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F.No. UGC/DEB/17/5/RBU/2015 DEB-I

September, 2015

**The Director  
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Rabindra Bharti University  
Rabindra Bhavan, EE- 9 & 10, Sector II Saltlake City  
Kolkata – 700 091  
West Bengal**

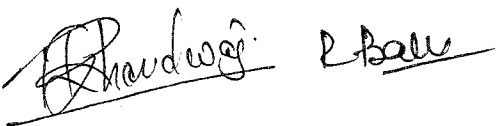
**Sub:** *Continuation of recognition for offering programmes in Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode for academic year 2015-16 - reg.*

Sir/Madam,

Reference is invited to your letter no. DDE/RBU/DR/0234/15 dated 20.07.2015 vide which a letter of intent and a fresh affidavit duly sworn in has been forwarded to this office. UGC vide its letter no. DEC/Recog./RBU/2006 dated 27th Aug, 2012 had conveyed its approval to your University for offering programmes under distance learning mode during the session 2014-15. In this regard, I am directed to inform that the UGC vide its 505<sup>th</sup> meeting vide item no. 2.03 held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 decided to maintain the status quo about recognition of the programmes, under distance education mode, during the academic session for 2015-16. Accordingly, the recognition accorded to your University, vide the above said letter of UGC, is hereby continued for the academic year 2015-16. Your University may therefore continue to offer the programmes in ODL mode, approval for which was accorded vide DEC letter no. DEC/Recog./RBU/2006/14201-03 dated 27.08.2012 (Copy enclosed).

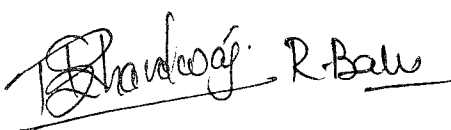
2 The university shall scrupulously abide by the following terms and conditions, while offering the programmes through distance learning mode during the session 2015-16 in accordance with the Affidavit dated 15.07.2015, duly notarised and signed by Sri Debdatra Roy, Registrar (Acting) of the University, submitted to the commission vide letter dated 20.07.2015 :-

- 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.
- v) No teacher education programme shall be offered without prior approval of the NCTE.
- vi) The Ministry of HRD's directions prohibiting B.E/ B.Tech through distance mode vide its 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.
- 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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013, a copy of which is also posted on the UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb).
- xv) The programmes in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and /or through any private institution /college

3. 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.

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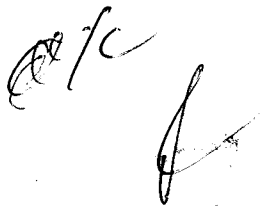
4. The Institution's management of the distance education programmes will be open for review and inspection by the UGC. The academic norms of the programmes shall be under monitoring by the concerned regulatory authorities.
5. Your University is required to send, a list of the programmes that will be offered, through distance mode, during 2015-16, duly authenticated by the Registrar of the University.
6. It may also be noted that:
  - i) If the university 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.
  - 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 consequences, if any arising out of the same.


Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Renu Batra)

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F.No.DEC/Recog./RBU/2006

Date: August 27, 2012

To,  
The Vice Chancellor,  
Rabindra Bharati University,  
Rabindra Bhavan, Block EE 9 & 10  
Sector-II, Karunamayee  
Kolkata-700 091 (WB)

**Sub: Recognition to Directorate of Distance Education, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata for offering programmes through distance mode - reg.,**

Sir/Madam,

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 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 40<sup>th</sup> meeting. Based on the decision of the Distance Education Council, I am to convey that your University has been accorded recognition for offering programmes through distance mode as under:

**I. Programmes recognised for three academic years (from 2012-13 to 2014-15)**

Sl.no.	Name of the programme	Duration (Years)		Eligibility
		Min.	Max	
1.	MA History	2	4	Graduate in the concerned subject
2.	MA Bengali	2	4	-Do-
3.	MA Political Science	2	4	-Do-
4.	MA English	2	4	-Do-
5.	MA Sanskrit	2	4	-Do-
6.	MA Education	2	4	-Do-
7.	MA Environmental Studies	2	4	-Do-

  
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8.	Masters in Social Work	2	4	-Do-
9.	MA Geography	2	4	-Do-
10.	MA Ragbindra Sangeet	2	4	-Do-
11.	MA Vocal Music	2	4	-Do-
12.	Diploma in Music	1	4	10+2 or Equivalent
13.	Diploma in Tagore Literature	1	4	Graduate or Equivalent
14.	Diploma in NGO Management	1	4	Graduate 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 expert committee recommended that the University should provide extensive training to the faculty, coordinators and academic counsellors with the help of STRIDE, IGNOU or other organization of similar caliber to improve the existing study materials.
2. The University shall follow the self learning methodology in preparation of the courseware and will improve its existing SLM as per ODL pedagogy after training to the faculty.
3. The University needs to improve its ICT facilities for the effective delivery of programmes. The DEC and IGNOU may provide necessary support to the University for this purpose.

B. The University should adhere to the following:

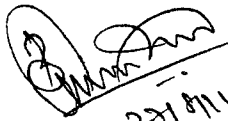
1. The Institution shall offer only above mentioned programmes through distance mode, which are approved by the Distance Education Council.
2. It is the responsibility of the University/Institution to follow the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory body/ies, and also seek prior its/their approval, wherever required for any specific programme mentioned above.
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.
4. The minimum duration of a programme should be similar to the minimum duration of similar programmes offered through the regular mode.
5. 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 to maximum 60 seats per programme per study centre for management, computer & 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.


  
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8. 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 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Distance Education Council, the territorial jurisdiction of State Universities (both govt funded & private) will be as per their Acts and Statutes but not beyond the boundaries of their respective states. Thus the territorial jurisdiction of your university being a State University will be as per the Act and Statutes but not beyond the boundaries of the State of West Bengal.
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 Institution'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 Institution 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.

  
28/11/20

Yours faithfully,  
  
Director (DEC)

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