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Sub: Commission Order on the application submitted online by the Higher Educational Institution (HEI) for recognition of the programmes to be offered in ODL mode for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards - regarding.

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Sir/Madam,

- UGC has notified the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments. Regulations 3, 4 and 5 describe the eligibility criterion for HEI, the process of application and the approval process for ODL and Online Programmes whereas Regulation 6 describes provisions of the right to appeal by the HEIs aggrieved with the order of the Commission.
- The Commission invited online applications from the eligible HEIs for recognition of the programmes under ODL mode and/or Online mode for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards vide Public Notice F. No. 1-4/2025 (DEB-NER) dated 21st October, 2025 and 11th November, 2025.
- Application received from **Silver Oak University, Gujarat** for recognition of ODL programmes was assessed by Visiting Expert Committee (VEC), Expert Review Committee (ERC) and Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) duly constituted by the Chairman, UGC. The details of the meeting are as under:

Sr. No.	Name of the Committee	Date of meeting	Date of recommendation sheet shared with the HEI
For ODL Programmes			
1.	Visiting Expert Committee (VEC)	02 th & 05 th January, 2026	04.02.2026
2.	Expert Review Committee (ERC)	20 th January, 2026	
3.	Standing Appellate Committee (SAC)	24 th February, 2026	27.02.2026

- The report of the VEC was considered by the ERC. Based on the recommendations of Expert Review Committee (ERC), Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) and its approval by Competent Authority/Commission, I am directed to issue this Order, thereby communicating the programme-wise recognition for the programmes to be offered in **ODL mode** for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards.

etc.

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5. **Programme wise recognition status**

(i) **ODL Programmes Recognized: 04 (Four)**

S. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	Bachelor of Business Administration (General)- (3 years)	Academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 to 2030-31, (up to July-August, 2030 only)
2.	Master of Business Administration (General) – (2 years) (learner intake shall be limited to 500)	
3.	Master of Commerce (General) – (2 years)	
4.	*Master of Arts (English Literature) – (2 years)	

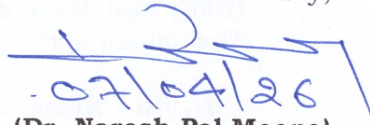
*The recommendations of the VEC and ERC have been reversed by the SAC.

Note: The Expert Committee has recommended that HEI shall adhere to the specified learner intake for MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION proposed programme listed in the table 5(i) above.

(ii) **ODL Programmes Not Recognized: NIL**

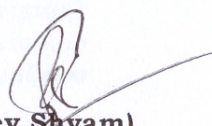
- For the programmes recognized as stated in Table 5(i) above, the HEI shall comply with all the provisions of the UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments while offering the programmes in **ODL** mode.
- The application of the HEI for academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards **stands closed**.
- In the event any HEI is found offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and/or Online mode without recognition of the Commission or in violation to any of the provisions of these regulations and guidelines or orders made there under, the Commission may take actions as per regulation 7 of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments.
- The decision of the Commission shall be final and binding on the HEI.

Yours faithfully,


07/04/26
(Dr. Naresh Pal Meena)
Education Officer

Copy to:

- The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Gujarat New Secretariat B.No.5, 7th Floor Gandhi Nagar-382 010, Gujarat.
(With a request to ensure that HEI adheres to all the provisions of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and its amendments).
- The Economic Advisor, Distance Learning Section, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
- The Vice Chancellor, The Registrar Silver Oak University, Near Bhavik Publication Opp. Bhagwat Vidhyapith, Nr. Gota Cross Road, Ahmedabad-382 481, Gujarat.
- The Joint Secretary/Deputy Secretary, Private University Bureau, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.


(Radhey Shyam)
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