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To,

The Vice-Chancellor
All Higher Educational Institutions

Subject: New mechanism of ODL and Online Mode Learner Registration in DEB Web portal for academic year 2024-25, academic session beginning October 2024(revised from July -August 2024) and onwards -reg

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 stipulated the minimum standards for offering Programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and Online mode by Higher Educational Institutions. Accordingly, the list of universities recognized/entitled by the Commission to offer Programmes in ODL/Online mode is in public domain at the UGC Distance Education Bureau website https://deb.ugc.ac.in/.

It came to the notice of the Commission in the recent past that few HEIs admitted students in unrecognized ODL/Online programmes putting the future career prospects of students at stake. To address such issues and to increase transparency in ODL and Online mode admission, Commission in its 581st meeting held on 25th June, 2024 has decided to standardize the admission procedure for students enrolling in ODL and Online mode, to safeguard their academic future and career prospects. Accordingly, UGC has developed a mechanism for transparent ODL and Online mode admission process wherein any student who intends to enrol in ODL/ Online programmes shall register on UGC-DEB web portal (URL link: https://deb.ugc.ac.in/ and https://deb.ugc.ac.in/StudentDebId) with their Academic Bank of Credit (ABC)-ID for generating a unique DEB-ID.
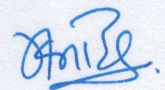
To facilitate efficient implementation of this mechanism, the admission portals of the HEIs shall be integrated with the DEB portal through an API. This integration will allow seamless data exchange between the DEB website and HEI admission portal and thereby enhance fairness and transparency in ODL and Online admission.

You are requested to take necessary steps to implement the system by doing the requisite API integration process and publicize this amongst the stakeholders for its smooth implementation.

This is for strict compliance by all recognized/entitled Higher Educational Institutions offering Programmes in ODL/Online mode. For any further technical queries, the HEIs can reach out at odl.ugc@mail.inflibnet.ac.in.

Note: For the foreign learners, the process of unique DEB-id creation using ABC-id is yet to be implemented.

Yours faithfully,

(Manish Joshi)