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**The Registrar**  
**Sri Padmavati Mahila Vishwavidyalayam**  
**Padmavati Nagar, Tirupati**  
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**Andhra Pradesh**

31 JAN 2025

**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 for academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) 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 2024-25, academic session beginning October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) vide Public Notice F. No. 1-16/2024 (DEB-I) dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.
- 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.	Interface Expert Committee (IEC)	21.08.2024	08.10.2024
2.	Standing Appellate Committee (SAC)	24.10.2024	29.10.2024

- Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee (IEC)/Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) and its approval by the 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 academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards.
- Programme wise recognition status**  
(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized: 02 (Two)**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Master of Commerce - 2 years	2024-25, academic session beginning October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) to 2028-29 (upto January-February 2029 only)
2.	*Master of Arts (Telugu) - 2 years	

\*The recommendations of the IEC have been reversed by the SAC.

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(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognized: 01 (One)**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Reason for non-recognition
1.	Master of Arts (Economics) – 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inadequate faculty as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its subsequent amendments.</li><li>SLM is not structured as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its subsequent amendments.</li></ul>

6. 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.
7. The application of the HEI for academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October, 2024 (revised from July-August 2024) **stands closed.**
8. 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.
9. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the HEI.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Naresh Pal Meena)  
Education Officer

**Copy to: -**

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana Secretariat, Khairtabad, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500004.  
(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).
2. The Economic Advisor, Distance Learning Section, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
3. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.



  
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