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**The Registrar
Tezpur University
PO Napaam,
District- Sonitpur
Assam- 784028**

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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 vide Public Notice F. No. **1-4/2025 (DEB-NER)** dated **12th March, 2025**.
- Application received from **Tezpur University, Assam** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Virtual Interface Expert Committee (IEC) 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)	18.06.2025 and 30.06.2025	18.07.2025

- Based on the recommendations of IEC 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 beginning from academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards: 03 (Three)**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Master of Arts (Sociology)	2025-26 academic session beginning July-August, 2025 to 2029-30 (upto January- February, 2030 only)
2.	Master of Arts (English)	
3.	Master of Arts (Journalism & Mass Communication)	

(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognised: Nil**

6. For the programmes recognized in the aforementioned table, 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/Online mode.
7. **The application of the HEI stands closed.**
8. In the event any HEI is found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning 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,

[Signature]

(Sanjay Kumar)
Under Secretary

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1. The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Assam, Assam Secretariat, Block 'C', 3rd floor, Assam, Guwahati - 781006 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, MoE, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. The Joint Secretary, Central University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.



[Signature]
(Sh. Davinder Kumar)
Section Officer