UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU

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The list of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) entitled to start full-fledged Online Programmes as per provisions stipulated under regulation 3(B)(a) of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025.

(I) As mandated by the Regulations, online applications were submitted by the Entitled HEIs willing to offer programmes under online mode. Further, each HEI submitted 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 its amendments and also deposited the prescribed fee as notified by the Commission.

(II) The duly certified information submitted by the HEI, 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 and its amendments.
4. Prior approval of Regulatory Authority, wherever applicable.

(III) The HEIs are entitled to offer Online programmes, till they are complying with the requirements of NAAC or NIRF ranking, as per regulation 3(B)(a) of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments. In case of non-compliance, the HEI shall discontinue the programmes and promptly inform the UGC. The learners already enrolled in the current entitled programmes shall be allowed to complete the programmes in the manner laid down as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

(IV) As per the 578th Commission decision, Central or State or Private Universities don't require prior approval/recommendation/NOC from AICTE for offering of Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Postgraduate Diploma programmes falling under the disciplines of Management, Computer Applications and Travel and Tourism. However, Deemed to be Universities are still required to seek prior approval/recommendation/ NOC from AICTE for offering such programmes in ODL and/or Online mode.

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(V) The programmes under the ambit of Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of communication/recommendations received from respective Regulatory Authority. The HEI must strictly comply with all the conditions specified in the relevant regulatory authority's letter, including but not limited to those related to the number of seats, approved academic year, and any other stipulated requirements.

(VI) **The Regulations also mandate that the Entitled HEIs shall not offer online programmes under any franchise arrangement and shall have complete ownership of these programmes.**

(VII) The HEIs shall ensure the compliance of entry level qualification, mode of admission, duration of programme (minimum & maximum) and number of credits as per UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees 2014 and its amendments, UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and other instructions/notices issued by UGC and other statutory/ regulatory bodies from time to time.

(VIII) Higher Education Institution shall write 'UGC entitled as per University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments' instead of 'UGC recognized' at all places.

(IX) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions as stipulated in University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 (including any amendments thereto) and shall take steps as stipulated under Annexure-I to Annexure-X of the said Regulations.

(X) UGC has decided **15th October, 2025** as the last date to admit learners by recognized/entitled HEIs in ODL/Online programmes and the date for submission of admission data on DEB Web portal for academic session beginning July-August 2025 via reverse API.

(XI) The Higher Educational Institutions have submitted an affidavit to the effect that in case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the Higher Educational Institution is found to be false or wrong at a later stage or in case there is any violation of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments by the HEI, the Higher Educational Institution shall be solely liable and responsible for any such contravention/violation and for any consequences thereof (including career consequences of Learner). In such events, the HEI may also be subject to the consequences stipulated under regulation 7 of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

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(XII) The list of entitled HEIs which have submitted the affidavit to ensure compliance of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and have been found complying with above mentioned provision (as per point II above), for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 is appended herewith.

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Secretary

S.No.	STATE	TYPE OF HEI	HEI NAME	NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES	NAME OF PROGRAMMES
					5) MASTER OF COMMERCE (INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS) 6) MASTER OF COMMERCE (ACCOUNTANCY) 7) MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY) 8) MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS)
59.	ODISHA	PRIVATE UNIVERSITY	**CENTURION UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT**	06	1) BACHELOR OF COMMERCE 2) BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (DATA SCIENCES) 3) BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MARKETING MANAGEMENT) 4) MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS) 5) MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 6) MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS
60.	PUNJAB	PRIVATE UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY	**CHANDIGARH UNIVERSITY**	10	1) BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 2) BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS 3) BACHELOR OF ARTS (JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION) 4) MASTER OF ARTS (JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION) 5) MASTER OF SCIENCE (DATA SCIENCE) 6) MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS) 7) MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) 8) MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS) 9) MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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