

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU**

**F.No. 1-10/2025(DEB-SR)**

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**List of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) recognized to offer Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025.**

- (I) University Grants Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) as per regulation 3(A) and regulation 3(B)(b) of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for recognition of programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. On the basis of the applications submitted by the HEI under UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments, the list of HEIs recognized to offer Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 and onwards is attached herewith.
- (II) 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 the disciplines of Management, Computer Applications and Travel and Tourism. However, Deemed to be Universities are required to seek prior approval/recommendation/ NOC from AICTE for offering of such programmes in ODL and/or Online mode.
- (III) The programmes under the ambit of Regulatory Authorities have been considered on the basis of NOC/ approval/ recommendation received from the respective Regulatory Authority. The HEI must strictly comply with all the conditions specified in the relevant regulatory authority's letter, including but not limited to those related to the number of seats, approved academic year, and any other stipulated requirements.
- (IV) The HEIs shall ensure the compliance of entry level qualification, mode of admission, duration of programme (minimum & maximum) and number of credits as per UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees 2014 and its amendments, UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and other instructions/notices issued by UGC and other statutory/ regulatory bodies from time to time.
- (V) The Higher Educational Institution shall scrupulously abide by all the terms and conditions as stipulated in the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments and other instructions/notices issued by UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies from time to time.
- (VI) The Higher Educational Institution shall also adhere to the policy of Territorial Jurisdiction and Learner Support Centres (LSC) as specified in Annexure III and VIII of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.

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- (VII) UGC has decided **15th October, 2025** as the last date to admit learners by recognized/entitled HEIs in ODL/Online programmes and the date for submission of admission data on DEB Web portal for academic session beginning July-August 2025 via reverse API.
- (VIII) The Higher Educational Institutions have submitted an affidavit to the effect that in case any information, documentary evidence submitted/produced by the Higher Educational Institution is found to be false or wrong at a later stage or in case there is any violation of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments by the HEI, the Higher Educational Institution shall be solely liable and responsible for any such contravention/violation and for any consequences thereof (including career consequences of Learner). In such events, the HEI may also be subject to the consequences stipulated under Regulation 7 of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- (IX) The list of HEIs that are recognized as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 to offer programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode is appended herewith.



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S.No	STATE	HEI NAME & TYPE OF HEI	PERIOD OF RECOGNITION	NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES RECOGNISED	NAME OF PROGRAMMES
			2028-29 (up to January-February, 2029)		
81.	TAMIL NADU	<b>PERIYAR UNIVERSITY</b>  <b>(STATE UNIVERSITY)</b>	2024-25, academic session beginning from October, 2024 (revised from July August, 2024) to 2028-29 (up to January-February, 2029 only)	05	1) MASTER OF COMMERCE 2) MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) 3) MASTER OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS) 4) MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 5) MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS
			2025-26, academic session beginning July-August, 2025 to 2029-30 (upto January-February, 2030 only)	04	1) MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY) 2) MASTER OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY) 3) MASTER OF ARTS (ECONOMICS) 4) MASTER OF ARTS (TAMIL)