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Subject: Offering One-Year Postgraduate Programme under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and/or Online mode in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 offers provisions for a One-Year Master's Programme for learners who have successfully completed a Four-Year Undergraduate Programme, subject to the applicable academic framework and the relevant UGC Regulations.

Accordingly, HEIs already recognized/entitled by UGC to offer a Two-Year Master's Degree Programme through ODL and/or Online mode, may offer a One-Year Master's Programme, which shall be in conformity with the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 and other applicable UGC Regulations, in accordance with the UGC's Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes, subject to the fulfillment of the prescribed credit requirements and UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 and with the approval of the programme by the competent statutory bodies of the HEI (BoS/Academic Council/EC/equivalent) and compliance with the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, as amended from time to time, and other prescribed requirements.

Further that:

1. The proposed One-Year Postgraduate Programme shall be in conformity with the provisions of NEP, 2020 and the applicable UGC Regulations/Guidelines.
2. The One-Year Master's Degree Programme through the ODL and/or Online mode is permitted only if the corresponding Two-Year Master's Degree Programme in ODL and/or Online mode has already been recognized/entitled by UGC for the HEI.
3. Admission to the programme shall be restricted to learners possessing the prescribed eligibility, subject to the successful completion of a Four-Year Undergraduate Programme.
4. The curriculum, learning resources, assessment, credit framework, and all other academic requirements comply with the relevant UGC Regulations and statutory norms.

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