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PUBLIC NOTICE

Precautions to be taken by the students before enrolling in Programmes offered under Open & Distance Learning (ODL) and/or Online Learning (OL) mode

UGC has notified University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 on 4th September, 2020 in the Gazette of India. Subsequently, amendments to the Principal regulations have been notified on 1st July, 2021, 18th July, 2022 and 2nd May, 2024.

These regulations lay down the minimum standards of instruction for the grant of degrees at the undergraduate and post graduate levels and grant of post graduate diploma of duration of two years in Open and Distance Learning and/or Online mode.

Students must confirm the recognition status of HEI for offering ODL and Online education for the session opted for admission on UGC DEB website, check the details on the HEIs' website, take note of prohibited programmes and prohibition of franchising arrangement and ensure that all activities are being conducted within Territorial Jurisdiction for ODL Programmes. The details are as under:-

1. Ensuring Status of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs):

- Recognition status of HEIs:** The year-wise, academic session wise status of HEIs recognized to offer Programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode is available on UGC website at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in/>.
- Entitlement Status of HEIs:** The list of HEIs Entitled to offer Programmes in ODL mode and/or online mode with names of Programmes is available on UGC website at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in/>.
- Please read the notifications at Notice Board before taking admission. The notifications can be accessed on UGC website at the following link: <https://www.ugc.gov.in/Noticesorhttps://deb.ugc.ac.in/notices/NewNotices>.
- Last date of admissions for all HEIs for offering ODL and/or Online Programmes for academic session beginning October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) shall be **15th November, 2024**.

2. Mandatory creation of DEB-ID for enrolling students in ODL/Online Programmes

Commission in its 581st meeting held on 25th June, 2024 decided to standardize the admission process for students enrolling in ODL and/or OL programmes to safeguard their academic future and career opportunities.

Accordingly, students shall register on UGC-DEB webportal with his/her Academic Bank of Credit (ABC)-ID to generate a unique DEB-ID which will be mandatory to enroll in ODL/Online programmes in recognized/entitled HEIs from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards.

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The DEB-ID once generated on UGC-DEB web portal will remain valid for lifelong ODL/Online learning. The stakeholders shall refer to the public notice F. No. 1-6/2024(DEB-II) dated 19th August, 2024 for detailed procedure for enrolment of students in Open and Distance Learning(ODL) and/or Online programmes.

3. Checking the details on the HEIs' website:

All HEIs that are recognized/entitled to offer ODL and/or Online programmes are required to upload details such as application(submitted to UGC), Affidavit, Statutory Body approval, Regulatory Authority Approval and additional information on their website.

4. HEIs debarred/put under 'no admission category':

The details of HEIs debarred from offering ODL and/or Online programmes and put under 'no admission category', are as under:-

- a. Suresh GyanVihar University, Rajasthan - Banned from offering Online programmes for the five academic sessions beginning from July-August, 2024 and no application shall be considered for the academic year 2024-25 and 2025-26 to offer programmes in Online mode, even under "Entitled Category".
- b. Periyar University, Tamil Nadu - Banned from offering Online Programmes for two academic years 2024-25 and 2025-26 starting from academic session beginning July-August 2024, even under "Entitled Category".
- c. NALSAR University, Telangana - Banned from offering ODL Programmes for the academic year 2024-25, beginning from academic session October 2024 (revised from July- August, 2024)

Further, public notices in respect of the HEIs are also available on the UGC-DEB website at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in/>. The students are advised to see the same, prior to taking admissions. Also all stakeholders are requested to check UGC/UGC-DEB website on regular basis for future updates.

5. Adherence to UGC notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014 and its subsequent amendments:

Please ensure that the minimum duration, nomenclature and entry level qualification for ODL and Online Programmes for which enrolment is being sought are strictly as per UGC notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014 and its amendments (available at https://www.ugc.gov.in/ugc_notices.aspx).

6. Caution against admission in prohibited programmes:

Programmes in the following disciplines (including their allied domains) are prohibited to be offered under ODL and Online mode:

- (i) Engineering
- (ii) Medical
- (iii) Physiotherapy

