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**The Registrar
Tamil Nadu Open University
No. 577, Anna Salai,
Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015,
Tamil Nadu**

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Sub: Commission Order on the application, submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2020-21 and onwards, session beginning February-March, 2021 – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 26 read with clause (j) of section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 had been notified in the Gazette of India on 4th September, 2020.

2. The eligibility criterion for Higher Educational Institution is enumerated under Regulation 3 in Part II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. The Regulation 4 and 5 describes the process of applications and the approval process for the Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes whereas Regulations 6 describe provisions of right to appeal by the Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the order of the Commission and Regulations 7 describe the process of withdrawal of Recognition.
3. In accordance with these Regulations, the Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning and Online Programmes from the **academic session 2020-21, beginning February-March, 2021**. The **Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu** had submitted its application for recognition of the Open and Distance Learning Programmes.
4. Application received from **Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu** had been scrutinized and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated to HEI as per the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.
5. The **Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu** was invited for a Virtual Interface Meeting with the Expert Committee; constituted by the Chairman of the Commission; on **03.02.2021** in the UGC office, 35 Feroz Shah Road. New Delhi – 110 001.
6. The Interface Expert Committee, based on the submitted application, compliance to deficiency(ies) or defect(s) communicated earlier, the presentation made by the Higher Educational Institution in the virtual Interface Expert Committee Meeting, and as per the provisions of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and

Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 made recommendations for the consideration of Competent Authority/ Commission.

7. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee 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 **Open and Distance Learning mode** from academic year 2020-21 (academic session beginning February-March, 2021) by the **Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu**; as detailed in point no. 8 below. The assessment sheet duly approved by Competent Authority has already been communicated to the Higher Educational Institution through UGC-DEB portal on 19.02.2021.

8. **Programme wise recognition status:**

(i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized:**

S. No.	Name of the ODL Programmes	Period of Recognition
1	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION	Academic Session Beginning January (February-March As Revised) 2021 To 2024-2025 (Upto Jan, 2025 Only) Note: Maximum intake and other Conditions will be based on NCTE letter no. F.TN/B.Ed. (DE)/166/SRO/NCTE/2020-2021/119281 dated 15.10.20

9. For the programmes recognized in 8(i) above, the Higher Educational Institution shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 while offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode. Some specific provisions for compliance have been mentioned in **Annexure-1**.

10. For the programmes not recognized in 8(ii) above, the Higher Educational Institution may prefer an appeal if any, along with documentary evidence to the Commission and shall also be uploaded on UGC-DEB portal, as per the provision stipulated under Regulations 6 of Part-II of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the order appealed against along with a fee of Rupees 10,000/- per programme in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of Secretary, UGC and **shall reach to the Joint Secretary, Distance Education**

Bureau (DEB), UGC, 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001 within a period of 30 days from the date of the communication already issued as per clause 7, above.

11. As stipulated under Sub-Regulation 7 of Regulations 5 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020:

“No Higher Educational Institution shall offer any Open and Distance Learning Programme and/or Online Programme and admit learners thereto unless it has been granted recognition by the Commission and admission shall not be made in anticipation of the recognition”.

12. In the event of any Higher Educational Institution 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 Sub- Regulation 3 of Regulation 7 in Part -II of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

Yours faithfully,


(Neethu S. Thulaseedharan)
Education Officer