure-I.
11. For the programmes not recognized as per S.No 9 (ii) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of issue of communication i.e. 25.11.2021 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.
12. Provision stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulations 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 states that:
- "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".*



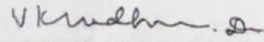
- 1.3 In the event of any Higher Educational Institution found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode without recognition of the Commission or in violation to any of the provisions of these regulations and its amendment(s) and guidelines or orders made there under, the Commission may take actions as per Sub Regulation 3 of Regulations 7 in Part-II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment(s).

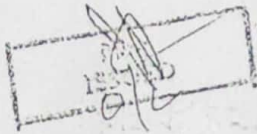
Yours faithfully,


(Vinod Singh Yadav)
Education Officer

Encl:- As above
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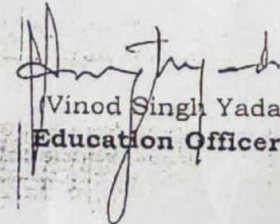
1. The Principal Secretary, Technical & Higher Education Department, Government of Haryana, Office of the Director General, Panchkula, Haryana with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment(s).
2. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070.
3. The Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
4. The Vice Chancellor, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research & Studies Sector-43, Aravalli Hills, Delhi-Suraj kund Road Faridabad Haryana -121004.
5. The Joint Secretary, CPP-1/DU, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002
6. Guard file.


(V.K. Sudharsana Devi)
Section Officer



Some Specific Provisions for Compliance

1. The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 14.10.2020 duly notarized and signed by Sh. Ramesh Kumar Arora, Registrar, MRIIRS and Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Director, Centre for Online Education submitted to the Commission
2. The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions of faculty and staff requirements for offering Online programmes as mentioned in University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment(s).
3. Higher Educational Institution shall conduct proctored examinations as per provision stipulated under 15(C) of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020:
 - (i) 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
4. Higher Educational Institution offering programme in Online mode shall prepare e-Learning Material as per Annexure-VII of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 taking into consideration of the following:
 - (i) At least 60 percent of e-Learning Material shall be developed by the in-house faculty of the HEI and
 - (ii) Remaining percent of the materials can be sourced from available e-resources such as Open Educational Resources (OER), SWAYAM or other source duly approved by the statutory authorities of the Higher Educational Institution.
5. Higher Educational Institution shall adhere to the weightage for different components of assessments for Open and Distance Learning mode and Online mode as under:
 - (i) Continuous or formative assessment (in semester): Maximum 30 per cent.
 - (ii) Summative assessment (end semester examination or term end examination): Minimum 70 per cent.


 (Vinod Singh Yadav)
 Education Officer

