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PUBLIC NOTICE

New procedure for students enrolling in Open and Distance Learning(ODL) or Online Programmes from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October 2024 (revised from July – August, 2024) and onwards, to ensure enrolment only in approved HEIs and to enhance transparency in admissions - reg

UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 stipulated the minimum standards for offering Programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and Online mode by the Higher Educational Institutions and accordingly, the year-wise list of universities recognized/entitled by the Commission to offer Programmes in ODL/Online mode is in public domain at the UGC Distance Education Bureau website https://deb.ugc.ac.in/.

It has come to the notice of the Commission in the recent past that a few HEIs have admitted students in unrecognized ODL/Online programmes putting the future of students at stake. To address such incidents and to increase the transparency in ODL and Online mode admission, Commission in its 581st meeting held on 25th June 2024 has decided to standardize the admission procedure for students enrolling in ODL and Online mode to safeguard their academic future and career prospects. Accordingly, UGC has developed a mechanism for transparent admission process wherein any student who intends to enroll in ODL/ Online Programmes shall register on UGC-DEB web portal (URL link: https://deb.ugc.ac.in/ and https://deb.ugc.ac.in/StudentDebId) with their Academic Bank of Credit (ABC)-ID for generating a unique DEB-ID.
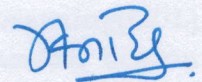
All stakeholders are hereby informed that the creation of DEB-ID shall be required for every student (except foreign learners) willing to enroll in ODL/ Online programmes in recognized/entitled HEIs from academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October, 2024 (revised from July-August, 2024) and onwards. The DEB-ID once generated on UGC-DEB web portal will remain valid for lifelong ODL/Online learning.

All Higher Educational Institutions are requested to expedite the smooth implementation of the new mechanism for ODL and Online mode admission process by doing the requisite API integration process and promote this initiative among new learners to ensure its successful implementation.

For any further inquiries or concerns, learners can contact the Helpdesk established on the website at https://deb.ugc.ac.in/.

Note:-

1. The mechanism for the creation of unique DEB-ID and ABC-ID for foreign learners is yet to be implemented.
2. Stakeholders are requested to visit the UGC-DEB website at https://deb.ugc.ac.in/ for further updates/ announcements in this regard.

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