

**Reply and compliance status of observations of Distance Education Bureau (DEB) of UGC in respect of proposal submitted by Mewar University for recognition of ODL programmes for academic session 2018-19**

Sr. No.	Observations/Deficiencies pointed out by DEB of UGC	Reply/compliance of the University
1.	Documentary proof to show that the institution is accredited or has applied for NAAC accreditation, or has submitted an undertaking to the effect that it will attain a National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) score of 3.26 on a 4-point scale before the end of academic session July 2019-June 2020 has not been submitted.	The Mewar University has already been assessed and accredited by the NAAC with score of 2.04 in the year 2018 (first cycle). The University will take steps for review / appeal / re-accreditation so as to achieve the NAAC score of 3.26 on a 4 point scale before the end of academic session July 2019- June 2020. An undertaking dated 22-11-2018 of the Registrar of the University, stating to the effect that it will attain a NAAC score of 3.26 on 4-point scale before the end of academic session July 2019 – June 2020, is attached herewith as <b>Annexure – 1</b> .
2.	Territorial Jurisdiction is not as per UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.	As per section 3 (4) of the Mewar University Chittorgarh Act, 2009, “the University shall situate and have its headquarters at Village Gangrar, Tehsil Gangrar, District Chittorgarh.” The Mewar University is located in the State of Rajasthan and accordingly its territorial jurisdiction is within the State of Rajasthan. This fact is clearly mentioned at page 2 of the application already submitted to UGC. Thus, the territorial jurisdiction of the University is in accordance with regulation 3 (1)(ii) of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 which clearly stipulate in Annexure 4 that the territorial jurisdiction of the University shall be only within the territorial jurisdiction allotted to it under its Act and in no case beyond the territory of the State of its location. The relevant page of the application submitted to UGC which clearly states the Jurisdiction of the University “within the state”is attached as <b>Annexure - 2</b> .
3	Compliance of LSCs within	The details of Learning Support Centre (LSC) is

	Territorial Jurisdiction of the HEI as per its Act needs to be ascertained.	<p>mentioned in table 1.7 at page 5 of the application submitted to UGC. At the time of submission of application for recognition of ODL programmes, we are shifting / re organising the LSC. So it was mentioned as <b>NA</b>. Now we are having LSC and the details are attached. The LSC of the University is situated within the State of Rajasthan and thus confirms to the requirement of territorial jurisdiction within the State of Rajasthan, as required by UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.</p> <p>A copy of relevant page of application already submitted to UGC giving details of Learning Support Centre's, fully complying with Territorial Jurisdiction of University is attached as <b>Annexure-3</b>.</p>
4.	Approval of Statutory bodies of the HEI for offering programmes in ODL mode as per the HEIs Act/Statues needs to be ascertained.	<p>As per the provisions contained in Section 23 of the Mewar University Chittorgarh Act, 2009, the Academic Council of the University is the Principal Academic Body of the University and is empower to the following effect in terms of section 23 (3) of the Act:</p> <p>(3) The Academic Council shall be the principal academic body of the University and shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the Rules, Regulations, Statutes or Ordinances, made thereunder, co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the university."</p> <p>Thus, academic council being the competent statutory body of the University to approve a programme to be offered through ODL mode, in its (SCAC) meeting held on 29-08-17 approved the following programmes to be conducted through ODL mode from the academic session 2018-19:</p> <p>The aforesaid decision of Academic Council has already been attached at Page 108 of the</p>

		Application submitted to UGC. However, a copy of the aforesaid decision taken by the Statutory Body the University i.e. minutes of Academic Council meeting dated 29-08-17 is attached as <b>Annexure-4.</b>
5.	Complete information not provided in Part-A& Part-B.	The university while submitting the online application in the proforma prescribed by UGC has filled up complete information and details in Part-A and Part-B of the application. This observation does not specify as to which specific information not been provided by university in Part-A and Part-B of the application.However a copy of Part-A and Part-B of the application with complete information as required in the prescribed proforma is again attached as <b>Annexure-5</b>
6.	Copies of all PPRs& approval of statutory bodies not provided.	Copy of all PPR's in relation to each program, for which approval is sought, have already been approved by the Academic Council of the University in its meeting held on 29-08-17 and have been submitted as part of the application submitted to UGC. The PPRs are available at Pages 38 to 100 of the application. Further, copy of approval given by Academic Council of the university to all PPR's has also been submitted to UGC along with application.A copy of all PPR's along with minutes of meeting of Academic Council dated 29-08-17 approving the PPR's are again attached at <b>Annexure-6</b>
7.	Details of faculty (teaching staff) not provided.	Details of Faculty (Teaching Staff) has been provided with complete details at page 6 & 7 of the Application already submitted to UGC. However, a copy of the Details of Teaching Staff is again attached as <b>Annexure-7</b> for each program / specialisation together with their appointment and joining letters.
8.	Details of administrative (non-	Details of Administrative (Non-Teaching) Staff have

	teaching) staff not provided.	been provided with complete information at page 7 of the Application already submitted to UGC. However, a copy of the Details of Administrative (Non-Teaching) Staff is again attached as <b>Annexure-8</b>
9.	Affidavit in original, as per standard format, duly notarized not submitted.	The affidavit in prescribed proforma has already been submitted at Page NO.119 & 120 of the application submitted to UGC. However, Original Affidavit as per standard format, duly notarized is again attached as <b>Annexure-9</b> .
10.	Specialisation(s) of MBA is not mentioned.	Specialisation of MBA has already been mentioned in PPR which was submitted along with the application bearing page No. 77 to 97 As per said PPR of MBA Program the university proposed to conduct Following Specialisations- 1 Banking Management 2 Human Resource Management 3 Marketing management 4 Digital Marketing management 5 E Commerce marketing & Management 6 International Marketing 7 Branding & Advertising 8 Business Leadership 9 Finance management 10 Operation & Production Management 11 Strategic Management 12 Foreign Trade & Global Business Management 13 Risk Management 14 Investment Banking & Wealth Management 15 Project Leadership & Management 16 Entrepreneurship 17 Financial Planning & Analysis 18 Information Technology 19 Business Analytics & Intelligence 20 Media & Entertainment management

		21 Mass Communication 22 Healthcare Management
11.	Full time Director on permanent basis – No documentary evidence submitted.	Prof. Dr. Sarvottam Dixit, has already been appointed as full time Director for ODL Program of the University.His appointment is on permanent basis for conducting open and distance learning programs. The Name of Prof. Dr. Sarvottam Dixit along with full details has already been mentioned at Page No. 2 of the application submitted at UGC. However, the Appointment and Joining Letters dated 25-11-2015 are again attached as <b>Annexure-10</b>
12.	Full time dedicated faculty for programmes(Programmes Name) not provided/ preparedness not shown.	The Details of Full time dedicated faculty for each programare already submitted along with Application submitted to UGC at page 6 & 7. However the Details of Full time dedicated faculty for each program together with appointment letters and joining letters are again attached as <b>Annexure-11</b> .The preparedness of conducting said programs are also attached as <b>Annexure-12</b> .
13.	Learning Support Centre's related preparedness not indicated.	The details of learning support centers have already been mentioned at page 5 of the application already submitted to UGC as NA. But the University has specified following learning support centres for conducting open and distance learning programmes: 1) Kota 2) Mewar Girls College - Chittorgarh  The details of aforesaid LSCs are also attached as <b>Annexure-13</b>
14.	A copy of the application is not displayed on HEI website.	A copy of the Application submitted to UGC has already posted and displayed on the website of the University i.e. www. Mewaruniversity.org.The Link details of the Application displayed on the website is as follow:

		Snapshot of the Application displayed on the website is attached as <b>Annexure-14</b>
15.	The evidence/details of the preparedness about availability of the academic and other staff in Learning Support Centre's not provided/cannot be ascertained.	The evidence/details of the preparedness about availability of the academic and other staff in Learning Support Centre's is attached as <b>Annexure-15</b>
16.	The evidence/details of the preparedness about availability of the qualified counsellors in the Learning Support Centre's not provided/cannot be ascertained.	The evidence/details of the preparedness about availability of the qualified counsellors in the Learning Support Centre's is attached as <b>Annexure-16</b>
17.	Inadequate faculty as per UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017. (Course wise)	The University has provided adequate Faculty for each proposed Programs through ODL mode. The provision of the Faculty had made in University in accordance with the norms of UGC(Regulation 2017) course wise and specialisationwise. The details of faculty for each programme / specialisation have already been attached as Annexure 11 above.
18.	List of examination centres is not available.	The examinations of all proposed ODL programmes will be conducted at the Mewar University main campus i.e. Headquarter of the University. The University does not have any examination centre other than its Headquarter. A Certificate by Controller of Examination of the University regarding conduct of Examination for ODL program is attached as <b>Annexure-17</b> .
19.	Programme wise list of academic counsellors (as per UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017) have not been submitted.	The details of programme wise list of academic counsellors (as per UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017) is attached as <b>Annexure-18</b>
20.	Approval of AICTE for MBA/MCA/Travel & Tourism programme has not been	The Mewar University is a State Private University Established by and under the Mewar University

<p>submitted.</p>	<p>Chittorgarh Act, 2009 (Act No.4 of 2009) enacted by the State of Rajasthan.As Such, the MewarUniversity is a statutory State Private University established by legislation of the State of Rajasthan and consequently, as per the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Bharathidasan University &amp;Anr Vs. AICTE&amp;Ors. [2001 (8) SCC 676], is not required to have approval of AICTE for conducting programmes such as MBA/MCA/Travel &amp; Tourism etc.</p> <p>However, The University is adhering to the minimum norms and standards of AICTE for running programmes such as MBA/MCA/Travel &amp; Tourism etc. in the University.</p> <p>It is submitted that the Member Secretary, AICTE Vide His Letter No. F.No.AICTE/ P&amp;AP/ODL/2018 Dated 28.08.2018 has already informed the Joint Secretary, UGC to the following effect regarding exemption to private universities established through state legislation (which Amity University Rajasthan is) from the requirement of approval from AICTE to run programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma / Degree in Travel &amp; Tourism etc:</p> <p>"1. Keeping in view of the provisions of AICTE Act, which mandates approval of AICTE for affiliated colleges and Deemed to be Universities, through the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in CA No.17869-17870/2017 &amp; also CA No.17902-17905/2017, dated November 3, 2017, the Central Legislated Universities and State Legislated Universities including open universities are exempted from seeking approval from AICTE to run programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma / Degree in Travel and Tourism in ODL mode. However, Universities</p>
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		<p>shall have to adhere to minimum norms and standards announced by AICTE from time to time and an affidavit stating that the university is observing norms and standards of AICTE, must be submitted to the UGC. For all such universities, the approval shall be considered as deemed to have been accorded for running ODL programmes in the MBA, MCA, Travel and Tourism disciplines. However, in case of violation of AICTE norms, AICTE shall communicate its observations and recommendations to University Grants Commission (UGC) to initiate actions including withdrawal of programme recognition and take further actions as per provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and amended from time to time.</p> <p>A true copy of AICTE letter dated 28.08.2018 is attached herewith as <b>Annexure-19</b></p>
21.	<p>Remarks/specific observations:</p> <p>a) Act of the HEI to be provided.</p> <p>b) No separate list of programme wise faculty &amp; administrative staff for ODL provided.</p>	<p>(a) A copy of Mewar University Chittorgarh Act, 2009, duly certified by the Registrar of the University, is attached as <b>Annexure-20</b></p> <p>(b) A separate list of programme wise full time faculty and administrative staff dedicated for ODL programme is already provided in Annexure 11 and Annexure 8 above respectively.</p>