

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU**

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**List of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) recognized to offer Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes for Academic Year 2024-25, academic session beginning February, 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 UGC (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 applications submitted by the HEI under UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments, list of HEIs recognized to offer Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes for academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning February, 2025 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 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.
- (III) 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 shall strictly abide by the conditions such as the number of seats, valid academic year, etc. mentioned in the relevant Regulatory Authority letter.
- (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.

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					30) MASTER OF SCIENCE (ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE)
			2024-25 academic session beginning from October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) to 2028-29 (upto February, 2029 only)	2	1) BACHELOR OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL EDUCATION (INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY/ VISUAL IMPAIRMENT/ HEARING IMPAIRMENT) 2) MASTER OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL EDUCATION (INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY/HEARING IMPAIRMENT)
94.	WEST BENGAL	<b>RABINDRA BHARATI UNIVERSITY (STATE UNIVERSITY)</b>	Academic session beginning July, 2021 (revised as November, 2021) to 2025-2026 ( Upto January, 2026 only)	6	1) MASTER OF ARTS (BENGALI) 2) MASTER OF ARTS (ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES) 3) MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK 4) MASTER OF ARTS (RABINDRA SANGEET) 5) MASTER OF ARTS (VOCAL MUSIC) 6) MASTER OF ARTS (SANSKRIT)
			2022-23, academic session beginning September, 2022 (revised from July-August, 2022) to 2026-27 (upto	5	1) MASTER OF ARTS (EDUCATION) 2) MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH) 3) MASTER OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY) 4) MASTER OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) 5) MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)