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

Sir,

Reference is invited to the compliance report submitted by the university on 07.07.2015 on the observations/recommendations of the expert committee which visited the university on 11-12 December, 2013. The recommendations of the expert committee along with the compliance report submitted by the university were considered by the 7th Distance Education Committee in its meeting held on 20.07.2015. The evaluation reports of subject experts on the SLM in respect of first semester of 19 ODL programmes submitted by the university were also considered by the Committee.

2. In this regard, I am directed to inform that UGC has accepted the recommendations of the 7th DEC and has approved to accord recognition to I.K Gujral Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala to offer the following programmes through distance mode, during the academic session for 2015-16. However, it is for information that university has not been given recognition to offer programmes through distance mode for the period 2012-13 to 2014-15.

1. M.SC (IT) -- Master of Science in Information Technology
2. MCA - Master of Computer Application
3. PGDCA- Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application
4. B. Sc (IT)- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
5. BCA- Bachelor of Computer Application
6. MBA- Master of Business Administration
7. BBA- Bachelor of Business Administration
8. M.Com- Master of Commerce
9. B.Com- Bachelor of Commerce
10. BA- (Journalism and Mass Communication)
11. MA- (Journalism and Mass Communication)

3. The university shall take into account the following observations of the DE Committee while offering the above mentioned 11 programmes through ODL mode during 2015-16 and submit its compliance.

(a) The observations of the expert committee on the SLM of the above programmes are being sent separately to the university, with the directions to make necessary modifications in the SLM of each programme, before sending them to students.

(b) The university has submitted the SLM for the 1st Semester of the each programme only. Therefore, university should submit the SLM for 2nd Semester of all the 11 programmes within 6 weeks and for

subsequent semesters within three months of the notification of the programmes for admission in 2015-16 for evaluation by the subject experts.

(c) The nomenclature of each of the 11 programmes proposed to be offered by the university has been modified to conform to the UGC Specification of Degrees. The programmes are to be notified accordingly by the university for admission during 2015-16.

(d) The university is also required to modify the nomenclature of its regular programmes also so that they also conform to the UGC notification on Specification of Degrees.

(e) The university is not allowed to offer any programmes other than above mentioned 11 programmes through ODL mode.

(f) In view of the categorical undertaking by the university that it will abide by the policy of UGC on territorial jurisdiction, the university shall ensure that all its hoardings placed by its franchisees earlier are removed from all over.

4. The university shall also 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 04.06.2015, duly notarised and signed by Dr. Amanpreet Singh, Registrar of the university, submitted to the commission vide letter dated 05.06.2015 :-

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 27th June 2013, a copy of which is also posted on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in/dde/gh.

xv) The programmes in distance mode will not be offered through franchising arrangement and /or through any private institution /college

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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, after notification for admission is issued by the university. A copy of the admission notification may be endorsed to Distance Education Bureau, UGC.

7. It may also be noted that:

i. If the institution 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 consequences, if any arising out of the same.

Yours faithfully,


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