Offering of Online Programmes by Entitled Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2O25 and onwards. -reg

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Nature of Communication: Letter

Title: Offering of Online Programmes by Entitled Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2O25 and onwards. -reg

Message:

Sir/Madam

With reference to the above-mentioned subject, please find Screening Expert Committee recommendation/observation sheets in respect of your HEI's application for offering Online Programmes under "Entitled Category" from **for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2O25 and onwards.**

 Further, the HEI may please note the following for necessary action and compliance:

1.   As mandated by the Regulations, Online applications had been submitted by the entitled HEIs willing to offer programmes under Online mode. Further, each HEI submitted 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 prescribed fee as notified by the Commission.

 2.   The duly certified information submitted by the HEI, was to ascertain conformity to the following four provisions ONLY:

i.   Mandatory entitlement criteria of HEI based on NAAC score/NIRF ranking.

ii.   Permissibility of proposed programme to be offered under Online mode.

iii.   Adherence to UGC Notification of Specification of Degrees, 2014 and its amendments.

iv.   Prior approval of Regulatory Authority, wherever applicable.

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

4.   It shall be the sole responsibility of the HEI to ensure that programmes offered in Online mode strictly abide to all the provisions of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and to the clauses as mentioned in the affidavit submitted by the HEI.

5.   As decided by the Competent Authority, Last date to admit learners in ODL/Online by approved institutions and the date for submission of admission data on DEB Web Portal via reverse API, as 15 September, 2025

6.   The HEI shall comply to the following decision of the Commission; taken in its 550th meeting held on 18th February, 2021:

The Commission has decided that HEIs entitled to offer ODL and Online Programmes   are   advised   not   to   write   'UGC   recognized' in

advertisements/websites; HEIs may write 'UGC entitled' instead of 'UGC recognized'.*

*As per provisions (exact reference) of Regulations (relevant with correct title).

All the HEIs entitled to offer programmes through Online mode shall comply with the above decision of the Commission and inform the implementation status to the UGC.

8. Programmes under the ambit of the Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of communication/recommendation/NOC/ approval received from respective Regulatory Authority. The HEI shall abide by the conditions such as number of seats and recognition period etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.

9. The HEI will be given one chance to submit Compliance/Clarification; as per the recommendations of the Working Group and its approval by the Commission. The UGC DEB web portal for submitting Compliance/Clarification shall remain open and HEI is requested to submit the same at https://deb.ugc.ac.in/Proposal/Login.

10. The application of HEI who has submitted Compliance once and same has been already considered, stands closed.

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".

It is hereby reiterated that HEI shall strictly adhere with the above Commission decision and UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations,

2020, failing which, strict punitive action will be taken against the HEI as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

 This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Thanks, and regards,

UGC (DEB)

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OBSERVATIONS FOR HEIs ENTITLED TO OFFER PROGRAMME UNDER ONLINE MODE

(Based on UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments)

Higher Educational Institution Details

Name of HEI:	**MATS University**
State:	**Chhattisgarh**
Year of establishment of HEI:	**Nov 2006**
Type of HEI:	**Private**
Registration ID:	**HEI-Exempted-U-0091**
Date of submission of proposal on Portal:	**12.04.2025**
Learning Platform (SWAYAM/Non-SWAYAM):	**Non-SWAYAM**
URL of Learning Platform:	**lms.matsuniversityonline.com**

Programme(s) Complied Earlier of the HEI, if any:-

S.No.	Name of Programme	Level of the Programme (UG/PG)	Duration
		NIL	

Details of Fees Submitted:-

Sr No	Year	Session	Category	No of programme	Fee Amount	Bank Transaction Reference No	Payment
1	2025-26	July	Programmes	5	88500.00	509108279435	01-04-20

OBSERVATIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

I. **HEI Level Compliances**

S. No.	Provisions	Conditions	HEI Response	Observation	Expert Committee Observati
	Eligibility:	i. NAAC certificate submitted	Yes	Yes	OK
		ii. NAAC Score ≥ 3.26	Yes-3.30	Yes	
	i. NAAC Eligibility	iii. Valid as on date of application submission	Yes Valid upto 29-01-2030	Yes Valid upto 29-01-2030	
	OR	Rank in 2022 (University category)	NA	NA	NA
	ii. NIRF Eligibility	Rank in 2023 (University category)	NA	NA	
		Rank in 2024 (University category)	NA	NA	
	Affidavit	Original Affidavit	Yes	Yes	OK
		Affidavit as per standard format	Yes	Yes	
		Duly notarized	Yes	Yes	

S. No.	Provisions	Conditions	HEI Response	Observation	Expert Committee Observation
3.	Undertaking	Original undertaking	Yes	Yes	OK
		Undertaking as per standard format	Yes	Yes	
		Duly Signed and stamped	Yes	Yes	

Eligible: Yes

II.	**Adherence to UGC Notification on Specification of Degree, 2014 and its amendments**

S. No.	Name of the Programmes with duration	Discipline	Specified Degrees	Level of the Programme (Bachelor's/Master's)	Entry Qualification	Observations
i.	Bachelor of Commerce – 3 years	Business Administration/ Commerce/ Management/Finance	Bachelor of Commerce	Bachelor's	10 + 2	Ok
ii.	Bachelor of Business Administration – 3 years	Business Administration/ Commerce/ Management/Finance	Bachelor of Business Administration	Bachelor's	10 + 2	Ok
iii.	Bachelor of Computer Applications – 3 years	Sciences	Bachelor of Computer Applications	Bachelor's	10 + 2	Ok
iv.	Master of Computer Applications – 2 years	Sciences	Master of Computer Applications	Master's	Bachelor's	Ok
v.	Master of Business Administration – 2 years	Business Administration/ Commerce/ Management/Finance	Master of Business Administration	Master's	Bachelor's	Ok

III.	**Permissibility of Proposed Programme to be offered under Online mode**

S. No.	Name of the Programmes with duration	Whether offered in Conventional/ ODL mode (For Dual mode HEIs) (Yes/No)	At least one batch passed out (For Dual mode HEIs) (Yes/No)	Documentary proof submitted for one batch passed out (For Dual mode HEIs) (Yes/No)	Programme has Practical or laboratory courses as a curricular requirement (Yes/No)	Whether Regulatory Authority approval is required* Yes/No/NA	Observations
i.	Bachelor of Commerce – 3 years	Yes (17)	Yes (14)	Yes	No	NA	Ok
ii.	Bachelor of Business Administration – 3 years	Yes (17)	Yes (14)	Yes	No	NA	Ok
iii.	Bachelor of Computer Applications – 3 years	Yes (16)	Yes (13)	Yes	No	NA	Ok

		Yes	Yes				
iv.	Master of Computer Applications – 2 years	Yes (16)	Yes (13)	Yes	No	NA	Ok
v.	Master of Business Administration – 2 years	Yes (17)	Yes (15)	Yes	No	NA	Ok

IV. **Compliance for Programmes falling under the ambit of AICTE (applicable for Central, State or Private HEIs)***

S. No.	Provisions	Submitted (Yes/No)	Observation
i.	Original Affidavit regarding programme falling under AICTE	Yes	Ok
ii.	Undertaking along with faculty details for proposed programmes(s)	Yes	Ok

*For table III and 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 discipline of Management, Computer Applications and Travel and Tourism. However, Deemed to be Universities are still required to seek prior approval/recommendation/ NOC of AICTE for offering of such programmes in ODL and/or Online mode.

V. **Programme Summary**

S. No.	Name of the Programmes with duration	Complied/ Not Complied/Under Consideration	Reason, if Not Complied/under Consideration
i.	Bachelor of Commerce (Commerce) – 3 years	**Complied**	
ii.	Bachelor of Business Administration – 3 years	**Complied**	
iii.	Bachelor of Computer Applications – 3 years	**Complied**	
iv.	Master of Computer Applications – 2 years	**Complied** **with an approved intake of 2000 learners**	
v.	Master of Business Administration – 2 years	**Complied** **with an approved intake of 2000 learners**	

Note:-

A. As mandated by the Regulations, each Entitled HEI is required to submit 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 the information collected from 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

B. The HEI's are entitled to offer online programmes for the period, till they are complying NAAC or NIRF ranking requirements as per Regulation 3(B) (a) and if not, they shall discontinue the programmes and accordingly, inform the same to the UGC. The learners already enrolled in

current recognized programmes shall be allowed to complete the programmes in the laid down manner as per the University Grants Comr (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020.

C.   Programmes under the ambit of Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of communication/recommendation receiv separately from respective Regulatory Authority. In case of approvals/recommendations received from Regulatory Authority, HEI shall ab conditions such as number of seats, valid academic year etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.

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

Remarks

HEI shall offer the proposed programmes found complied in Table V above from the academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards.
Expert Committee recommended that HEI shall adhere to the intake of 2000 learners, as mentioned in Table V above.
As per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 practical component shall be limited to programming and coding including software tools while offering BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS and MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS programme.

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