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Gp.Capt. Rajiv Seth (Retd.), Ph.D, Registrar, The minimum duration of a programme should be similar to the minimum TERI University, 10, Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110070.

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Recognition of TERI University, New Delhi for offering programmes through distance

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Sir,

With reference to the application of your University seeking recognition of Distance Education Council for offering programmes through distance mode, an Expert Committee comprising nominees of UGC, AICTE and DEC that visited your University and submitted its recommendations. The recommendations of the Expert Committee were placed before the Tripartite Committee. Recommendations of the Tripartite Committee were considered by the Distance Education Council in its 40th meeting. Based on the decision of the Distance Education Council, I am directed to convey that your University has been accorded recognition for three academic years (from 2012-13 to 2014-15) for offering programmes through distance mode. The list of recognized programmes is as under:

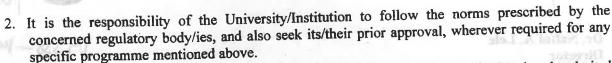
Programmes recognized for three academic years (from 2012-13 to 2014-15)

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| T Track        | PG Diploma in Renewable<br>Energy  | 1 Year              | Bachelor in any branch of engineering or physical or chemical sciences with 55% marks or equivalent |
| Silmu<br>Silmu | Advanced PG Diploma in Renewable Energy  | 2 Year              | Bachelor in any branch of engineering or physical or chemical sciences with 55% marks or equivalent |

- A. The University should comply with the following recommendations of the Expert Committee within three months from the date of receipt of this letter:
  - 1. The University should follow the Credit System for all the programmes offered through distance
  - 2. The University should adopt the continuous evaluation system in its evaluation methodology.
  - 3. The University should improve its SLM by involving distance education experts with respect to stated objectives, check your progress, suggested readings, answers to check your progress etc.
- The University should adhere to the following terms and conditions: B
  - 1. The University shall offer only above mentioned programmes though distance mode, which are approved by the Distance Education Council.

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- 3. The eligibility conditions will be as per UGC/AICTE/DEC norms and professional and technical programmes as per norms laid down by the AICTE. No admission to MBA, PGDM, & MCA programmes can be done without ensuring that the student has secured a valid score in the entrance test/examination for the purpose.
  - 4. The minimum duration of a programme should be similar to the minimum duration of similar programmes offered through the regular mode.
  - The university should have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters.
  - 6. Nomenclature of all programmes offered through distance mode should be as per UGC/AICTE.
  - 7. The University shall limit admission tot maximum 60 seats per programme per study centre for management, computer & University IT, & allied health sciences programmes, if any. For laboratory/practical work, the university can have a maximum of 30 students in a batch subject to maximum 60 students per study centre. The study centre shall be operated by the university itself.
  - The territorial jurisdiction for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the decision of the Council taken in its 40th DEC Meeting. As per decision taken in 40th meeting of the Distance Education Council, in case of Deemed to be Universities, the territorial jurisdiction will be as per the notification of Government of India to accord them this status until a policy decision is taken by the UGC.
  - 9. The study centres are academic facilitators for programme delivery. The University should not franchise the Study centres. The Study Centres should be operated by the University itself.
  - 10. The University's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by DEC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring and regulation by the concerned regulatory authorities.

It may be noted that before launching the programme/s, the University should submit an affidavit within 30 days from date of issue of this letter that it agrees to and will abide by all terms and conditions contained in the recognition letter. In case, the DEC does not receive the affidavit within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, the approval accorded to your Institution will be considered as withdrawn. Further, if it is found that the University is violating any norms, the recognition accorded to your university will be withdrawn without any notice.

Yours faithfully,

Director (DEC)

Copy to:

The Director, DEI, TERI University, New Delhi.

Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Delhi.

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# UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU 35-FEROZE SHAH ROAD NEW DELHI-110 001

#### SPEED POST

F.No. 6-10/2016 (DEB-I) 511

Dated: November, 2016

The Registrar TERI School of Advanced Studies, Plot No. 10, Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi- 110070 25 NOV 2016

Sub: Recognition for offering programmes in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2016-17 - regarding.

Sir,

This is in reference to your proposal submitted for consideration of recognition in response to UGC letter F.No. 12-3/2016 (DEB-III) dated 21.03.2016 and subsequent interface meeting attended by your University/Institutions. In this regard, I am directed to inform that it has been decided to accord recognition to your institution to offer certain programmes through distance mode for two academic years i.e. 2016-17 and 2017-18 subject to strict adherence and compliance of the conditions mentioned in this letter.

- The university shall scrupulously abide by the following terms and conditions, while offering the programmes through distance learning mode in accordance with the Affidavit dated 3rd June, 2016, duly notarised and signed by Capt. Pradeep Padhy (Retd.), Registrar of the University, submitted to the Commission.
- 2 The recognition accorded to the institution will be valid only for the programmes/courses as mentioned in the list attached with this letter.
- i) The University shall offer only those programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode, which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University as per norms and also by UGC and wherever necessary by the apex regulatory bodies in the country.
- ii) It is the responsibility of the University to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC, AICTE, NCTE/any other and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required.
  - iii) The University shall not start any new programme without prior approval of UGC and other concerned regulatory authorities in anticipation of recognition.
  - iv) The nomenclature of all the programmes to be offered under distance mode shall be strictly as per UGC/AICTE Regulations.

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- v) No teacher education programme shall be offered without prior approval of the NCTE (as per new NCTE regulations, 2014)
- vi) The Ministry of HRD's directions prohibiting B.E/ B.Tech through distance mode vide it's letter dated 29.07.2009 shall be adhered to strictly.
- vii) The programmes in Engineering and Technology e.g. B.E/ B.Tech/ Diploma and courses in Medicines/ Nursing/ Physiotherapy etc. are not allowed and the University will not be offering the same.
- viii) The university shall refrain from offering such programmes that are not allowed to be offered, through distance mode by the respective apex body/ies.
- ix) No online programme leading to award of Degree/ Certification shall be offered by the University, until a policy is framed and approved by UGC in this regard.
- x) The minimum duration of a programme, offered in ODL mode shall not be less than the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode. Nomenclature of programme and the minimum eligibility criteria for admission should be as per UGC norms and Regulations.
- xi) The University shall run its ODL programmes only in those subjects/ fields which are offered by it through regular mode.
- xii) The university shall have at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters
- xiii) The eligibility conditions for admissions to each course to be offered through distance learning mode shall be as per norms of UGC/AICTE and other regulatory bodies.
- xiv) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of University for offering programmes through distance mode will be as per the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction and opening of off campuses/centres/study centres as mentioned in the UGC notification No.F.27-1/2012(CPP-II), dated 27th June 2013, a copy of which is also posted on the UGC website <a href="https://www.ugc.ac.in/deb">www.ugc.ac.in/deb</a>.
- xv) The programmes in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and /or through any private institution /college
- xvi) The Institution will have necessary infrastructure at its HQ as well as its Study Centres (if any) for conduction of practical work, wherever required.
- 4. Moreover, the University shall not offer any M.Phil/Ph.D Programme through distance learning mode in compliance to clause 5 of the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for awards of M.Phil./Ph.D Degree), Regulation 2009.
- 5. The Institution's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring by the concerned regulatory authorities.

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## **6.** It may also be noted that:

- i. If the institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition for which the Affidavit, as mentioned above has been submitted or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, the UGC may withdraw its recognition at any stage. The University will be solely responsible for the same.
- ii. The recognition can be reviewed depending on change of policy with reference to ODL Regulations or otherwise.
- iii. In case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the University/institution is found to be false or fake at a later stage, the recognition of University/institution shall be withdrawn and the University/Institution concerned shall be solely responsible for the all consequences arising out of the same.

Yours faithfully,

(Megha Kaushik) Education Officer

### Copy to:

- The Secretary, Higher Education, B-wing, 5 Sham Nath Marg, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi- 110062
- 2. The Joint Secretary (TEL), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110 001
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(R.I.S Bhardwaj)

Section Officer

List of programmes approved by UGC to TERI School of Advance Studies, NEW DELHI (Deemed to be University) to be offered through distance mode during the academic year 2016-17 & 2017-18 only, as per the terms and conditions contained in the UGC letter

F.No. 6-10/2016 (DEB-I) dated November, 2016

| S.No. | Proposed Programmes POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RENEWABLE ENERGY |  |  |
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| 1.    |   |  |  |
| 2     | ADVANCED POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RENEWABLE ENERGY            |  |  |

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फां. सं. 2—4/2015 (डी.ई.बी—III).—विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग, अधिनियम, 1956 (1956 का 3) की धारा 12 के खंड (ञ) के साथ पठित धारा 26 की उप धारा (1) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग, विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा) विनियम, 2017 में और संशोधन करते हुए निम्नलिखित विनियम बनाता है, नामतः

- (1) इन विनियमों को विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा) द्वितीय संशोधन विनियम, 2018 कहा जायेगा।
  - (2) ये विनियम शासकीय राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तिथि से प्रभावी होंगे।
- 2. विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा) विनियम, 2017 में (इसके पश्चात् उक्त विनियम कहा जाएगा),-
- (क) विनियम में 3, के उप-विनियम (1) में उप खंड (viii) में निम्नलिखित खंड को प्रतिस्थापित किया जायेगा, नामत:-

''(viii) उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थान के पास राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन और प्रत्यायन परिषद् के 4 प्वाइंट स्केल पर न्यूनतम संचयी ग्रेड प्वाइंट औसत 3.26 के साथ वैध प्रत्यायन है तथा इसने अपने अस्तित्व में आने के पांच वर्ष पूरे कर लिए हों।

बशर्तें कि, उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थान जो कि या तो राज्य अथवा केन्द्रीय अथवा राज्य निजी विश्वविद्यालय होते हैं तथा उन्हें शिक्षा सत्र 2017—18 के लिए मुक्त तथा दूरस्थ शिक्षा पद्धति के माध्यम से कार्यक्रमों की पेशकश करने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा अनुमित प्रदान की गई थी, उन्हें शिक्षा सत्र 2019—20 तक मुक्त तथा दूरस्थ शिक्षा प्रदान करने की अनुमित होगी तािक वे राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन और प्रत्यायन परिषद् द्वारा विहित गुणवत्ता संबंधी बेंचमार्कों को प्राप्त कर सकें।

बशर्तें आगे कि उक्त श्रेणी में आने वाले उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थान जो कि वर्तमान में राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन और प्रत्यायन परिषद् द्वारा प्रत्यायित नहीं हैं, ऐसे संस्थान इस विनियम के जारी होने की तिथि से तीन माह के भीतर राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन और प्रत्यायन परिषद् से प्रत्यायन प्राप्त करने के लिए आवेदन करेंगे। बशर्ते आगे कि यह उप खंड मुक्त विश्वविद्यालयों पर लागू नहीं होगा, जब तक कि वे राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन और प्रत्यायन परिषद् से प्रत्यायन प्राप्त करने हेतु पात्र नहीं हो जाते हैं और मुक्त विश्वविद्यालयों के लिए यह अनिवार्य होगा कि वे प्रत्यायन हेतु पात्र होने के एक वर्ष के भीतर राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन और प्रत्यायन परिषद् से प्रत्यायन प्राप्त करें।

बशर्तै आगे कि केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा मानित विश्वविद्यालय संस्थान के रूप में घोषित संस्थान, मौजूदा मानित विश्वविद्यालय के यथासंशोधित विनियमों के साथ ही इस संबंध में विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा अधिसूचित मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा पाठ्यक्रमों अथवा कार्यक्रमों की पेशकश करेंगे।

बशर्ते आगे कि उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थान जो मानित विश्वविद्यालय हैं तथा जिन्हें विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा शिक्षा वर्ष 2017—18 के लिए मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा के माध्यम से पाउयक्रम चलाने की अनुमित प्रदान की गई थी, उन्हें विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा पद्धित के माध्यम से विशिष्ट पाठ्यक्रमों को संचालित करने के लिए विशिष्ट अनुमित प्रदान किए जाने तथा विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा प्रत्येक ऑफ कैम्पस तथा अध्ययन केन्द्र का निरीक्षण किए जाने तथा संतोषजनक अवस्था में पाए जाने के अध्यधीन शिक्षा वर्ष 2019—20 तक मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा पद्धित के माध्यम से शिक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए अनुमित प्रदान की जायेगी, तथा यह अनुमोदन पाठ्यक्रम विशिष्ट होगा।

बशर्तें आगे कि इस श्रेणी के अन्तर्गत आने वाले मानित विश्वविद्यालय जो कि वर्तमान में राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन और प्रत्यायन परिषद् से प्रत्यायित नहीं हैं वे विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा) द्वितीय संशोधन विनियम, 2018 के लागू होने से तीन माह की अवधि के भीतर राष्ट्रीय मूल्यांकन और प्रत्यायन परिषद् से प्रत्यायन प्राप्त करने के लिए आवेदन करेंगे।"

#### (ख) विनियम 3 में उप विनियम (2) के स्थान पर निम्नवित उप विनियम प्रतिस्थापित किया जाएगा, नामत:-

"(2) कोई भी उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थान, जो विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा) द्वितीय संशोधन विनियम, 2018 के लागू होने के तुरंत बाद तथा उसके पश्चात् के वर्षों के लिए मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा माध्यम से पाठ्यक्रम संचालित करने का इच्छुक हो, इस बात के होते हुए भी कि उन्होंने तत्कालीन दूरस्थ शिक्षा परिषद् अथवा विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग से अगले शिक्षा सत्र तथा उसके बाद के वर्षों के लिए पाठयक्रम संचालित करने के लिए अनुमित प्राप्त कर ली है, विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा विनिर्दिष्ट प्रपत्र में ऑन—लाइन आवेदन करेंगे तथा उसमें विनिर्दिष्ट दस्तावेजों की प्रतियों की स्कैन की गई प्रतियों के साथ इसे ऐसे उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थान द्वारा पेशकश किए जाने वाले भावी पाठयक्रम के शिक्षा सत्र के आरंभ होने से कम से कम छह माह पूर्व विनिर्दिष्ट पोर्टल पर अपलोड करेंगे। तथापि, विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग अपने विवेकानुसार केवल जुलाई, 2018 से जून, 2019 के शिक्षा सत्र के लिए इस अविध में छूट प्रदान कर सकता है।

#### 3. उक्त विनियमों में विनियम 19 के उप विनियम (2) के स्थान पर निम्नवत उप विनियम को प्रतिस्थापित किया जाएगा, नामत:—

"(2) स्टैंण्डालोन संस्थानों द्वारा प्रदान किए जाने वाले प्रमाणपत्र अथवा डिप्लोमा अथवा स्नातकोत्तर डिप्लोमा जिन्हें शिक्षा वर्ष 2016—17 तक मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा कार्यक्रम संचालित करने के लिए इंदिरा गाँधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय की तत्कालीन दूरस्थ शिक्षा परिषद् की नीतियों के आधार पर विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा भी अनुमोदन प्रदान किया गया है, वे शिक्षा सत्र 2017—18 तक शिक्षा की मुक्त और दूरस्थ पद्धित के क्षेत्र में वैध पाठ्यक्रम बने रहेंगे और तत्पश्चात् इन मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा पद्धित के विनियमों के प्रयोजनार्थ वे अपने स्टैंण्डालोन संस्थान के दर्जे को विश्वविद्यालय अथवा किसी मौजूदा विश्वविद्यालय की संघटक इकाई अथवा संस्थान में परिवर्तित करवा सकते हैं, ऐसा नहीं किए जाने पर, विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग, स्टैंण्डालोन संस्थानों के मुक्त और दूरस्थ शिक्षा कार्यक्रमों को अनुमोदन प्रदान नहीं करेगा।"

#### 4. उक्त विनियमों में विनियम 20, के पश्चात् विनियम 21 को अंतःस्थापित किया जाएगा, नामत:-

"21. कठिनाइयों का निवारण

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग, भारत सरकार मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय से परामर्श करके इन विनियमों के कार्यान्वयन के दौरान आने वाली समस्याओं / कठिनाइयों को दूर करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित रखता है"।

पी. के. ठाकुर, सचिव

[विज्ञापन–III / 4 / असा. / 420 / 17]

नोट : मूल विनियम, फा. सं. 2—4/2015 (डी.ई.बी—III) तथा दिनांक 11 अक्तूबर, 2017 को अंतिम बार संशोधित, फा. सं. 2—4/2015 (डी.ई.बी—III) के माध्यम से दिनांक 23 जून, 2017 को भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण भाग—III, में प्रकाशित हुए थे।

#### UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

#### **NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 6th February, 2018

- F. No. 2–4/2015 (DEB-III).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 26 read with clause (j) of section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017, namely:—
- 1. (1) These regulations may be called the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018.
  - (2) These shall come into the force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. In the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the said regulations),- (a) in regulation 3, in sub-regulation 1, for clause (viii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(viii) The Higher Educational Institution has valid accreditation from National Assessment and Accreditation Council with minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.26 on a 4 point scale and has completed five years of existence:

Provided that the Higher Educational Institutes that are either State or Central or State Private Universities and were given permission by the University Grants Commission to offer programmes in open and distance learning mode for the academic session 2017-18 will be allowed to impart Open and Distance Learning education till the academic session 2019-20 to enable them reach the prescribed quality National Assessment and Accreditation Council benchmark.

Provided further, that the Higher Educational Institutes falling in the above category but currently not accredited with National Assessment and Accreditation Council shall apply for National Assessment and Accreditation Council accreditation within three months from the date of issue of this regulation.

Provided further, that this clause shall not be applicable to Open Universities till the time they become eligible for National Assessment and Accreditation Council accreditation and it shall be mandatory for Open Universities to get National Assessment and Accreditation Council accreditation within one year of their becoming eligible for the same.

Provided further, that an institution Deemed to be a University so declared by the Central Government shall offer the Open and Distance Learning courses or programmes as per the extant Deemed to be a University Regulations and also notified by the University Grants Commission from time to time in the matter.

Provided further that the higher education institutions which are Deemed to be Universities and were given permission by the University Grants Commission to offer programme in open and distance learning mode for the academic year 2017-18 shall be permitted to impart Open and Distance Learning education till the academic session 2019-20 to enable them reach the specified quality National Assessment and Accreditation Council benchmark subject to University Grants Commission specifically allowing the Deemed to be University to conduct Open and Distance Learning courses for specific programmes and after the off campus centres, study centres are individually inspected and found adequate by the University Grants Commission and the approval will be course specific.

Provided further, Deemed to be Universities falling in this category and currently not accredited with National Assessment and Accreditation Council shall apply for National Assessment and Accreditation Council accreditation within three months from the commencement of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018."

#### (b) In regulation 3, for sub-regulation (2), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

"(2) A Higher Educational Institution intending to offer a programme in Open and Distance Learning mode for academic session immediately after the commencement of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018 and for subsequent years shall, notwithstanding that it has obtained permission from the then Distance Education Council or by the Commission for offering a programme in Open and Distance learning mode for next coming academic session and for subsequent years, shall make an on-line application in the format specified by the Commission, and upload the same on the specified portal along with scanned copy of the documents specified therein, at least six months before the commencement of the academic session of the programme intended to be offered by such Higher Educational Institution. However, the Commission may relax this period of six months at its discretion only for the academic session July 18 - June 19."

#### In the said regulations, in regulation 19, for sub-regulation (2), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

"(2) Certificates or Diplomas or Post Graduate Diplomas awarded by the Standalone Institutions which also have been approved by the Commission based on the policies of the then Distance Education Council of the Indira Gandhi National Open University for running Open and Distance Learning programmes till the academic year 2016-17 shall remain valid programmes in the field of Open and Distance Learning mode of education till the academic session 2017-18 and thereafter they shall be free to get converted their Standalone Institution status to University or constituent unit or institute of an existing university for the purpose of these Open and Distance Learning regulations, failing which, the Commission shall not accord any approval to the Open and Distance Learning programmes of Standalone Institutions.

#### 4. In the said regulations, after regulation 20, regulation 21 shall be inserted, namely:-

Removal of difficulty

UGC reserves the right to remove difficulty/difficulties in the course of implementation of these Regulations in consultation with the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development."

> P.K. THAKUR, Secy. (UGC) [ADVT.-III/4/Exty./420/17

Note: The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-III, dated the 23rd June, 2017 vide F. No. 2-4/2015 (DEB-III) and last amended vide F. No. 2-4/2015 (DEB-III) dated the 11th October 2017.

Digitally signed by ALOK KUMAR KUMAR Date: 2018.02.07