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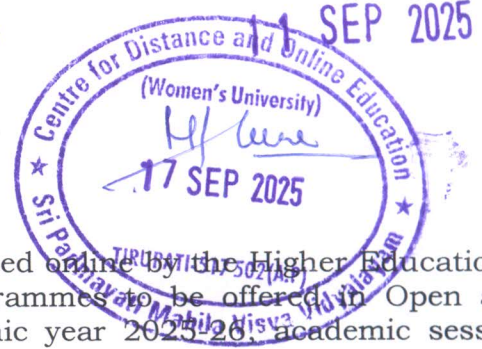
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September, 2025

The Registrar  
Sri Padmavati Mahila Vishwavidyalayam  
Padmavati Nagar  
Near West Railway Station  
Tirupati- 517502  
Andhra Pradesh

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**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,

- 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.
- 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 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 and 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025.
- Application received from **Sri Padmavati Mahila Vishwavidyalayam, Andhra Pradesh** for recognition of **ODL** programmes was assessed by Virtual Interface Expert Committee (IEC) and Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) 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.	Virtual Interface Expert Committee (IEC)	17.06.2025	18.07.2025
2.	Standing Appellate Committee (SAC)	06.08.2025	27.08.2025

- Based on the recommendations of Virtual Interface Expert Committee (IEC) and Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) 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 the academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards.

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5. Programme wise recognition status

(i) Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized: Two (02)

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Bachelor of Education - 2 years	Academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and January-February, 2026 only.
2.	Master of Arts (Music) – 2 years	Academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 to 2029-30 (upto January-February, 2030 only)

(ii) Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognized: NIL

- For the programmes recognized as stated in Table 5(i) above, 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**.
- The application of the HEI for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards **stands closed**.
- 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.
- The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the HEI.

Yours faithfully,

  
**(Dr. Naresh Pal Meena)**  
Education Officer

**Copy to:**

- The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana Secretariat, Khairtabad, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500 004.  
(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).
- The Economic Advisor, Distance Learning Section, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
- The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, New Delhi G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110 075.
- The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, 35-Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi -110 001.

  
**(Amit Saini)**  
Section Officer