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**Subject:** *Categorization of the Parul University, PO Limda, Tal- Waghodia, Dist. Vadodara-391760, Gujarat as per UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.*

Madam/Sir,

This is in supersession to the UGC letter No.F. 1-6/2023 (CPP-I/PU) dated 04.06.2024 regarding categorization of Parul University, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat as Category-I State Private University as per UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

As you are aware, UGC is mandated to determine, promote and maintain the standards of higher education in the country. UGC is constantly striving to create an enabling environment whereby higher educational institutions in the country can become institution of global excellence. UGC is also aware that global excellence can be achieved only by extending autonomy to better performing institutions as autonomy is pivotal to promoting and institutionalizing excellence in higher education.

In order to grant autonomy to the better performing institutions, UGC has notified UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018 on 12 February, 2018 in the Gazette of India.

The Parul University, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat submitted a proposal vide its letter No. R/Correspondence-878/2023-24 dated 14.02.2024 for categorization as per the 'UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018'. The proposal received from the university was considered by the Commission. The Commission has decided to grade Parul University, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat as Category-I, a State Private University as per the provisions of the UGC Regulations.

The University shall now be eligible for the benefits as stipulated under Clause- 4 (*Dimensions of Autonomy for Category-I Universities*) of the UGC Regulations. However, the privileges and benefits under the category will be regulated as per conditions given under Clause 6 (*change in Category of University for non-maintenance of accreditation score or ranking as define in clause 3*).

The University shall inform the UGC about the change in the accreditation status of university and the benefits being implemented from new academic session. In light of this, the University should acknowledge in writing that it shall strictly comply with all the regulations as mentioned in the 'UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018'.

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Further, it may also be noted that based on the recommendations of DEB Working Group, Commission in its 563<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022 decided that all Category-I HEIs notified by UGC as per UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018 and its amendments willing to offer programmes under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode from academic sessions beginning January-February, 2023 shall information in prescribed format to UGC.

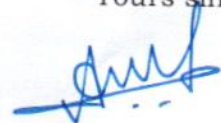
The information thus collected shall be assessed by UGC-DEB to ascertain conformity to the following aspects: -

1. Verification of Category-I Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) entitlement as notified by UGC.
2. Permissibility of proposed programmes to be offered under ODL mode.
3. Adherence to UGC Notification of Specification of Degrees, 2014 and its amendments.
4. Prior approval of Regulatory Authority, wherever applicable.

In view of above, Category-I HEIs willing to offer Open and Distance Learning programmes are mandatory required to submit information on UGC-DEB web portal at <https://deb.ugc.ac.in> along with supporting documents, affidavit (in the prescribed format) and requisite fees. The list of HEIs along with programmes found in compliance of the above points shall be uploaded on UGC website. Further, HEIs which fail to submit information along with prescribed affidavit and fee to UGC-DEB shall not be entitled to offer ODL programmes as Category-I HEI.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority

Yours sincerely,

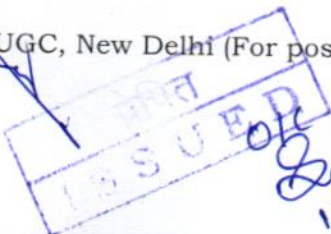


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