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Updated list of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) under Category - I as per UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 entitled to offer programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode and important information for stakeholders in supersession to this office letter of even number dated 08.05.2019.

A. Updated list

- As per clause 4.10 of UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018, for Category - I Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), "Universities may offer courses in the ODL mode, without approval of the Commission, provided it satisfies all the conditions laid down under UGC (ODL) regulations, 2017 and amendments from time to time".
- In continuation of the information uploaded on DEB portal of UGC website vide letter F.No.74-2/2018 (DEB-I) dated 18.10.2018 on the above subject and as per decision of the Commission in its 538th Meeting held on 29.01.2019 and intention expressed by the Category-I HEIs to start offering programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode with submission of affidavits that they shall scrupulously abide by the terms and conditions as stipulated under UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments and norms issued by the statutory bodies/councils from time to time, the updated list of Category - I HEIs is as under:

S.No.	State	Name of University	Type of HEI
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra University	State University
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Gandhi Institute of Technology And Management (Gitam)	Deemed to be University
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation	Deemed to be University
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati	State University
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati	Deemed to be University
6.	Delhi	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi	Deemed to be University
7.	Haryana	Kurukshetra University	State University
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	University of Jammu	State University
9.	Karnataka	Swami Vivekananda Yoga	Deemed to be

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		Anusandhana Samsthana	University
10.	Karnataka	JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru	Deemed to be University
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior	Deemed to be University
12.	Maharashtra	Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences	Deemed to be University
13.	Maharashtra	Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune	Deemed to be University
14.	Maharashtra	Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune	Deemed to be University
15.	Maharashtra	Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai	Deemed to be University
16.	Maharashtra	Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune	State University
17.	Orissa	Utkal University	State University
18.	Punjab	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	State University
19.	Tamil Nadu	SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur	Deemed to be University
20.	Tamil Nadu	Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy (Sastr), Thanjavur	Deemed to be University
21.	Tamil Nadu	Alagappa University	State University
22.	Tamil Nadu	Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education And Research, Chennai	Deemed to be University
23.	Telangana	Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad	State University
24.	Telangana	Osmania University	State University
25.	Telangana	University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Central University

B. Important information for stakeholders

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

The Commission in its 537th 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. 10th September for July academic session and 10th March for January academic session. Accordingly, the HEIs shall comply with the above decision of Commission.

2. UGC vide notification F.No. 1-1/2019 (DEB-I) dated 31.07.2019 has informed that the last date of admission, for all the HEIs already recognized as on 31.07.2019 to offer programmes in ODL mode for the academic session 2019-20, session beginning in July, 2019 has been extended from 31st August, 2019 to 30th September, 2019, due to natural calamity in various states across the Country and for this time only."
3. The HEIs cannot start or run any professional courses governed by specific Acts of Parliament, except with the prior and specific approval of the authority constituted there under. The professional courses prohibited as per clause (p) of Sub Regulation (2) of Part (I) by the UGC (ODL) Regulations and as per communication received from various Regulatory Authorities, are programmes in engineering, medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy, agriculture, hotel management and any other programme not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any Statutory Councils or Regulatory.
4. As per the recommendations of Justice Reddy Committee constituted by MHRD on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03-11-2017 in Civil Appeal No. 17869-17870 filed by Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd Versus Rabi Sankar Patro & Ors. and its acceptance by the MHRD, the HEIs are informed that 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.
5. Clause 11.1 of UGC (Minimum standard and procedures for awards of M.Phil/Ph.D Degree) Regulation, 2016 notified in Gazette dated 05.05.2016 states that *"notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations or any other rule or regulation, for the time being in force, no university; institutions, deemed to be a university and college shall conduct M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes through distance education mode"*.
6. The HEIs should ensure that the duration and nomenclature of the degrees is strictly as per the UGC notification on Specification of Degrees.
7. All Category-I HEIs shall upload all the details ensuring compliance to the relevant clauses of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, on their website and also submit the affidavit to UGC as per decision taken by the Commission in its 538th meeting held on 29.01.2019

Note:

- a) The HEIs shall strictly abide by all the provisions contained in the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its subsequent amendments.
- b) The period of entitlement of Category-I HEIs to offer programmes through ODL mode shall be as per provisions stipulated under Clause 6 of the UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018.
- c) The HEIs shall intimate the Commission about its changed status as per Clause 6 of the UGC (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018.
- d) The list will be updated from time to time on receipt of affidavits from HEIs under Category - I.


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