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The Registrar / Director
Of the Indian Universities
(Central, State, Deemed Universities /
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Subject: Recognition of Degrees awarded by Open Universities.

Sir,

There are a number of Open Universities in the country offering various degrees/diploma through the mode of nonformal education. The Open Universities have been established in the country by an Act of Parliament or State Legislature in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 2(f) of University Grants Commission Act, 1956. These universities are, therefore, empowered to award degrees in terms of Section 22(1) of the UGC Act, 1956.

A circular was earlier issued vide UGC letter N.F. 1-8/92(CPP) dated February, 1992 mentioning that the Certificate, Diplomas and Degrees awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University are to be treated equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Universities in the country.

Attention is further invited to UGC circular No.F 1-25/93(CPP-II) dated 28th July, 1993 for recognition of degrees and diplomas as well as transfer of credit for courses successfully completed by students between the two types of universities so that the mobility of Students from Open University stream to traditional Universities is ensured without any difficulty.

The UGC has specified the nomenclature of degrees under Section 22(3) of the UGC Act, 1956 to ensure mandatory requirements viz minimum essential academic inputs required for, awarding such degrees. The details of Gazette Notification regarding specification of degrees are given in UGC website www.ugc.ac.in

May, I therefore request you to treat the Degrees/Diplomas /Certificates awarded by the Open Universities in conformity with the UGC notification on Specification of Degrees as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the traditional Universities in the country.

Yours faithfully,
(Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal)
Joint Secretary

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