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F.No.: 2-8/2018 (DEB-II)

Date: October, 2018

The Registrar,
S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology
SRM Nagar, Kattankulathur,
Kancheepuram District,
Tamilnadu - 603 203.

Sub: Commission order on the application, submitted Online by the HEI, for recognition of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards, after Expert Committee Visit - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 26 read with clause (j) of Section 12 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017, had been notified in the Gazette of India on 23.06.2017. The first and the second amendment in the principal regulations were notified in the Gazette of India on 11.10.2017 and 06.02.2018 respectively.

2. Part-II; sub-regulations (3) to (5); of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 describes the Recognition process of Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes. The sub-regulations (3) describes the process of recognition of Higher Educational Institutions offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning Mode, whereas sub-regulations (4) describes the process for withdrawal of recognition and sub-regulations (5) provides right to appeal to Higher Educational Institutions aggrieved with the decision of the Commission.

3. The Commission had invited online applications from the eligible Higher Educational Institutions for offering Open and Distance Learning programmes from the academic session 2018-19 vide public notice F.No. 74-1/2018 (DEB-IV) dated 28.03.2018, mentioning therein that the online portal for submitting applications shall-be open from 2nd April, 2018 to 1st May, 2018. It was also mentioned that the duly certified hard copies of the application submitted online mode along with annexures shall reach UGC (DEB) office at 35 Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi-110001 within 10 working days of submission of online application. In response to the public notice dated 28.03.2018, **S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology,**

Tamil Nadu had submitted application online for programme wise recognition by the Commission.

4. Application received from **S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu** had been scrutinized by the Expert Committee and deficiency(s) or defect(s) in application were communicated and time period as prescribed in University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 was given to remove or rectify such deficiency(s) or defect(s) with relevant documentary evidence.

5. As per UGC (ODL) Second Amendment Regulations 2018 Deemed to be Universities shall be permitted to impart Open and Distance Learning Education subject to University Grants Commission specifically allowing the Deemed to be University to conduct Open and Distance Learning Courses for specific programmes and after off campus centres, study centres are individually inspected and found adequate by the University Grants Commission.

6. Accordingly, the Chairman, UGC constituted Visiting Expert Committee to visit and evaluate / assess the preparedness of **S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu** for offering programmes under ODL mode from 2018-19 onwards, as per UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and its subsequent amendments. The Visiting Expert Committee has visited **S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu** and its LSCs on **26th and 27th July, 2018** and submitted its report.

7. The report and recommendations of Visiting Committee has been placed before the Expert Review Committee, constituted by the Chairman of the UGC for consideration. Based on the submitted application and recommendations of Visiting Expert Committee and in terms of provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments; the Expert Review Committee has made recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

8. Based on the decision of the Commission in its 535th Meeting dated 27th September, 2018, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme wise recognition status of the programmes to be offered in Open and Distance Learning mode from academic year 2018-19 onwards or otherwise by the **S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology, Tamil Nadu** as detailed below.

9. Programme wise recognition status

9 (A) Programmes Recognized

S. No.	Name of the Programme	Period of Recognition (If Applicable)
1.	BACHELOR OF COMMERCE	2018-19 to 2022-23
2.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	
3.	BACHELOR OF ARTS (JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION)	
4.	BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
5.	MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)	