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Update on Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in India

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- Canada's only university-based academic credential assessment agency
- Our assessments are used for:
  - Immigration to Canada
  - Admission to colleges and other educational institutions.
  - Employment
  - Membership, licensure, or certification by professional organizations and regulatory bodies.

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WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

- ❑ Taking the Pulse
- ❑ Historical Overview
- ❑ DEB 2017 Regulations
- ❑ Documents Review
- ❑ CES Assessment Policies
- ❑ Case Studies
- ❑ Summary/Conclusion
- ❑ Questions

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TAKING THE PULSE

1. Have you ever evaluated degrees completed in India via distance learning?
   - ❑ Yes
   - ❑ No

2. Are you familiar with the UGC/DEB regulations?
   - ❑ Yes
   - ❑ No
   - ❑ Maybe

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

What is ODL?

- off campus, at a study centre
- through correspondence courses
- at an open university (national or state)
- online courses

- Phase I: prior to the IGNOU Act
- Phase II: IGNOU Act – Distance Education Council
- Phase III: Distance Education Bureau

DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU
A Bureau of University Grants Commission (UGC)
ज्ञान विज्ञान विमुक्तये

IGNOU ACT

Why IGNOU

- Promotion of ODL program

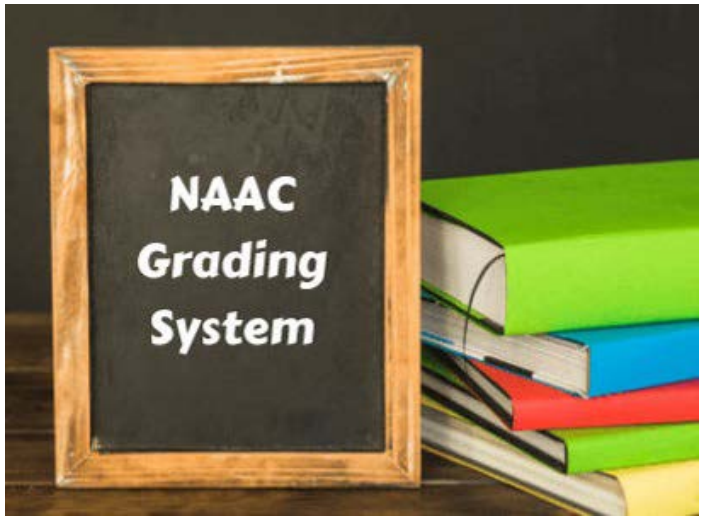
  Target student enrolment by 2015 – 21%

- Introduction of Program Approval

  As access improved, the quality of education was not satisfactory

- 2009: UGC-AICTE-DEC Joint Committee (2009 Handbook)
- 2010 – 2012: Tripartite Committee
- 2013 – Transition to UGC/DEB

CHANGES INTRODUCED BY THE DEB 2017 REGULATIONS



Institutional ranking – autonomous eligibility

- For the first time, NAAC ranking was used to determine if a university or a deemed university can offer distance learning programs.
  - NAAC 3.26 and above reduced to 3.01 for ODL
  - NAAC 3.26 remains for online programs

This requirement does not apply to

- Deemed Universities
- Open Universities until they become eligible for NAAC ranking (completion of five years of existence)

Territorial jurisdiction

  - State public, central universities
  - Deemed universities
  - State private universities

CHANGES INTRODUCED BY THE DEB 2017 REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

Application for program approval

- Only DEB approved programs are recognized ODL degrees
- Approval granted for intake every year
- Which programs require approval
  - ✓All degree programs
  - ✓Professional degree programs continue to be barred
  - ✓Sub-degree programs (Diploma and post-graduate programs do not require approval)
    - ✓DEB Part III-Section 4-8 Quality Assurance-(1)-(v)

PGDM – UGC/DEB oversees PGDM offered via distance mode

DEB PART III-SECTION 4-8 QUALITY ASSURANCE-(1)-(V) (2017)

"the Higher Educational Institutions may continue to offer Certificate or Diploma or Post Graduate Diploma programmes subject to the condition that all the Certificate or Diploma or Post Graduate Diploma programmes are duly approved by the statutory authorities or bodies of the respective Higher Educational Institutions and the delivery mechanism conforms to the quality standards of the Open and Distance learning education as specified by the Higher Educational Institutions and further, the Higher Educational Institutions may offer Certificate or Diploma or Post Graduate Diploma in professional programmes (other than in engineering, medicine, dental, nursing, pharmacy, architecture and physiotherapy etc. and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any other regulatory authority) subject to the condition that the concerned Higher Educational Institution has already obtained or received the requisite approvals from the concerned statutory regulatory authorities or councils before the actual start of such course or programs through Open and Distance Learning mode;"

DEB 2017

AMENDMENTS TO THE DEB 2017 REGULATIONS

- Amendments between 2017 to 2019
  - These amendments serve the purpose to tighten up the terminology but the main regulations stay unchanged.
  - All regulations are not applicable to IGNOU due to its special status as a national open university
- UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018

1. NAAC accreditation of minimum 3.26/4
2. In the top-100 in the national ranking for at least two years during the previous three years.
3. Same program must be offered either in regular mode or in ODL with at least one batch passed out

https://www.ugc.ac.in/deb/notices.html

2020 REGULATIONS: ODL AND ONLINE REGULATIONS

- IGNOU is exempted from the ODL and online regulations
- Post graduate diploma now required UGC/DEB approval
- Prohibited Programs
  - *Engineering, Medical, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and other Para-Medical disciplines, Pharmacy, Nursing, Dental, Architecture,* ***Law, Agriculture, Horticulture, Hotel Management, Catering Technology, Culinary Sciences, Aircraft Maintenance, Visual Arts and Sports***
  - ***M.Phil.*** *and* ***Ph.D.***
- ODL and PGD provisions
  - Science based programs only offered from the Head Quarters and/or only from such Learner Support centers
  - Programs require practical or laboratory course are prohibited through online (except for IT programs)

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND FRAUD DETECTION

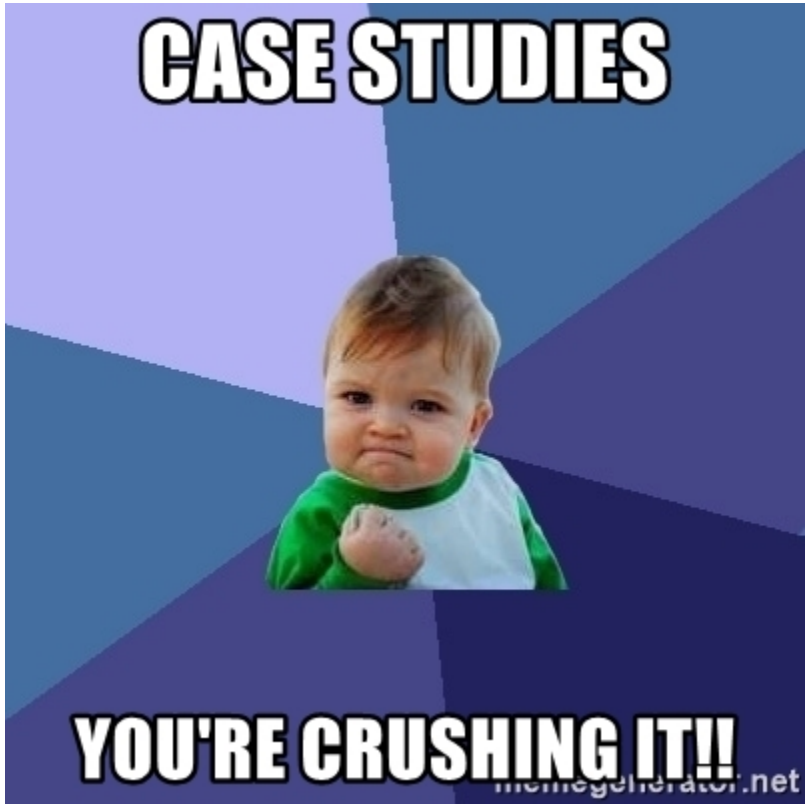
- How to detect ODL programs
  - Degree certificates may not indicate the mode of teaching
  - Mark sheets are usually attested by the Control of Examinations but sometimes will indicate it was completed at the directorate of distance learning
  - Program content – can usually provide information on how the program was delivered
  - Check university website
- What information you need to know if the program is recognized
  - UGC/DEB lists published every year
  - Sometimes check the university's Act
- Fraud detection
  - Documents
  - Inter-institutional communications
  - Electronically delivered documents during COVID-19

Our colleagues are offering an interesting hands-on session on the sophisticated schemes of fraud attempts tomorrow at the same time. We highly recommend you also attend that session if you get excited about detecting fraudulent documents.

CES ASSESSMENT POLICY

Credentials	Characteristics	Policy
Degree Programs	•Must be a UGC recognized university •Program needs to be approved for the intake year •If the NAAC rating is above 3.25, it might be OK	Recognized
	•UGC recognized university •Professional degrees done via ODL can't be evaluated (i.e. engineering degrees) •Program was not approved for the intake year	Do not evaluate (not recognized)
Sub-degree Programs	•Universities: may not need UGC/DEB approval – check the University Act •Stand-alone institutions: must be approved for the intake year	Recognized

CASE STUDIES



CASE STUDY - #1:ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY - PGDBM

- State university
- Distance learning
- Post-2017

Annamalai University

WITH COURAGE AND FAITH

[redacted]

Distance Education Register No. [redacted]

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that [redacted]

has passed the POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Examination held in MAY - 2019 and that he/she was placed in FIRST class.

He/She has qualified himself/herself for the award of the POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY COE ANNAMALAINAGAR 608 002

Annamalai Nagar - 608 002

Date : 09/08/2019

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Annamalai University

DISTANCE EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF MARKS

COURSE : POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS
NAME : ADMINISTRATION [redacted]

YEAR : MAY - 2019
REG. NO.: [redacted]

CODE	SUBJECT/S	MARKS AWARDED	PASSING MINIMUM	MAXIMUM MARKS	RESULT
110	PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT	60	40	100	PASS
120	MARKETING MANAGEMENT	72	40	100	PASS
130	PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	63	40	100	PASS
140	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	56	40	100	PASS
	GRAND TOTAL	251	160	400	

*** End of Statement ***

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CASE STUDY - #2: WELINGKAR INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

- Stand-alone institute
- PGD approved by DEB

Recognized

Not Recognized

S. P. MANDALI'S

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Welingkar Education

S.P. Mandali's

Prin L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development & Research

L. Napoo Road, Matunga (C.Rly), Mumbai - 400 019, Maharashtra, India.

Post - Graduate Diploma in Management (IT Projects Management)

(Hybrid Program)

(PGDM-ITPM-HB)

Recognised by UGC-DEB, Govt. of India

[redacted]

Awarded to

[redacted]

For having Successfully completed the Two-year Post-Graduate Diploma in Management (IT Projects Management) in the year 2018 with First Class

Dated the Thirty First day of the Month December in the Year 2018

weschool

Prof. Dr. Uday Salunkhe

Group Director

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Welingkar Education

S.P. Mandali's

Prin L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development & Research

L. Napoo Road, Matunga (C.Rly), Mumbai - 400 019, Maharashtra, India.

Statement of Marks

Post - Graduate Diploma in Management (IT Projects Management)

(Hybrid Program)

(PGDM-ITPM-HB)

Recognised by UGC-DEB, Govt. of India

Name : [redacted]

Admission No : [redacted]

Batch : January 2017

Semester : Semester III & IV

Exam Year : December-2018

[redacted]

S.No	Subject Name	Mid-Term (20) Marks	Semester (80) Marks	Total (100) Marks
1	Managing IT projects	10	45	55
2	Scheduling & Tracking of Projects	7	50	57
3	Managing Projects Teams & Resources	8	53	61
4	Estimating Software Projects & Managing Costs	--	53	53
5	Business Analysis	8	43	51
6	Managing project Vendors	13	48	61
7	Enterprise Solutions	11	43	54
8	Software Engineering & Quality Management	10	46	56
9	Using System & Tools in Projects	13	51	64
10	Project Work (out of 200)	--	--	150

Grade : First Class

Total Marks : 662

Percentage : 60 %

Grade Details

Above 75 : Distinction

Above 60 and Below 75 : First Class

Above 50 and Below 60 : Second Class

W - Waiver

Prepared by

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For. Prin. L.N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development & Research

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CASE STUDY - #3: J.R.N. RAJASTHAN VIDYAPEETH (DEEMED-TO-BE UNIVERSITY)

- Deemed-to-be university
- Program not listed on DEB

Recognized

Not Recognized

S.No. [redacted] Enrolment No. [redacted]

JANARDAN RAI NAGAR RAJASTHAN VIDYAPEETH UNIVERSITY

(Deemed to be)

UDAIPUR (RAJASTHAN) INDIA

(Established Under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 vide Notification No. F.9-5/84-U-3, January 12, 1987 of the Government of India

Certified that [redacted]

S/D of [redacted]

having attended the THREE YEAR'S course and passed the examination in the year 2012 from this university has been awarded the

Diploma

in ELECTRICAL (LATERAL ENTRY) Engineering

Udaipur

Date 03.09.2014

Vice- Chancellor

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Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (Deemed) University

(Declared Under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 vide Notification No. F. 9-5/84-U-3, January 12, 1987 of the Government of India)

Pratap Nagar, Udaipur – 313001, Rajasthan (INDIA)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF MARKS & PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

S. No : [redacted] **Centre Code :** [redacted]
Course Name : Diploma in ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Enrolment No : [redacted] **Total No. of Semesters/Years : Four Semester**
Student Name: [redacted] **Father Name :** [redacted]

Details of the Marks Obtained

Semester/Year of the Course : Third Semester **Roll No. :** [redacted] **Exam Month Year : Jan - 2012**

Paper Code	Paper Name	Max. Int	Max. Ext	Obt. Int.	Obt. Ext.	Total	Remark
DSE1*	Engg. Mathematics III	25	75	21	41	62	P
DSE2*	Applied Mechanics	25	75	22	35	57	P
DSE3*	Electrical Technology	25	75	21	32	53	P
DSE4*	Engg. Graphics	25	75	22	31	53	P
DSE5*	Applied Electronics	25	75	21	26	47	P
DSE2P*	Applied Mechanics (Practical)	25	75	22	52	74	P
DSE3P*	Electrical Technology (Practical)	25	75	21	51	72	P
		175	525	150	268	418	

Semester/Year of the Course : Fourth Semester **Roll No. :** [redacted] **Exam Month Year : Jan - 2012**

Paper Code	Paper Name	Max. Int	Max. Ext	Obt. Int.	Obt. Ext.	Total	Remark
DSE6*	Electrical Measurement & Instrumentation	25	75	22	42	64	P
DSE7	Electrical Circuits & Network	25	75	21	30	51	P
DSE8*	Electrical Machines - I	25	75	22	28	50	P
DSE9*	Electrical Power System - I	25	75	21	36	57	P
DSE10*	Electrical Engineering Materials & Wiring	25	75	22	33	55	P
DSE7P*	Electrical Circuits & Network (Practical)	25	75	21	51	72	P
DSE8P*	Electrical Machines - I (Practical)	25	75	22	54	76	P
		175	525	151	274	425	

Semester/Year of the Course : Fifth Semester **Roll No. :** [redacted] **Exam Month Year : July - 2012**

Paper Code	Paper Name	Max. Int	Max. Ext	Obt. Int.	Obt. Ext.	Total	Remark
DTE1	Industrial Organization & Supervisory Management	25	75	20	39	59	P
DTE2	Electrical Machines - II	25	75	20	31	51	P
DTE3	Instrumentation & Control	25	75	21	27	48	P
DTE4	Electrical Power System - II	25	75	23	41	64	P
DTE5	Electrical Installation System	25	75	22	40	62	P
DTE2P	Electrical Machines - II (Practical)	25	75	19	56	75	P
DTE3P	Instrumentation & Control (Practical)	25	75	22	49	71	P
		175	525	147	283	430	

Semester/Year of the Course : Sixth Semester **Roll No. :** [redacted] **Exam Month Year : July - 2012**

Paper Code	Paper Name	Max. Int	Max. Ext	Obt. Int.	Obt. Ext.	Total	Remark
DTE6	Utilization System	25	75	22	48	70	P
DTE7	Manufacturing System	25	75	22	45	67	P
DTE8	Testing and Maintenance of Electrical Equipments	25	75	22	37	59	P
DTE9	Project	100	--	81	--	81	P
DTE6P	Utilization System (Practical)	25	75	21	54	75	P
DTE8P	Testing and Maintenance of Electrical Equipments (Practica	25	75	20	56	76	P
		225	375	188	240	428	

SUMMARY OF THE MARKS OBTAINED IN ALL THE SEMESTERS

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III	Semester IV	Semester V	Semester VI	Semester VII	Semester VIII	Grand Total	Result	Grade
L.E	L.E	418 / 700	425 / 700	430 / 700	428 / 600	--	--	1701 /2700	Passed	B

Provisional Certificate

Certified that [redacted] has Passed the Course **Diploma** in **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING** in the **July - 2012** year with **B** Grade.

Prepared by: _____ Checked by: 1 _____ Checked by: 2 _____

Udaipur

Dated : 19.07.2014

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FINAL THOUGHTS

- Distance learning programs in India are in the process of standardization
  - ✓ Determine the recognition in India according to time of study
- Documentation Review
  - ✓ Pay special attention to document authenticity
  - ✓ Look for information hidden in the documents
- Comparability / Equivalency Assessment
  - ✓ What should be recognized and comparable
  - ✓ What to do with the ones that are convoluted

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QUESTIONS?