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The Registrar
Sri Chandrasekharandra Saraswati Vishwa Mahavidyalaya
Enathur, District:Kanchipuram
Tamil Nadu- 631561

24 MAR 2026

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

Sir/Madam,

1. 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.
2. The Commission invited online applications from the eligible HEIs for recognition of the programmes under ODL mode and/or Online mode from academic year 2025-26. academic session beginning February, 2026 vide Public Notice F. No. 1-4/2025(DEB-NER) dated 21st October, 2025.
3. Application received from **Sri Chandrasekharandra Saraswati Vishwa Mahavidyalaya, Tamil Nadu** for recognition of **ODL** programmes was assessed by the Interface Expert Committee (IEC)/Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) duly constituted by the Chairman, UGC. The details of the meetings are as under:

Sr.No.	Name of the Committee	Date of meeting	Date of recommendation sheet shared with the HEI
For ODL Programmes:			
1.	Interface Expert Committee (IEC)	29.12.2025	21.01.2026
2.	Standing Appellate Committee (SAC)	24.02.2026	27.02.2026

4. Based on the recommendations of Interface Expert Committee (IEC)/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** from academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 and onwards.


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5. Programme wise recognition status

(i) Open and Distance Learning Programmes Recognized: 01 (One)


Sr. No.	Programme Name	Period of Recognition
1.	*BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (GENERAL)- (3 Years)	Academic year 2025-26, academic session beginning February, 2026 to 2030-31, (up to July-August, 2030 only)

*The recommendations of the IEC have been reversed by the SAC.

(ii) Open and Distance Learning Programmes Not Recognised: NIL

- For the programme recognized in the aforementioned table, the HEI shall comply with all the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning 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 **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.

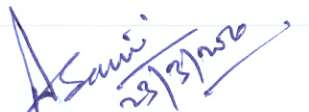
Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Naresh Pal Meena)
Education Officer

Copy to:

- The Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, National Informatic Centre, Ground floor, Multi Storeyed Building, Namakkal Kavinagar Maaligai, Fort St. Geroge, Chennai -600 009.
(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, Sri Chandrasekharandra Saraswati Vishwa Mahavidyalaya, Enathur, District-Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu – 631561.
- The Joint Secretary, Deemed to be University Bureau, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi -110 002.




(Amit Saini)
Section Officer