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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 2024-25 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 from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October 2024 (revised from July-August. 2024) and onwards vide Public Notice F. No. 3-4/2024 (DEB-I) Pt. file dated 25th July, 2024.

3. Application received from **Nalanda Open University, Bihar** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Interface Expert Committee (IEC)/Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) 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 (IEC)	29.08.2024 and 23.09.2024 & 23.10.2024	07.10.2024 & 29.10.2024
2.	Standing Appellate Committee (SAC)	12.12.2024	07.01.2025

4. Based on the recommendations of IEC/SAC 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 2024-25 onwards.

5. **Programme wise recognition status**
   (i) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized from academic session October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024):**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Master of Science (Geography) -2 Years	From academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October 2024 (revised from July-August.
2.	Master of Science (Home Science) -2 Years	
3.	Master of Science (Chemistry) -2 Years	

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4.	Master of Arts (Economics) -2 Years	2024) to 2028-29 (upto January-February, 2029) only
5.	Master of Commerce -2 Years	
6.	Master of Arts (Hindi) -2 Years	
7.	Master of Arts (Home Science) -2 Years	
8.	Master of Arts (Education) -2 Years	
9.	Master of Arts (Geography) -2 Years	
10.	Master of Arts (Public Administration) - 2 Years	
11.	Master of Science (Environmental Science) -2 Years	
12.	Master of Science (Mathematics) -2 Years	
13.	Master of Science (Botany) -2 Years	
14.	Master of Science (Physics) -2 Years	
15.	Master of Arts (Psychology) – 2 Years	
16.	Master of Computer Applications – 2 Years (Learner intake shall be limited to 140 intake)	

Note:- For MCA Programmes:- The Expert Committee has recommended that HEI shall adhere to the specified learner intake of 140 learners for Master of Computer Applications programme listed in the table above.

(ii) **Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized from academic session February, 2025 (on the basis of the recommendations of the SAC*):**

Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Bachelor of Library & Information Science -1Year	From academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning February 2025 to 2029-30 (upto July-August, 2029) only
2.	Bachelor of Computer Applications (Computer Applications) – 3Years	
3.	Master of Science (Zoology) – 2 Years	
4.	Master of Arts (Urdu) – 2 Years	
5.	Master of Arts (Sanskrit) – 2 Years	
6.	Master of Arts (History) - 2 Years	
7.	Master of Arts (Journalism & Mass Communication) - 2 Years	
8.	Master of Arts (Political Science) – 2 Years	
9.	Master of Arts (Sociology) -2 Years	
10.	Master of Arts (Environmental Science) – 2 Years	

***The recommendations of the IEC have been reversed by the SAC**