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PRESS NOTE

PTU Distance Education Programs approved by UGC-AICTE- DEC Joint Committee

Punjab Technical University (PTU), Jalandhar has been accorded approval by "UGC-AICTE-DEC Joint Committee" for all programs being offered through Distance Education Mode in its 35th meeting held on 10th March 2010 at New Delhi. It has been specified in the decision that Distance Education and Online Education cannot have boundaries or state Jurisdiction and therefore these programs should be offered as per the ACT and Statues of the University.

The Ministry of HRD through Gazette notification No.44 dated March 1, 1995 had stated that all the qualifications awarded through Distance Education by the Universities stand automatically recognized for the purpose of employment in Central Government offices and for all purposes of Higher Education, **provided** it has been approved by Distance Education Council.

Lately, for better coordination between the statutory bodies of higher education, primarily, DEC, UGC and AICTE, MHRD formed a "**Joint committee of DEC-UGC-AICTE**". It was announced that it is mandatory to take prior approval from Joint Committee of DEC-UGC-AICTE to offer programs in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode and had asked all Universities offering ODL programs to submit a fresh application for approval.

A high powered "Expert Committee" consisting of members nominated by UGC, AICTE, DEC visited the PTU Campus on 27th July 2009. Based on the recommendations of the expert committee the Joint Committee has accorded approval to PTU for next 3 academic years.

Punjab Technical University, a state Technical University, is recognized by UGC and is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The University has a base of over 3 lakh students and offers Post Graduate, Degree and Diploma programs in 10 disciplines. The disciplines include IT, Management, Mass Communication, Biotechnology, Apparel & Fashion Design, Hospitality and Journalism. PTU affiliates 288 regular colleges and has a network of over 1600 learning centers across India.

Vice Chancellor of Punjab Technical University, Dr. Rajneesh Arora said that mission of PTU is to provide quality technical education through distance education programs. Main challenges of access, equality and quality in Higher Education in India can only be effectively resolved through distance education. Distance education enables the masses to realize their dream of quality education. The students have access to quality self learning material, computer based tutorials, Learning Management system (LMS), personal contact programs at Learning Centers and all this put together provides affordable, collaborative, placement-ready learning possible. To take the program to further heights we have started preparing for the accreditation of our DEP programs.

Dr. N.P Singh, Dean DEP, PTU said that various innovative inputs are being added to the program. The most important challenge is to conduct examination for large number of students across the country. We will be establishing technology centers at all our examination centers so that the question papers may be delivered through web without any human intervention. We are also planning to provide different question papers to students sitting in one examination hall. We have also ensured that adequate resources are put in to enhance the quality of the learning material and special emphasis will be laid to deliver the Non-IT programs more effectively.


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