

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**

**Distance Education Bureau**

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**Speed Post**

**F.No.: DEB/Bihar/NOU  
Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014**

To,  
The Vice-Chancellor  
Nalanda Open University  
3rd Floor Biscomaun Bhawan West Gandhi Maidan  
Patna-800001  
Bihar

**Sub.: Continuation of recognition for offering programmes in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) for academic year 2014-15 - reg.**

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to Office letter no UGC/DEB/Bihar/NOU/2014/4248-4251 dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 conveying the approval of the University Grants Commission (UGC) to your University for offering programmes in ODL mode. In this regard, I am directed to inform that the UGC has taken decision to maintain status quo for 2014-15 and accordingly the recognition/approval granted to you vide the aforementioned letter would continue for academic year 2014-15. Your University may offer the programmes in ODL mode which was approved by the statutory body of your University and were offered during 2013-14.

2 The above recognition is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- i) The University shall offer only those programmes through distance mode which are approved by the statutory bodies of the University as per norms and wherever necessary by the Apex regulatory bodies of the country.
- ii) It is the responsibility of the University/Institution to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies such as UGC/AICTE/any other, and also seek its/their prior approval, wherever required, for any specific programme mentioned above.
- iii) Nomenclature of all programmes shall be as per UGC/AICTE.
- iv) No teacher education programmes can be offered without prior approval of the NCTE.
- v) Programmes in physiotherapy are not allowed through distance mode.
- vi) University/Institution shall refrain from offering such programmes that are not allowed to be offered through distance mode by respective apex body/ies.
- vii) MHRD directions prohibiting B.E./ B.Tech through Distance mode vide its letter dated 29/07/2009 shall be adhered to strictly (copy at UGC website).
- viii) The eligibility conditions for admissions will be as per UGC/AICTE norms.
- ix) The minimum duration of a programme offered in ODL mode should not be less than the minimum duration of similar programme offered through the regular mode.
- x) The University has at least one full time faculty member exclusively for coordinating each programme at the headquarters.
- xi) The territorial jurisdiction in respect of Universities 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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013, a copy of which is also posted in the UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb). In respect of standalone Institutions (other than the Universities), the territorial jurisdiction will be headquarters.

xii) Franchising arrangement for offering programmes in distance mode in any form is not allowed.

3. 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.

4. Before launching the programme/s, the Institution shall 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 letter referred to in para 1 above and the terms and conditions laid down in para 2 above. In case the UGC does not receive the affidavit within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter, the approval accorded to your Institution will be liable to be withdrawn. It may also be noted that:

- i) If the institution fails to comply with the conditions of recognition or if it is found conducting affairs in a manner that leads to deterioration of academic standards, the UGC may withdraw its recognition.
- ii) 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 career of the students enrolled.

5. Your university/institution is required to send along with the affidavit, a list of programmes (approved by the statutory bodies) that are on offer through distance mode currently, duly authenticated by the Registrar.

Yours faithfully,

(K. Ramesh)  
Dy. Director

Enclosure as above:

Copy to:

1. The Registrar, Nalanda Open University, 3rd Floor, Biscomaun Bhawan, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-1, Bihar.
2. The Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Bihar, Higher Education Department, Vikas Bhawan, Patna-15, Bihar
3. The Member Secretary, AICTE, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Chanderlok building, Janpath, New Delhi 110001
4. Shri Praveen Prakash, Joint Secretary (TEL), MHRD, Govt of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Concerned file
6. Master file
7. Publication Officer (Web), UGC for updating website.

(K. Ramesh)  
Dy. Director