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✓ The Registrar
Mata Tripura Sundari Open University
Chandrapur Colony, VTC Indranagar
City – Udaipur, District - Gomati, Tripura – 799 013

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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 February, 2026 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 February, 2026 vide Public Notice F.No. 1-4/2025 (DEB-NER) dated 21st October, 2025. Further, UGC vide public notice F.No. 1-4/2025 (DEB-NER) dated 11th November, 2025 extended the last date of submission of application by eligible HEIs till 17th November, 2025
3. Application received from **Mata Tripura Sundari Open University, Tripura** 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	29.12.2025	21.01.2026

4. 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 academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards.
5. **Programme wise recognition status**
 - (i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized from academic session February, 2026: - 02 (Two)**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Master of Business Administration (Management Studies) – 2 years (With an intake of 360 learners)	2025 -26 academic session beginning from February, 2026 to 2030 -31 (upto July-August 2030 only.)
2.	Master of Computer Applications (Computer Applications) – 2 years (With an intake of 3 learners)	

Note:-

1. HEI shall offer Master of Business Administration and Master of Computer Applications programmes with an intake of 360 learners in each programme for the academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards.
2. Expert Committee advised that HEI shall revise the SLMs of all proposed programmes / incorporate the following points:-
 - a) Check you progress / Self-assessment questions and activities should be included within each unit to make it more interactive.
 - b) Reference at the end of the Unit shall be revised in the format.
 - c) URL links and online references may be included at the end of every unit.
3. Since HEI is a Private University, HEI shall offer programmes from its Headquarter only as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

(ii) Open and Distance Learning Programmes not Recognised: NIL

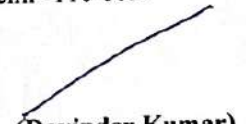
6. For the programmes recognized in the aforementioned table, the HEI shall comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments while offering the programmes in ODL mode.
7. The application of the HEI stands closed.
8. In the event any HEI is found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode 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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