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**REHABILITATION COUNCIL OF INDIA**  
A Statutory Body of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)  
Government of India



File No. 10-4/Policy/2012/RCI  
EO No 4840

Date: 23 February, 2024

To,

The Registrar,  
Dr. B.R Ambedkar Open University,  
Prof. G. Ram Reddy Marg, Road# 46, Jubilee Hills,  
Hyderabad-500033.

Sub: Renewal of MoU signed between RCI & BRAOU to conduct B.Ed. Spl.Ed.-ODL Course-reg.

Sir

Please refer to your Letter. No. 421/Estt./B.ED. (SE)/2023-24 dated 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 on the subject cited above. This is to inform you that the Council has examined your request with regard to reconsideration of renewal of MoU in light of norms and guidelines 2021.

2. The Council has considered renewing the MoU for another 2 years, as per the attached proforma. The MoU will be conditional with respect to maintaining norms and guidelines, 2021.
3. Enclosed, please find the revised Memorandum of Understanding for your ready reference.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Vikas Trivedi)  
Member Secretary

Encl: Revised MoU





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**Prof. Manish R. Joshi**  
Secretary



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**University Grants Commission**  
(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)  
(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

F. No. 1-4/2024(DEB-I) pt.file

10<sup>th</sup> April, 2024/चैत्र 21, 1946

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Commission decision regarding prior approval/recommendation/NOC required from AICTE for offering Programmes under ODL and/ or Online mode from academic year 2024-25.**

UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 stipulates that the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) shall have prior approval or recommendation for the programmes falling under the ambit of the respective statutory or regulatory authority or regulatory council for offering the programmes in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and/or Online mode, while submitting an application to the Commission.

In this regard, Commission in its 578<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 considered the letter received from AICTE regarding granting approval or recommendations to the State/Private Universities offering professional programmes in Technical and Management education in ODL/OL mode.

After detailed deliberations, Commission decided as under :-

*“The Commission considered the communication received from AICTE stating that as per Hon’ble Supreme Court Judgement in Bharathidasan University and Another Vs. All India Council for Technical Education and Others (2001) 8 SCC 676, it is not mandatory for the State/Private Universities to take AICTE approval to run Technical programmes.*

*After detailed deliberations, the Commission decided that for Universities whether State or Central or Private, prior approval/recommendation/ NOC of AICTE shall not be required, as per UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for offering programmes in ODL and/or Online mode.”*

In view of the above, it is informed that Central, State and Private Universities shall not require prior approval/recommendation/NOC from AICTE along with their application to UGC for offering of Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Postgraduate diploma programmes under the disciplines of Management, Computer Application and Travel and Tourism in ODL and/or Online mode. However, Deemed to be Universities shall continue to require prior approval/recommendation/ NOC of AICTE for offering of such programmes in ODL and/or Online mode, before submitting their application to the Commission.

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Further, programmes under the domain of AICTE mentioned in provision 2(z) of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, shall remain prohibited, until the receipt of approval/ recommendation/ NOC from AICTE for the consideration of the Commission.

**Note:-** It is also informed that UGC public notice F. No. 1-1/2024 vide 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024 regarding approval/recommendation from AICTE for offering UG Programmes in Management and Computer Application under ODL mode and/or Online mode from academic year 2024-25, academic session July-August, 2024 shall be valid only for Deemed to be Universities.



**(Manish Joshi)**

