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SCDL has filed a Writ Petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi regarding stay on the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and Continuation of Recognition for the AY 2017-18. These regulations have left all standalone institutions out of the purview of UGC.

The matter was heard before a bench presided by Hon'ble Ms. Gita Mittal, Hon'ble Acting Chief Justice and Hon'ble Mr. Justice C. Hari Shankar on 11th September 2017. The Hon'ble Court has directed the DEB to continue recognition of SCDL for the AY 2017-18 and issue a letter to this effect within 2 weeks.

It may be noted that during the hearing the Hon'ble High Court strongly opined the sudden action of UGC leaving out of its purview all Standalone institutes such as SCDL which has been operational for the last 2 decades and is known for its excellence in quality and education.

Mr. Tushar Mehta, Learned Additional Solicitor General on behalf of the Union of India submitted to the Court that they are considering amendment in the Regulations to address the grievance raised by SCDL. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass order to record that MHRD proposes to revisit the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.

We are pleased to inform you that admissions for the AY 2017-18 for SCDL programs have been commenced with immediate effect. Please note that despite delay, sufficient time will be given to all the students for submission of their assignments and exams and we assure you that no inconvenience will be caused to students.

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The High Court of Delhi, order on UGC - DEB for AY 2017-18**