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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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F.No. UGC/DEB/ARUN/RGU/2011
Date: 29th August, 2013

To
The Vice Chancellor,
Rajiv Gandhi University
Rono Hills, Doimukh,
Dist. Papum Pare
Itanagar
Arunachal Pradesh-791112

Sub: Recognition to Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, for offering programmes through distance mode - reg.,

Sir/Madam,

1. This has reference to the application of your University seeking recognition of erstwhile Distance Education Council for offering programmes through distance mode. In this connection a visiting expert committee comprising nominees of UGC, AICTE and DEC was constituted which visited your University and submitted its recommendations.
2. Attention in this regard is invited to Notification F.No.1-4/2013 (CPP-II), dated 17th June 2013 of University Grants Commission with regard to transfer of regulatory functions of the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) to UGC (copy enclosed). In pursuance of the same, your request for recognition was considered by the competent authority and it has been decided by the Commission to grant recognition to your University for the academic year 2013-14 to the academic year 2017-18 to offer the following programmes through ODL mode :

I. Programmes recognised

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Minimum Duration	Eligibility Criteria for admissions
1.	B.A.	3years	Students passing 10+2/PU(Arts, Science, or Commerce for present course) or equivalent from any recognized Board/University
2.	Certificate Course in Fisheries Technology (CCFT)	1 year	Students passing Class-X or equivalent from any recognized Board/University will be eligible for admission to the Certificate Course in Fisheries Technology.
3.	Certificate Course in English for Communication	1 year	Students passing Class-XII and above or with equivalent qualification(any two years course after Class X from any stream) recognized by

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	(CCEC)		Central/State Boards/Universities, institutions, etc. including National Open School will be eligible for the Certificate Course in English for communication.
4	M.A (History)	2 years	Graduates under 10+2+3 acquired from institutions/universities recognized by the Rajiv Gandhi University and fulfill other requirements laid down in the regulations for the examinations concerned.
5	M. A (Political Science)	2 years	Graduates under 10+2+3 acquired from institutions/universities recognized by the Rajiv Gandhi University and fulfill other requirements laid down in the regulations for the examinations concerned.
6	M. A (Education)	2 years	Graduates under 10+2+3 acquired from institutions/universities recognized by the Rajiv Gandhi University and fulfill other requirements laid down in the regulations for the examinations concerned. Applicants having B.ED degree are also eligible for admission to M.A in Education.
7	M. A (English)	2 years	Graduates under 10+2+3 acquired from institutions/universities recognized by the Rajiv Gandhi University and fulfill other requirements laid down in the regulations for the examinations concerned.
8	M. A (Hindi)	2 years	Graduates under 10+2+3 acquired from institutions/universities recognized by the Rajiv Gandhi University and fulfill other requirements laid down in the regulations for the examinations concerned. For admission in M A Hindi Uttam (Sahitya Ratna) considered equivalent to B A (Hons) in Hindi, where Visharad (from Hindi Sahitya Sammelan Allahabad)/ Praveen/Ratna are considered equivalent to (Pass) in Hindi.

3. The University shall comply with the following specific recommendations of the visiting expert committee:

The University is a quality conscious University offering programmes through distance mode. It has sufficient infrastructure in terms of physical and intellectual resources are concerned.

The University has sufficient faculty, administrative and supporting staff for the programmes.

The University informed the Expert Committee that they are in the process of appointing more faculty exclusively for distance education programmes for institute as per DEC norms particularly for introducing teacher education programme leading to Diploma in education and B.ED programme through distance mode.

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The University has excellent Self Instructional material coupled with use of technology for delivery of programmes. The programmes are delivered through a pre-announced academic calendar. All PCPs and lab support is organized from its campus at headquarters.

The University shall also enhance and explore the use of A/V use in the delivery of programmes to supplements the SLMS.

Orientation and training of the staff is required to develop self learning packages and should be arranged at regular intervals every year.

The University has sound Evaluation and examination systems.

The University seems to have no financial difficulty for sustenance.

4. The above recognition is subject to the following terms and conditions:
- i) The University shall offer only above mentioned programmes through distance mode, which are approved by the UGC as above.
 - ii) It is the responsibility of the University/Institution to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC/AICTE/any other, and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required, for any specific programme mentioned above. Nomenclature of all programmes should be as per UGC/AICTE. No teacher training programmes can be offered without prior approval of the NCTE even for distance mode.
 - iii) The eligibility conditions for admissions will be as per UGC/AICTE norms. For professional and technical programmes norms laid down by the AICTE should be followed. No admission to MBA, PGDM, & MCA programmes can be done without ensuring that the student has secured a valid score in the entrance test/examination for the purpose.
 - iv) The minimum duration of a programme should be similar to the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode.
 - v) The University should have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters.
 - vi) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of Universities for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction and opening of off campuses/centres/study centres as mentioned in the UGC notification No.F.27-1/2012(CPP-II), dated 27th June 2013, a copy of which is enclosed and is also hosted on the UGC website: www.ugc.ac.in. In respect of standalone Institutions (other than the Universities), the territorial jurisdiction will be headquarters.
5. Franchising arrangement for offering programmes through distance mode in any form is not allowed.
6. The Institution's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring and regulation by the concerned regulatory authorities.

It may be noted that before launching the programme/s, the Institution should submit an affidavit within 30 days from date of issue of this letter that it agrees to and will abide by all terms and conditions contained in the recognition letter. In case, the UGC does not receive the affidavit within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, the approval accorded to your Institution will be liable to be withdrawn.

It may also be noted that:

- (a) If the institution 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, the UGC may withdraw its recognition.

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In case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the University/institution is found to be false or fake at a later stage, the recognition of University/institution shall be withdrawn and the University/Institution concerned shall be solely responsible for the career of the students enrolled.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Director

Copy to:

1. The Director, Institute of Distance Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar.
2. Secretary, Higher Education, HE Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh
3. Member Secretary, AICTE, 7th floor, Chanderlok building, Janpath, New Delhi 110001
4. Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary, MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

No. 1-4/2013(CPP-II)

17th June, 2013

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the University Grants Commission has been established under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (No. 3 of 1956) for the co-ordination and determination of standards in Universities; and it is the general duty of the Commission to take, in consultation with the Universities or other bodies concerned, all such steps as it may think fit for the determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in Universities;

And WHEREAS, the Indira Gandhi National Open University has been established by the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985 (No. 50 of 1985) for the promotion of open and distance education systems and for the co-ordination and determination of standards of teaching, evaluation and research in such systems and for which purpose, the Indira Gandhi National Open University (hereinafter called IGNOU) in exercise of its powers had established the Distance Education Council (hereinafter called DEC) under Statute 28 of the IGNOU Act, 1985;

And further WHEREAS, IGNOU, vide its Notification No. IG/Admn (G)/DEC/2013 dated May 4th, 2013, with the approval of the President of India, in his capacity as the Visitor, has repealed the aforementioned Statute 28 of IGNOU Act, 1985 and has deleted the said Statute with immediate effect;

And WHEREAS, the Central Government, in exercise of its powers under section 20(1) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (hereinafter called the Commission), has directed vide order No. F. No. 6-20/2010-DL dated 29th December, 2010 that the Commission shall act as a regulator for Higher Education (excluding Technical Education) through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode; and universities offering any programme/course in ODL mode shall require, inter alia, recognition from the Commission;

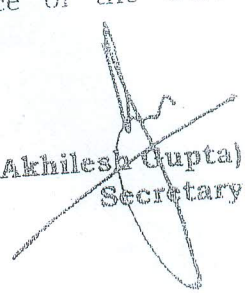
And WHEREAS, the Commission is in the process of framing regulations for maintaining standards in ODL systems/courses, which is likely to take some more time;

And WHEREAS, it is imperative in the larger public interest, and in the interest of institutions engaged in ODL, in particular, that a mechanism is in place for regulating ODL systems/courses till such time as the Commission is in a position to notify appropriate regulations;

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Now therefore, the Commission in exercise of its powers conferred under section 12 of the UGC Act, 1956, hereby adopts the 'Guidelines of ODL on Minimum Requirements for Recognition of ODL Institutions' of the earlier DEC under the extant (and now repealed) Statute 28 of the IGNOU Act, 1985. Modifications in these guidelines, if necessary, will be notified from time to time.

It is hereby, further notified that this NOTIFICATION shall cease to be in force with effect from the date of coming into force of the UGC regulations on the subject mentioned herein.


(Akhilesh Gupta)
Secretary

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Public Notice

Courses/Study Centres/Off Campuses & Territorial Jurisdiction of Universities

No. F 27-1/2012(CPP-II)

27th June, 2013

The Commission has come across many advertisements published in National Dailies offering opportunities for the award of university degrees through various franchise programmes conducted by certain private institutions. These private establishments claiming themselves as study centres or learning centres of different universities enrol students for various degree programmes and also claim to be responsible for teaching and conduct of examinations. The faculty and the infrastructure belong to these private agencies. The concerned university except providing syllabus and teaching materials, has no mechanism to monitor and maintain the academic standards of teaching being imparted at these centres. This blatant compromise with the standards of education has led to widespread criticism. The Commission has taken a serious view of these misleading advertisements appearing in various newspapers.

It is, therefore, clarified for the information of all concerned, including students and parents that:

- a) a Central or State Government University can conduct courses through its own departments, its constituent colleges and/or through its affiliated Colleges;
- b) a university established or incorporated by or under a State act shall operate only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the state of its location;
- c) the private universities and deemed universities cannot affiliate any college or institution for conducting courses leading to award of its diplomas, degrees or other qualifications;
- d) no University, whether central, state, private or deemed, can offer its programmes through franchising arrangement with private coaching institutions even for the purpose of conducting courses through distance mode.
- e) all universities shall award only such degrees as are specified by the UGC and published in the official gazette.
- f) the Universities shall conduct their first degree and Master's degree programmes in accordance with the regulations notified by the Commission in this regard.

In this connection, the students and the general public are also hereby informed of the following regulating provisions pertaining to different types of universities:

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A UGC Regulations on Private Universities

A private university established under a State Act shall be a unitary university. A private university may be permitted to open off campus centres, off shore campuses and study centres after five years of its coming into existence-subject to the fulfillment of conditions as laid down under UGC (Establishment of & Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003. As of now, the UGC has not granted permission to any Private University to establish off-campus/study centre.

B UGC Regulations on Deemed Universities

A Deemed University shall operate only within its Headquarters or from those off campuses/off-shore campuses which are approved by the Government of India through notification published in the official gazette.

In case of distance education programmes, no institution deemed to be university, so declared by the Govt. of India after 26th May, 2010 [date of publication of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010] is allowed to conduct courses in the distance mode.

The institutions deemed to be universities declared before 26th May, 2010 are not allowed to conduct courses in distance mode from any of its off-campus centres/off-shore campuses approved after 26th May, 2010.

Approval for new courses and extension of approval of the courses already run by the Deemed Universities under distance mode would be granted by the UGC subject to the fulfillment of conditions as laid down by the UGC.

The UGC has not granted approval to any deemed to be university to establish study centres.

Any information /clarification with regard to recognition of Private Universities/Deemed Universities and the courses offered by them may be obtained from JS (CPP-I) UGC, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.

C. Distance Education programmes of the Central Universities and State Govt. Universities

The Central/State Govt. Universities can conduct courses through distance mode in accordance with the provisions of their respective Act and after the approval of the UGC.

The information relating to recognized universities, list of specified degrees and all the relevant regulations/instructions/guidelines of the UGC are available on UGC website: www.ugc.ac.in.

The students are advised not to take admission in the unapproved Study Centres, Off-Campus centres, Franchisee Institutions, Colleges/Institutions claiming to be affiliated with Private Universities or Deemed Universities.

(Akhilendra Gupta)
Secretary