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Date: August, 2019

The Registrar,  
Manonmaniam Sundaranar University,  
Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli- 627 012  
Tamil Nadu.

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**Sub: Commission decision on the HEI's representation submitted for review of programmes found deficient, for recognition for 2019-20, session beginning from July 2019 and onwards to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode - regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the UGC letter of even number dated **18.01.2019**, wherein the details of programmes found deficient along with deficiencies and other relevant information/conditions were communicated to **Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Tamil Nadu**.

2. As per the provision at clause 4 (i) of sub-regulation (3) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and the decision of the Competent Authority, for the programmes found deficient as per the UGC letter cited in above para, the Higher Educational Institution had been provided an opportunity to submit representation along with documentary evidence, if any, within 30 days from the date of the said UGC letter.

3. The representation along with documentary evidence submitted by the **Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Tamil Nadu** on 25.04.2019 for review and the justifications given by the HEI representatives during the hearing, were considered by the duly constituted Expert Review Committee in the meeting held on 03.05.2019 at UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi. The Expert Review Committee based on the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; made recommendations for consideration of the Competent Authority, UGC.

4. Based on the decision of the Competent Authority, I am directed to issue this Order, on the representation received by the **Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, Tamil Nadu** are detailed below.

5. Programme wise recognition status based on representation:

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**5(A) Programmes Recognised:**

(Recognition status uploaded on UGC website on 27.06.2019 as per approval of the Competent Authority)

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition
1.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY AND POLICE ADMINISTRATION)	2019-2020 Academic session beginning July 2019 and Jan 2020 only
2.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
3.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
4.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HISTORY) (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
5.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HISTORY) (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
6.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (TAMIL)	
7.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
8.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM) *	
9.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM) *	
10.	BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATION	
11.	BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE	
12.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (TAMIL LITERATURE)*	
13.	MASTER OF ARTS (MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM)	
14.	MASTER OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY AND POLICE SCIENCE)	
15.	MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
16.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
17.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
18.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
19.	MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	
20.	MASTER OF ARTS (TAMIL)	
21.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (FINANCE)	
22.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL)	
23.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HUMAN RESOURCES)	
24.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MARKETING)	
25.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (PRODUCTION)	
26.	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SYSTEM)	
27.	MASTER OF COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
28.	MASTER OF COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
29.	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	
30.	MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES	

As HEI NAAC score is below 3.26, the recognition given is only up to the academic year 2019-20, based on the UGC (ODL) Third Amendment Regulations, 2018.

\*Note: 1. The nomenclature of programme has been changed as BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM), BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM) & BACHELOR OF ARTS (TAMIL LITERATURE) instead of BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM), BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM) & BACHELOR OF LITERATURE (TAMIL) as specified in UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees. HEI needs to correct the nomenclature before commencement of programme.

2. The nomenclature of BACHELOR OF LITERATURE (TAMIL) needs to be corrected by the University as BACHELOR OF ARTS (TAMIL LITERATURE) before initiating the programme.

**5(B) Programmes found deficient:**

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Deficiencies
1.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY) *	All Science courses approval shall be processed through an Expert Committee visit to the HEI for ascertaining the existence of the required infrastructure and faculty
2.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS) *	
3.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)	
4.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY) *	
5.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (STATISTICS) *	
6.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)*	
7.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)*	
8.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)*	
9.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGY)*	

\*As the HEI has proposed various science courses which require infrastructure, UGC shall conduct the visit to ascertain the existence of the required infrastructure. The details will be informed in due course of time.

**5(C) Programmes withdrawn by the HEI:**

S. No.	Name of the Programme
1	BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (LATERAL ENTRY)
2	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION YOGA FOR HUMAN EXCELLENCE
3	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (LATERAL ENTRY)

6. For the programmes recognised in 5(A) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide in letter and spirit by all the terms and conditions, while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode, as per the provisions detailed in Part-III, Part-IV, Part-V, Part-VI and Annexure-I to Annexure-XI of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. Some specific conditions as per UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 & its amendments are given in **Annexure-1**.

7. For the programmes found deficient in 5(B) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal to the Commission, if any, along with fee of Rupees ten thousand per programme in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of Secretary, UGC, within 30 days from the date of this order, as per the provision of sub-regulation (5) of Part- II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and decision of the Commission in its 534<sup>th</sup> Meeting dated 02.08.2018.

8. If the HEI 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, or if any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the HEI is found to be false or fake at a later date, UGC shall take action as per Regulation (4) Part -II of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

9. Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are required to comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. If any deviation by the HEI is noticed, the same would entail not only withdrawal of permission/ recognition for such ODL courses but also for other courses offered by the institutions, on regular and conventional mode, as directed by MHRD vide letter F. No.2-18/2017-U3 (A) dated 07.10.2018 on the recommendations of Justice Reddy Committee constituted by MHRD on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03.11.2018 in Civil Appeal No.17869-17870 filed by Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd Versus Rabi Sankar Patro & Ors.

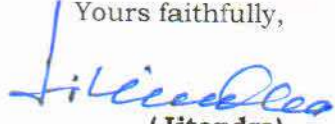
10. **Time limit for completion of admission process for offering ODL programmes by HEIs:**

The Commission in its 537<sup>th</sup> 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:

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| 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. 10<sup>th</sup> September for July academic session and 10<sup>th</sup> March for January academic session. Accordingly, the HEIs shall comply with the above decision of Commission.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Jitendra)  
Education Officer

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, National Informatics Centre, Ground Floor, Multi Storeyed Buliding, Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, Fort St. George, Chennai- 600 009 with a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and its amendments.
2. The Joint Secretary (Distance Learning), MHRD, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, Delhi- 110070
4. The Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli- 627 012, Tamil Nadu.
5. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi- 110002.
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(Jitendra)  
Education Officer

## Conditions

1. The total intake capacity (Number of learners) in Open and Distance Learning mode in Higher Educational Institution and/or Learner Support Centre/Study Centre shall be as mentioned in clause 6 of Annexure-X of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its subsequent amendments.
2. The Higher Educational Institution shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University and by UGC and by the Regulatory Authority, as applicable.
3. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any programme in engineering, Medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any other regulatory body.
4. The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in (1) Affidavit dated 05.10.2019 pertaining to adherence of terms of conditions laid down by AICTE for programmes of MBA/MCA/Travel and Tourism, duly notarized and signed by Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo, Registrar, submitted to the Commission vide letter dated 22.11.2018.
5. The Higher Educational Institution shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to clause 11 of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016.
6. The HEI shall establish Examination Centre within the territorial jurisdiction of the HEI subject to condition laid down in clause 7 (i) to (v) of section 13 in Part-IV.
7. The **Manonmaniam University, Tamil Nadu** shall adhere to the policy of territorial jurisdiction as specified in Annexure-IV of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.
8. In case, Higher Educational Institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition, appropriate punitive action(s), as per provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, shall be taken by the Commission.
9. 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, as directed by MHRD vide letter F. No.2-18/2017-U3 (A) dated 07.10.2018 on the recommendations of Justice Reddy Committee constituted by MHRD on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 03.11.2018 in Civil Appeal No.17869-17870 filed by Orissa Lift Irrigation Corp. Ltd Versus Rabi Sankar Patro & Ors.



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F.No. 21-63/2020 (DEB-IV)

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August, 2021

The Registrar,  
Manonmaniam Sundaranar University,  
Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli- 627 012  
Tamil Nadu

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE  
No 185/  
Date: 16/8/2021

To Director  
DD/CE

**Sub:- Commission decision on the appeal submitted by the HEI under Regulation 6 of Part II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year 2021-22, session beginning July, 2021 (Revised as November, 2021) to 2025-2026 (upto January, 2026 only)- regarding**

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation to the Commission Order of even number dated 26.03.2021 wherein the details of recognition status were communicated to **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.**

2. As per the provisions under Regulation 6 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, the Higher Educational Institution had been provided an opportunity to submit an appeal along with requisite fee and documentary evidence for the programmes not recognized as per the UGC letter cited in above para, if any, within 30 days from the date of the communication of assessment sheet as mentioned in the said UGC letter.
3. The appeal alongwith documents submitted by the **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu** have been placed before duly constituted Standing Appellate Committee in the virtual meeting held on **30.06.2021**. The Standing Appellate Committee based on the appeal submitted alongwith documentary evidences, interaction with HEIs representatives and the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020; made recommendations for consideration of the Competent Authority/ Commission.
4. Based on the recommendations of Standing Appellate Committee and its approval by Competent Authority/Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the decision, on the appeal submitted by HEI for offering programmes in **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2021-22, session beginning July, 2021 (Revised as November, 2021) to 2025-2026 (upto January, 2026 only), by the **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu** as detailed in point no. 5 below. **The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 09.07.2021.**

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VG Sir  
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5. Programme-wise recognition status based on appeal\*:

(i) Reversal of earlier decision:

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Period of Recognition
1	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) -TAMIL	Academic Session beginning July 2021 (Revised as November, 2021) 2021-22 to 2025-26 (upto Academic Session January, 2026 only)
2	MASTERS OF ARTS (TAMIL)	
3	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS)- ENGLISH	
4	MASTERS OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
5	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL)	
6	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS)- ECONOMICS	
7	MASTERS OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)	
8	BACHELOR OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	
9	MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCES	
10	MASTER OF ARTS (JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION)	

(ii) Appeal disposed off for the following programme(s):

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programme	Reason(s)
1	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	NCTE approval is not submitted for the Academic Year 2020-21.
2	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) - TAMIL LITERATURE	Inadequate full time dedicated faculty for proposed ODL programmes as per Annexure IV of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
3	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) - HISTORY (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
4	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) - HISTORY (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
5	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
6	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
7	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) - CRIMINOLOGY & POLICE ADMINISTRATION	
8	MASTERS OF ARTS - HISTORY (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
9	MASTERS OF ARTS - HISTORY (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
10	MASTER OF COMMERCE (TAMIL MEDIUM)	
11	MASTER OF COMMERCE (ENGLISH MEDIUM)	
12	MASTERS OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY AND POLICE SCIENCE)	
13	MASTERS OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY)	

\* The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 09.07.2021.

6. For the programmes recognized in 5(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.
7. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulations 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020  
*"No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning Programme and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition"*.
8. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution 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 shall take actions as per Regulations 7 of Part-II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
9. The application stands closed and the HEI needs to apply afresh as and when UGC invites application for recognition of ODL programmes.
10. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the Higher Educational Institution.

Yours faithfully,



**(Raj Verma)**

*Under Secretary*

**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, National Informatics Centre, Ground Floor, Multi Storeyed Building, Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, Fort St. George, Chennai- 600 009, Tamil Nadu 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.
2. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, Hans Bhawan, Wing-II, 1, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi- 110 002.
3. The Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
4. The Vice Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli- 627 012, Tamil Nadu.
5. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002
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**(Neera Chopra)**

*Section Officer*





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F.No. 42-6/2021 (DEB-IV)

The Registrar  
Manonmaniam Sundaranar University,  
Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli- 627 012  
Tamil Nadu



REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

No. 3340  
Date: November, 2021 10/12/2021

30 NOV 2021

**Sub: Commission Order on the application, submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL mode) from 2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July, 2021) and onwards - regarding**

To Director DD&CE

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 26 read with clause (j) of section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 has been notified in the Gazette of India on dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

- The eligibility criterion for Higher Educational Institution is enumerated under Regulation 3 of Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. The Regulation 4 and 5 describes the process of applications for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes and the approval process whereas Regulations 6 describe provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulations 7 describe the process of withdrawal of Recognition.
- The University Grants Commission has notified the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021, in the Gazette of India on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2021. In accordance with these Regulations, the Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes from **2021-22, the academic session beginning November, 2021 (revised from July, 2021)** and onwards vide public notice F. No. 1-23/2021 (DEB-I) dated 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be open upto 31.07.2021. The last date for submitting duly certified hard copies was 10.08.2021. The **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu** had submitted its application for recognition of the Open and Distance Learning Programmes.
- Application received from **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu** had been scrutinized and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated to HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.
- The **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu** was invited for a Virtual Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee duly constituted by the Chairman of the Commission, held on **14/10/2021** in the UGC office, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi - 110 001.

Director DD & CE



6. The Interface Expert Committee, based on the submitted application, compliance to deficiency(ies) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment made recommendations for the consideration of the Competent Authority/ Commission.
7. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee 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 **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021(**revised from July, 2021**) by the **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu** as detailed in point no. 8 below.
8. **Programme wise recognition status**

(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized**

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Period of Recognition
1.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	2021-22, academic session beginning November, 2021( <b>revised from July, 2021</b> ) to 2025 -26 (upto January, 2026 only)
2.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONS) (HISTORY)	
3.	MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)	
4.	MASTER OF COMMERCE	

**Note:-** 1. The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 05/11/2021.

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

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Reason(s) for refusal
1.	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	Non submission of prior approval of respective Regulatory Authority for the academic session 2021-22.

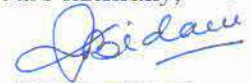
9. For the programmes recognized in 8(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.
10. For the programmes not recognized for recognition as per 8(ii) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of communication of Interface Meeting assessment Sheet; on 05.11.2021 as per the provision at sub-regulation (1) of Regulations 6 of Part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
11. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulations 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020:

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*"No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning Programme and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition".*

12. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution 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 Regulations 7 of Part -II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

Yours faithfully,



**(Smita Bidani)**

*Education Officer*

**Copy to:**

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4. The Vice Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli-627 012, Tamil Nadu
5. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002
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**(Neera Chopra)**

*Section Officer*



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**F.No.30-10/2023(DEB-II)**

**December, 2023**

**The Registrar  
Manonmaniam Sundaranar University  
Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli- 627012  
Tamil Nadu**

12 DEC 2023

**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 2023-24, academic session beginning July-August, 2023 and onwards-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

1. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 26 read with clause (j) of section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 was notified in the Gazette of India on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Subsequently, the first and second amendments in Principal Regulations have been notified on 01.07.2021 and 18.07.2022 respectively in the Gazette of India.
2. The eligibility criterion for Higher Educational Institution is enumerated under Regulation 3 in Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments. The Regulation 4 and 5 describes the process of application and the approval process for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes whereas Regulations 6 describes provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulations 7 describes the process of withdrawal of Recognition.
3. The University Grants Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions as per Regulation 3(A) and Regulation 3(B)(b) of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for recognition of the programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/or Online mode from academic year **2023-24, academic session beginning from July-August, 2023** and onwards vide Public Notice F.No.1-1/2023(DEB-I) dated 01<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall be open upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu** had submitted its application for recognition of the Open and Distance Learning Programmes.

4. Application received from **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu** had been scrutinized and deficiency(ies) or defect(s) in application were communicated to the HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments to remove or rectify such deficiency(ies) or defect(s) along with relevant documentary evidence.
5. The **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu** was invited for a Virtual Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee duly constituted by the Chairman, UGC, on **1<sup>st</sup> June, 2023**.
6. The Interface Expert Committee, based on the submitted application, compliance to deficiency(ies) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the Interface Meeting and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment made recommendations for the consideration of the Competent Authority/ Commission.
7. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee 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 **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning **from July -August, 2023** by the **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu** as detailed in point no. 8 below. **The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 21.06.2023.**
8. **Programme-wise Recognition status**
  - (i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized- 06**

**(Assessment Sheet communicated to the HEI through UGC-DEB web portal on 21.06.2023):-**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the ODL Programmes</b>	<b>Period of Recognition</b>
1.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)	2023-24, academic session beginning from July-August, 2023 to 2027-28 (upto January, 2028 only)
2.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)	
3.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)	
4.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (CHEMISTRY)	
5.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (PHYSICS)	
6.	MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)	

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

S.No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Reason(s) for Rejection
1	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	1. Non-Submission of Prior approval of respective Regulatory Authority for the academic year 2023-24. 2. The Statutory body approval of PPR for B.Ed programme is not submitted.

9. For the programmes recognised in 8(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes & Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.
10. For the programmes not recommended for recognition as per 8(ii) above, the Higher Educational Institution could prefer an appeal to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of communication of Interface Meeting Sheet on UGC-DEB portal as per the provision at sub-regulation (1) of Regulations 6 of Part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes & Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. **However, the HEI has not made an appeal within the stipulated period.**
11. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulations 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020:
- “No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning Programme and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition”.*
12. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution 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 Regulations 7 of Part -II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
13. The application of the HEI for academic year 2023-24, academic session July-August, 2023 **stands closed**.
14. The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the Higher Educational Institution.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Neethu S. Thulaseedharan)  
Deputy Secretary

**Encl. As above**  
**Copy to:**

1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, National Informatic Centre, Ground floor, Multi Storeyed Building, Namakkal Kavinagar Maaligai, Fort St. Geroge, Chennai 600009 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 Joint Secretary (Open & Distance/Online Learning), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education, New Delhi G-7, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075.
4. The Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli-627012, Tamil Nadu
5. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.
6. Guard file.



**(Neera Chopra)**  
*Under Secretary*

**Specific Provisions for Compliance**

- 1) The Higher Educational Institution shall comply to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the Affidavit dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 duly notarized and signed by Dr. G. Annadurai, Registrar and Dr. C. Ramesh, Director submitted to the Commission.
- 2) HEI shall abide by the academic calendar as notified by the Commission and upload Student data on UGC DEB web portal within stipulated time.
- 3) Intake capacity of science based programme under Open and Distance Learning mode will be as follows:-
  - For Dual Mode University: Intake shall not be more than three times of the approved intake in conventional mode.
  - For Open University: Learner enrolment shall be commensurate with the capacity of the Learner Support Centers to provide lab facilities to the admitted learners.
- 4) The HEI shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions regarding faculty and staff requirements for offering ODL/Online programmes as mentioned in Annexure-IV of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. HEI shall ensure that the faculty members shown for each programme are on 'full time dedicated basis' and no faculty member of LSC/other institution is shown as faculty of the HEI.
- 5) The total deployment of work force and other support at study or Learner Support Centres in Open and Distance Learning mode shall be as mentioned in Regulations.
- 6) The HEI shall also adhere to the policy of Territorial Jurisdiction as specified in **Annexure-III** of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
- 7) HEI shall establish "Examination Centre(s)" strictly as per **Annexure-II** of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and conduct proctored examination as under:
  - For ODL Programmes: Examination through pen-paper or online or computer based testing within Territorial Jurisdiction, in the examination centre as per condition laid down in Regulations.
  - For Online Programmes: Examinations either using Computer based test or pen and paper test in a proctored environment in designated test centre with all the security arrangements ensuring transparency and credibility of the examinations. It can also conduct online examination through technology mediated proctoring.
- 8) Programmes under the purview of regulatory authorities have been considered on the basis of NOC/ approval/ recommendation received from the respective regulatory authority. The HEI shall abide by the conditions such as the number of seats, valid academic year, etc. mentioned in the relevant regulatory authority letter.
- 9) HEI offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode shall ensure that a Learner Support Centre is established as per Regulations and fulfills following conditions:-
  - Learner Support Centre defined under these regulations shall not be the Learner Support Centre for more than two Higher Educational Institutions at a time to offer programmes in ODL mode.
  - Private University established under the State Act shall be eligible to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning mode through its Head Quarters; not through any Learner Support Centre.
  - Learner Support Centre will not be set up under a franchisee agreement in any manner.
- 10) HEI offering programme in ODL mode shall prepare Self Learning Material as per **Annexure-VI** and **Annexure-VII** of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 taking into consideration the following:



- At least 60 percent of Self Learning Materials shall be developed by the in-house faculty of the HEI
  - Remaining percent of the materials can be sourced from available resources such as other HEIs, Open Educational Resources (OER) and SWAYAM.
- 11) HEI shall adhere to the weightage for different components of assessments for Open and Distance Learning mode and Online mode as under:
- Continuous or formative assessment (in semester): Maximum 30 per cent.
  - Summative assessment (end semester examination or term end examination): Minimum 70 per cent.
- 12) HEI shall make mandatory disclosure(s) on its website as per Regulation 9 of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
- 13) HEI shall establish Students Grievances Redressal Committee (SGRC) and the appoint Ombudsperson(s) at the Institute or University level as per University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023 and as amended from time to time.
- 14) HEI shall establish Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) as per **Annexure-I** of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode. HEI shall also submit annual report of CIQA within stipulated time period.
- 15) HEI shall ensure that the delivery of Self Learning Material to learners for ODL programmes is as defined in **Annexure-VI** and **Annexure-VII** of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
- 16) HEI shall mandatorily mention the following on the backside of each of the degrees/certificates and mark sheets issued by the Higher Educational Institution to the learners (for each semester certificate and at the end of the programme); as per Regulations 16 of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020:
- Mode of delivery;
  - Date of admission;
  - Date of completion;
  - Name and address of all Learner Support Centres (only for Open and Distance Learning);
  - Name and address of all Examination Centres.

  
(Neethu S. Thulaseedharan)  
Deputy Secretary



**SCREENING EXPERT COMMITTEE****OBSERVATIONS FOR HEIs ENTITLED TO OFFER PROGRAMME UNDER ONLINE MODE****(Based on UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020)****Higher Educational Institution Details**

Name of HEI:	<b>Manonmaniam Sundaranar University</b>
State:	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>
Year of establishment of HEI:	<b>Sep 1990</b>
Type of HEI:	<b>State</b>
Registration ID:	<b>HEI-U-0464</b>
Date of submission of proposal on Portal:	<b>27.12.2023</b>
Learning Platform (SWAYAM/Non-SWAYAM):	<b>Non-SWAYAM</b>
URL of Learning Platform:	<b>www.msunonline.in</b> ( <a href="http://www.msunonline.in">http://www.msunonline.in</a> )

**Programme(s) Complied Earlier of the HEI if any:-**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Programme</b>	<b>Level of the Programme (UG/PG)</b>
<b>Nil</b>		

**Details of Fees Submitted**

Sr. No.	Year	Session	Category	No of programme	Fee Amount	Bank Transaction Reference No	Payment Date
1	2023-24	January	Programme	9	159300.00	5367420197	27-12-2023

**OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS****I. HEI Level Compliances**

S. No.	Provisions	Conditions	HEI Response	Observation	Expert Committee Observation
	<b>Eligibility:</b>  i. NAAC Eligibility	i. NAAC certificate submitted	Yes	No	NA
		ii. NAAC Score $\geq$ 3.26	3.13	No	
		iii. Valid as on date of application submission.	No, valid upto 15, Aug 2023	No	
	<b>OR</b>  ii. NIRF Eligibility	Rank in 2022 (University category)	Yes	Ok, 2022/80	Ok
		Rank in 2023 (University category)	Yes	Ok, 2023/83	

S. No.	Provisions	Conditions	HEI Response	Observation	Expert Committee Observation
	Affidavit	Original Affidavit	Yes	Ok	Ok
		Affidavit as per standard format	Yes	Ok	
		Duly notarized	Yes	Ok	
		Undertaking submitted	Yes	Ok	

**Eligible: Yes**

#### II. Adherence to UGC Notification on Specification of Degree, 2014

S. No.	Name of the Programmes	Level of the Programme (UG/PG)	In Drop down Menu / Any Other	Discipline	Specified Degrees	Entry Qualification	Duration	Observations
1	Bachelor of Arts (English)	UG	Drop down	Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences	Bachelor of Business Administration	10+2	3	Ok
2	Bachelor of Commerce (General)	UG	Drop down	Business Administration/ Commerce/ Management/Finance	Bachelor of Commerce	10+2	3	Ok

3	Bachelor of Business Administration	UG	Drop down	Business Administration/ Commerce/ Management/Finance	Bachelor of Business Administration	10+2	3	Ok
4	Master of Arts (Tamil)	PG	Any other	Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences	Master of Arts	Bachelor's	2	Ok
5	Master of Arts (English)	PG	Drop down	Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences	Master of Arts	Bachelor's	2	Ok
6	Master of Arts (History)	PG	Drop down	Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences	Master of Arts	Bachelor's	2	Ok
7	Master of Arts (Economics)	PG	Drop down	Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences	Master of Arts	Bachelor's	2	Ok
8	Master of Arts (Journalism & Mass Communication)	PG	Drop down	Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences	Master of Arts	Bachelor's	2	Ok
9	Master of Commerce	PG	Drop down	Business Administration/ Commerce/ Management/Finance	Master of Commerce	Bachelor's	2	Ok

### III. Permissibility of Proposed Programme to be offered under Online mode.

S. No.	Name of the Programmes	Level of the Programme (UG/PG)	In Drop down Menu /Any Other	Whether offered in Conventional/ ODL mode	At least one batch passed out	Programme has Practical or laboratory courses as a curricular requirement (Y/N)	Whether Regulatory Authority approval is required	Approval of Regulatory Authority Submitted (Yes/No/NA)	Complied/Not Complied/	Reason if Not Complied
1	Bachelor of Arts (English)	UG	Drop down	Yes (32)	Yes (31)	No	No	NA	<b>Not Complied</b>	Proposed programme doesn't comply with the regulation
2	Bachelor of Commerce (General)	UG	Drop down	Yes (16)	Yes (15)	No	No	NA	<b>Not Complied</b>	26 of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online
3	Bachelor of Business Administration	UG	Drop down	Yes (21)	Yes (20)	No	No	NA	<b>Not Complied</b>	Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
4	Master of Arts (Tamil)	PG	Any other	Yes (27)	Yes (26)	No	No	NA	Complied	
5	Master of Arts (English)	PG	Drop down	Yes (33)	Yes (32)	No	No	NA	Complied	

6	Master of Arts (History)	PG	Drop down	Yes (33)	Yes (32)	No	No	NA	Complied	
7	Master of Arts (Economics)	PG	Drop down	Yes (17)	Yes (16)	No	No	NA	Complied	
8	Master of Commerce	PG	Drop down	Yes (17)	Yes (16)	No	No	NA	Complied	
9	Master of Arts (Journalism & Mass Communication)	PG	Drop down	Yes (19)	Yes (18)	No	No	NA	Complied	

Note:-

A. As mandated by the Regulations, each Entitled HEI is required to submit an affidavit for ensuring compliance to all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and the information collected from the HEI was to ascertain conformity to the following four provisions only:

The information thus collected was to ascertain conformity to the following four provisions only:

1. Entitlement eligibility criteria of the HEI
2. Permissibility of proposed programmes to be offered under Online mode
3. Adherence to UGC Notification of Specification of Degrees, 2014
4. Prior approval of Regulatory Authority, wherever applicable

B. The HEI's are entitled to offer online programmes for the period, till they are complying NAAC or NIRF ranking requirements as per Regulation 3(B) (a) and if not, they shall discontinue the programmes and accordingly, inform the same to the UGC. The learners

already enrolled in the current recognized programmes shall be allowed to complete the programmes in the laid down manner as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

C. Programmes under the ambit of Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of communication/recommendation received separately from respective Regulatory Authority. In case of approvals/recommendations received from Regulatory Authority, HEI shall abide the conditions such as number of seats, valid academic year etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.

D. One chance will be given to the HEI for submitting Compliance/Clarification. If not complied, then the HEI can apply as afresh for next Academic Session.

**Remarks:**

1. Bachelor of Arts (English), Bachelor of Commerce (General) and Bachelor of Business Administration Programmes doesn't comply with the Regulation 26 of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.
2. **The HEI shall offer the programmes found complied at Table III above for the academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning February, 2024 and onwards.**

**Date: - 06.02.2024**