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**By Speed Post**

**The Registrar  
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**Sub: Approval of Diploma and Certificate courses-regarding**

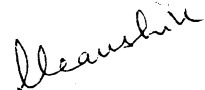
Sir,

UGC has been according approval to eligible institutions to offer specific programmes through open and distance learning mode which includes certificate and diploma programmes also.

It has been decided that IGNOU, New Delhi and State Open Universities (SOUs), which has got approval from UGC to offer programmes through distance mode, may be allowed to offer Certificate and Diploma programmes of the duration of one year or less in non-technical, non-medical, non-para medical fields and excluding the programmes which require hands on training.

Therefore, from the academic session 2017-18, IGNOU and SOUs may offer such programmes without seeking the approval from UGC but after the approval of its statutory bodies like Board of Studies, Academic Council etc. and other statutory bodies, if applicable. It is desired that UGC may be informed of launch of such Certificate and Diploma Courses.

Yours faithfully

  
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