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**The Registrar
Mata Tripura Sundari Open University
Shiv Nagar, Indranagar
Agartala, Tripura – 799 001**

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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,

1. 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.
2. 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**.
3. Application received from **Mata Tripura Sundari Open University, Tripura** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Visiting Expert Committee (VEC) and Expert Review Committee (ERC) 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	Visiting Expert Committee (VEC) visited physically	09.07.2025 & 10.07.2025	12.08.2025
2	Expert (Review) Committee (ERC)	29.07.2025	

4. Based on the recommendations of Visiting Expert Committee (VEC) and Expert Review Committee (ERC) with 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 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 from academic session July-August, 2025: 08 (Eight)

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Bachelor of Arts (Combination of 3 Subjects) – English, Hindi, History, Economics, Political Science, Sociology – 3 Years	2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 to 2029-30 (upto January-February 2030 only)
2.	Bachelor of Commerce – 3 Years	
3.	Bachelor of Business Administration (General) – 3 Years	
4.	Bachelor of Computer Applications – 3 Years (Max. Intake of 90 learners)	
5.	Master of Arts (Sociology) – 2 Years	
6.	Master of Arts (Political Science) – 2 Years	
7.	Master of Arts (English) – 2 Years	
8.	Master of Commerce – 2 Years	

(ii) Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognised: 03 (Three)

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Reason for non-recognition
1.	Master of Arts (Economics) - 2 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECM-6114 course title given in PPR is not matching with SLM provided. Ms. Yapa Gyati is not meeting the UGC 2018 regulations. Hence, less number of faculty required as per UGC Regulation 2020 applicable to ODL. SLMs quality of contents and appropriateness are not as per PG level. Cost estimate in the PPR is not appropriately worked out.
2.	Master of Business Administration - 2 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLMs quality of contents and appropriateness are not as per PG level.
3.	Master of Computer Applications – 2 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost estimate in the PPR is not appropriately worked out.

- 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.
- The application of the HEI for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 **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,

(Sanjay Kumar)
Under Secretary

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3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi- 110 070.
4. The Joint Secretary, State University Bureau, UGC, 35, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi - 110 001.



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