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DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU
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Speed Post

F.No. 2-2/2018 (DEB-III) **Date: October, 2018**

The Registrar,
Nalanda Open University,
3rd Floor, Biscomaun Bhawan,
West Gandhi Maidan,
Patna-800 001
(Bihar)

24 OCT 2018

Sub: Commission decision on the HEI's representation submitted for review of programmes found deficient, for recognition for 2018-19 onwards to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the UGC letter No. 2-2/2018 (DEB-III) dated 16.08.2018, wherein the details of programmes recognised for 2018-19 onwards and programmes found deficient along with deficiencies and other relevant information/conditions were communicated to **Nalanda Open University.**

2. As per the provision at clause 4 (i) of sub-regulation (3) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and the decision of the Commission in its 534th meeting held on 2nd August, 2018, for the programmes found deficient as per the UGC letter cited in above para, the Higher Educational Institution had been provided an opportunity to submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of the said UGC letter.

3. The representation along with documentary evidence submitted by the **Nalanda Open University** on 03.09.2018 for review and the justifications given by the HEI representatives during the hearing, were considered by the duly constituted Expert Review Committee in the meeting held on 07.09.2018 at UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi. The Expert Review Committee based on the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

4. Based on the decision of the Commission in its 535th Meeting dated 27.09.2018, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the Commission decision, on the representation received, for programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards by the **Nalanda Open University, in addition to programmes already recognized vide letter mentioned in Para 1 above**, as detailed in point no. 5 below.

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5. Programme wise recognition status based on representation:

5(A) Programmes Recognised

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition
1	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION only for inservice teachers	2018-19 to 2022-23
2	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATION	
3	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (YOGA)	
4	BACHELOR IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
5	BACHELOR OF ARTS (YOGA)	
6	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION)	
7	MASTER OF ARTS (DISASTER MANAGEMENT)	
8	MASTER OF MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM	
9	MASTER OF SCIENCE (DISASTER MANAGEMENT)	
10	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (ECONOMICS)	
11	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (EDUCATION)	
12	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (GEOGRAPHY)	
13	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (HINDI)	
14	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (HOME SCIENCE)	
15	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (PSYCHOLOGY)	
16	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (SOCIOLOGY)	
17	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (HONS)	
18	BACHELOR OF ARTS (MATHEMATICS)	
19	BACHELOR OF ARTS (URDU)	
20	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (POLITICAL SCIENCE)	
21	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)	
22	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (SOCIAL WORK)	
23	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (TOURISM)	
24	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) (ZOOLOGY)	
25	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS)	

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	(BOTANY)	
26	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) (CHEMISTRY)	
27	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) (GEOGRAPHY)	
28	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) (HOME SCIENCE)	
29	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) (MATHEMATICS)	
30	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONS) (PHYSICS)	
31	MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION)	
32	MASTER OF ARTS (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE)	
33	MASTER OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY))	
34	MASTER OF ARTS (HINDI)	
35	MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE)	
36	MASTER OF ARTS (PSYCHOLOGY)	
37	MASTER OF ARTS (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)	
38	MASTER OF ARTS (RURAL DEVELOPMENT)	
39	MASTER OF ARTS (SANSKRIT)	
40	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	
41	MASTER OF ARTS (URDU)	
42	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
43	MASTER OF ARTS (HOME SCIENCE)	
44	MASTER OF ARTS (MATHEMATICS)	
45	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIAL WORK)	
46	MASTER OF COMMERCE	
47	MASTER OF SCIENCE (BOTANY	
48	MASTER OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)	
49	MASTER OF SCIENCE (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE)	
50	MASTER OF SCIENCE (GEOGRAPHY)	
51	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)	
52	MASTER OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)	
53	MASTER OF SCIENCE (ZOOLOGY)	
54	MASTER OF SCIENCE (HOME SCIENCE)	

*According to UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017, Regulations 3, sub-regulation (1) (VIII) shall not be applicable to Open Universities till the time they become eligible for National Assessment and Accreditation Council Accreditation and it shall be mandatory for Open Universities to get National Assessment and Accreditation Council Accreditation within one year of their becoming eligible for the same.

The list of recognized Learner Support Centres/Study Centres will be available on UGC website shortly.

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5(B) Programmes Not Recognised

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Reasons
1.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (STATISTICS)	Inadequate Faculty as per Part 1 of Annexure VI of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017
2.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (STATISTICS)	
3	MASTER OF ARTS (MAGADHI)	
4	MASTER OF ARTS (MAITHILI)	
5	MASTER OF ARTS (BHOJPURI)	
6	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	

6. For the programmes recognised in 5(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 and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions as per UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure-1**.

7. For the programmes not recognised in 5(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 534th Meeting dated 02.08.2018.

8. 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.

Yours faithfully,

(Smita Bidani)
Education Officer

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Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Bihar, Vikas Bhawan, Patna 800017 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 with a copy of the affidavit submitted by the HEI as per AICTE letter No AICTE/P&AP/ODL/2018 dated 28.08.2018
4. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda Open University, 3rd Floor, Biscomaun Bhawan, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800 001 (Bihar)
6. The Joint Secretary, State Open University Bureau, UGC.
7. Guard file.

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Annexure- 1

Conditions

1. The total intake capacity (Number of learners) in Open and Distance Learning mode in Higher Educational Institution and/or Learner Support Centre/Study Centre shall be as mentioned in clause 6 of Annexure-X of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its subsequent amendment.

2. The Higher Educational Institution shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University and by UGC and by the Regulatory Authority, as applicable.

3. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any programme in engineering. Medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any other regulatory body.

4. The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 21th April, 2018, duly notarized and signed by Sh. Sidheswer Prasad Sinha, Registrar submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 04th April, 2018 and (2) Affidavit dated 06th September, 2018 pertaining to adherence of terms of conditions laid down by AICTE for programmes of MBA/MCA/Travel and Tourism, duly notarized and signed by Sh. Sidheswer Prasad Sinha, Registrar submitted to the Commission by hand dated 07th September 2018.

5. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to clause 11 of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016.

6. The HEI shall establish Examination Centre within the territorial jurisdiction of the HEI subject to condition laid down in clause7 (i) to (v) of section 13 in Part-IV.

7. In case, Higher Educational Institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition, appropriate punitive action(s), as per provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, shall be taken by the Commission.

8. The Nalanda Open University shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure – IV of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulation, 2017.

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