

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

Minutes of the 448th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 18th & 19th June, 2008.

The 448th Meeting of the Commission was held on **18th & 19th June, 2008**, in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairperson
3. Mrs. Rita Menon (*)	Member
4. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
6. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
7. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
8. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen	Member
9. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
10. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member
11. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member

Shri R.P. Agrawal Member could not attend the meeting. He was granted leave of absence.

Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, AICTE (*) attended the meeting as Special Invitee.

(*) were present **only on 18.06.2008**.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. R. K. Chauhan

Additional Secretary

Dr. (Ms.) Niloufer.A. Kazmi

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Joint Secretary (Finance)

Dr. C.S. Meena

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To confirm the minutes of the 447th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **21st May, 2008.**

The minutes of the 447th meeting of the Commission were examined and confirmed with the following corrections:

(1) At Page no.3 in line 6 of under item no.1.03 the words **“the Annual Audited Report**” may be read as **“the Annual Audited Accounts.....”**

Action: FA

(2) At Page no.6 in line 4 of under item no.5.04 the words **“ratify these deficiencies.....”** may be read as **“rectify these deficiencies.....”**

Action: JS (CPP-I)

(3) At Page no.6 in line 4 of under item no.5.05 the words **“ratify these deficiencies....”** may be read as **“rectify these deficiencies.....”**

Action: JS (CPP-I)

(4) At Page 7 in line 4 of under item no.5.06 the words **“ratify these deficiencies....”** may be read as **“rectify these deficiencies....”**

Action: JS (CPP-I)

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 447th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **21st May, 2008.**

This was noted. It was further decided that the action may be completed and reported in the next meeting in respect of items for which action has been initiated. (Item Nos.5.14, 6.01, 6.04, 6.07, and Sl.No.1,2,3,and 5 under “Any Other Item”).

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A statement showing the position of XI Plan Visiting Committees to Universities and a statement showing status of visits of XI Plan Visiting Committees to Universities were also circulated to the Members.

All Concerned Bureau Head

1.02(a): To ratify the action taken on certain matters.

(i) *Recorded Separately.*

1.02 (b): To receive the items of information

(i) To report the MoU signed between the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and British High Commission representing Her Majesty's Government on 21-01-2008.

This was noted.

(ii) To report the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Higher Education, Sultanate of Oman and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Republic of India signed on 14-12-2007.

This was noted.

1.03: To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues.

This was noted. However, the Commission decided that the performance of utilization of budget be reported on quarterly basis and the reasons for non utilization of proportionate budget, if any, be reported to the Commission. All the Bureau Heads be made personally responsible for this purpose. The Commission further decided that physical and financial targets be fixed and report on performance in relation to physical and financial expenditure against the targets be submitted to the Commission in relation to budget estimates for 2007-08.

Action : FA/JS (CPP-II)

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1.04: To approve the Annual Accounts for the year 2007-2008.

The Commission approved the Annual Accounts for the year 2007-08 and decided that the same be sent to the audit immediately.

Action : FA

SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

There was no item under this section.

SECTION-3

(REFERECNE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

There was no item under this section.

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

4.01 To consider the proposal for making Assessment and Accreditation (A/A) mandatory for all institutions of Higher Education which comes under the purview of UGC.

The Members discussed the alternative ways of operationalising the mandatory accreditation of the Universities and Colleges. The Commission reiterates its earlier decision of mandatory accreditation of Universities and Colleges by NAAC. The Members suggested that the mandatory accreditation should be done either by linking it with the grants given by the UGC or by a Regulation.

After detailed discussion, the Commission decided that the mandatory assessment and accreditation may be done by Regulation. It was further decided that the Expert Committee may be constituted to examine the issue and come with an appropriate Regulation. The Commission authorized the Chairman to constitute the above Committee.

Action : JS(IUC)

SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

5.01: To consider reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of fresh Autonomous Status in respect of (1) Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore-641006 and (2) K.S. Rangasamy College of Technology, K.S.R. Kalvi Nagar, Tiruchengode-637215 and Extension of Autonomous Status in respect of (1) St. Joseph's College for Women (Autonomous) Gnanapuram, Visakhapatnam-530004, (2) P.R. Govt. College (Autonomous) Kakinada-533001 (3) Government Mankunwarbai (Autonomous) Arts and Commerce College for Women, Jabalpur (MP) (4) Govt. M.H. College of Home Science and Science for Women, (Autonomous) Jabalpur, (5) College of Materials Management, Jabalpur (MP) and (6) Bharathi Women's College, Chennai falling in the States of Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh and M.P affiliated to Anna University, Coimbatore (TN), Andhra University, Visakhapatnam (AP) Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur and University of Madras respectively.

I. The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committees for conferment of fresh autonomous status as per the details given below:

S.NO.	NAME OF THE COLLEGE	PERIOD OF AUTONOMY APPROVED	REMARKS
1.	Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore	Six years w.e.f. 2007-08 to 2012-13	Being self financed college, no autonomy grant be paid.
2.	K.S. Rangasamy College of Technology, K.S.R.Kalvi Nagar, Tiruchengode	Six years w.e.f. 2007-08 to 2012-13	Being self financed college, no autonomy grant be paid.

II. The Commission further considered the reports of the Expert Committee for extension of autonomous in respect of the following Colleges and approved the recommendations of the Visiting Committees as indicated below:

S.NO.	NAME OF THE COLLEGE	EXTENSION OF AUTONOMY APPROVED
1.	St.Joseph's College for Women, Gnanapuram, Visakhapatnam	Six years for continuation of autonomy from 2006-07 to 2013-14 including ex-post facto.

2.	P.R.Govt. College, Kakinada	Six years for continuation of autonomy from 2006-07 to 2013-14 including ex-post facto.
3.	Government Mankunwarbai Arts & Commerce College for Women, Jabalpur (MP)	Two years w.e.f.2006-07 to 2008-09 including ex-post facto.
4.	Govt. M.H.College of Home Science and Science for Women, Jabalpur	Six years w.e.f. 2006-07 to 2012-13 including ex-post facto.
5.	College of Materials Management, Jabalpur (MP)	Six years w.e.f.2006-07 to 2012-13 including ex-post facto.
6.	Bharathi Women's College, No.1 Prakasam Salai, Chennai (TN)	Six years w.e.f. 2003-04 to 2009-10 including ex-post facto.

III. It was brought to the notice of the Commission that the reports of the Expert Committees are not being sent to the Colleges and their affiliating universities for follow up action. The Commission decided that the reports of the Expert Committees alongwith the decision of the Commission be sent to the respective Colleges and their affiliating universities for taking follow-up action on the suggestions and recommendations of the Expert Committees.

Action: JS(AC)

5.02: To consider the request for allocation of special development grant of Rs.9.58 crore to Chennai Mathematical Institute, Siruseri, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) towards new construction within the existing campus, i.e. women's hostel, convention centre, visiting faculty accommodation, additional academic space, etc.

The Commission considered the request for allocation of Special Development grant of Rs.9.58 crores to Chennai Mathematical Institute, Siruseri, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and approved the same in principle. It was further decided that the Institute may be advised to send a detailed proposal as per the guidelines of the developmental scheme. It was further decided that the MHRD may be requested to release the additional budget to the tune of Rs.10 crores to meet the urgent requirements of Deemed to be Universities including Chennai Mathematical Institute, Siruseri, Chennai(Tamil Nadu) during the year 2008-09.

Action : JS(DU)

- 5.03: To consider the request received from the Principal, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai to keep minority institutions outside the purview of UGC's regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of staff to enable minority institutions to make appointment of their choice.

The Commission examined the issue in detail and noted that there are many decisions of the Hon'ble High Courts and Supreme Court which are directly or indirectly related to this issue. Therefore, the Commission decided that this issue be legally examined with the help of an Expert Committee to be constituted by the Chairman.

Action : JS(PS)

- 5.04: To consider the guidelines for establishment and functioning of community colleges.

Prof. (Dr.) Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Member Commission made a presentation on the guidelines for establishment of functioning of Community Colleges and approved the same in principle. During the discussion the following points emerged.

- (i) It was indicated that the proposed Community Colleges have to provide a bridge course to those students who have not under taken the subjects which are offered by the regular Colleges in the Undergraduate Programme.*
- (ii) It was also indicated that the proposed Community Colleges have to work closely with the Universities within the State so as to provide horizontal and vertical mobility to the pass outs students in various Colleges/Universities.*
- (iii) It was clarified that the Commission cannot take up the responsibility of creating the proposed Community Colleges and it should be the responsibility of either the existing Institutions or any new trust or society to be formed to start the Community Colleges.*
- (iv) The difference between ITI and Community Colleges needs to be brought out very clearly.*

- (v) *The guidelines for operational mechanism needs to be worked out. And legality of the scheme may also be examined.*
- (vi) *The Commission also considered a copy of GO (Ms) No.163 dated 22.05.08 issued by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu for Establishment of Community Colleges.*

The Commission finally decided that the same Committee be requested to work out the operational mechanism taking into account the above points and prepare a concept paper which may be placed before the Commission.

It was further decided that Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen, Member Commission and Dr. D.K.. Paliwal, Deputy Educational Advisor, MHRD may also be included in the above Committee. Thereafter, the Commission may forward the proposal to MHRD for acceptance of the concept.

Action : JS(CPP-II)

- 5.05: To consider the report of the Expert Committee for Review of Performance of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi (Deemed University) and its eight campuses.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee for review of the performance of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi and decided to recommend to MHRD for continuation of Deemed to be University status to Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan for another period of five years, instead of permanent basis as recommended by the Expert Committee. The performance of the Sansthan may be reviewed at the end of five year. The Review Committee report may be sent to the Sansthan for follow-up action after decision by the MHRD.

Action : JS(CPP-I/AC)

- 5.06: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the UGC to consider the proposal of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan for the inclusion of its campuses at Bhopal and Mumbai within the ambit of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed University) as its constituent units.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee and noted that these two campuses have been offering degree programmes even without bringing them under the ambit of the Deemed University. It was decided that necessary clarification may be obtained from Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan for offering degree courses and doctoral programmes at Bhopal and Mumbai campuses without the approval of the Commission. The ownership of these campuses may also be examined.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

- 5.07: Guidelines for the scheme on support for setting up of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in Universities and Colleges.

The Commission approved the scheme in principle. However, it was decided that the financial requirements may be worked out clearly both for recurring and non-recurring. The scheme may be implemented in the phases subject to the availability of funds. The financial requirements may be worked out and a revised scheme be placed before the Commission.

Action : JS(IUC)

- 5.08: To consider Guidelines for bringing Self Financing Institutions of Higher Education under the ambit of UGC funding for schemes addressing faculty and students.

The Commission considered the guidelines as worked out by the Sub-Committee of the Commission and the scheme was accepted in principle. However, it was decided that details for sharing of cost by the private Institutions need to be worked out. Further, in case the teachers belonging to these Institutions are made eligible to apply under various schemes, the additional slots may have to be created for which the additional funds are required which may have to be shared by the private institutions. The experience of AICTE in supporting private Engineering Colleges may be studied. Further, it was decided that there is a need to work out the operational mechanism taking into account the legal and administrative

views. Finally, the Commission decided that in order to operationalize the scheme the same Committee may be requested to work out the necessary details. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Member Commission may also be included in the Committee.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- 5.09: To consider the XI Plan Guidelines for the scheme of providing honorarium of Rs.15,000/- p.m. to the teachers who are recipients of Bhatnagar Award or are fellows of any two of the four identified science academies.

The Commission approved the XI Plan guidelines for the scheme of providing honorarium to teachers who are fellows of any two of the four identified science academies. It was further decided that the Pro Vice-Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors may also be considered under the scheme and the scheme shall be operational only in respect of the institutions approved under Sections 2(f) or 3 and 12(B) of the UGC Act.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- 5.10: To consider modifications suggested by the Empowered Committee in the existing guidelines for “Dr. D. S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowships”.

The Commission approved the modification suggested by the Empowered Committee in the existing guidelines for “Dr.D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowships” to include the reservation policy of Govt. of India with regard to the SC, ST and OBC.

Action : JS(BSR)

- 5.11 To consider the draft guidelines for Governance of National Centres for Nano. Sciences and Nano Technology at Universities of Madras, Calcutta and Mumbai in respective Thrust Areas on the eve of 150th year of establishment of these Universities.

This was approved in principle. The Chairman was authorized to finalize the same.

Action: JS (SU)

SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission

Recorded Separately.

6.03: To note the date and place of the next meeting of the Commission.

The next meeting of the Commission would be held on 21st and 22nd July, 2008 at New Delhi.

Action: Director (Admn.)

6.04: To consider the issue of the Colleges which have been provided financial assistance under the Special Assistance Programme.

This was examined. The Commission agreed as a special case for continuation of SAP Programme till the end of the present term approved for the following Departments in Colleges:

- 1. Department of Geology CAS-I upto 31st March, 2011
 Presidency College, Kolkata*
- 2. Department of Home Science CAS-I upto 31st March, 2012
 Lady Irwin College, New Delhi*
- 3. Department of Pharmacy DRS upto 31st March, 2012
 C.U. Shah College of Pharmacy, Mumbai*

Action: JS (SAP)

6.05: To consider the final report of the NET Review Committee headed by Dr.B.L. Mungekar regarding exemption from NET qualifications for minimum qualifications for appointment and Career Advancement of Teachers in universities and affiliated colleges.

The Commission examined the report of Prof. B.L. Mungekar Committee for review of NET and the recommendations of the Empowered Committee for Strengthening of Basic Science Research thereon and provisionally decided that those candidates who are already registered for M.Phil and Ph.D and complete the same upto 30th June, 2009 and 30th June, 2011 respectively may be exempted. NET shall be essential condition for those who are having master's degree with at least 55% (50% for SC/ST) or more and those students with M.Phil degree also. The candidates who have completed their Ph.D program would be exempted from NET. However, all the universities would be required to follow new procedure of standardization of Ph.D by 30th June, 2009, for which UGC shall issue Regulations within three months.

It was also decided that the views of the UGC Pay Review Committee be sought and a final proposal in its operational form with details for implementation be presented in the next meeting of the Commission.

Action : JS(NET)

6.06 To consider the issue for extending the date of participation in Orientation/Refresher Course in respect of Teachers/Assistant Registrar/Assistant University Librarian/College Librarian/ Deputy Librarian/Assistant Director of Physical Education/College Director of Physical Education beyond 30.6.2007 for the purpose of career advancement.

The Commission examined the proposal and agreed for extension of the date of participation in Orientation/Refresher Course in respect of Teachers/Assistant Registrar/Assistant University Librarian/College Librarian/ Deputy Librarian/Assistant Director of Physical Education/College Director of Physical Education upto 30th June, 2009 for the purpose of career advancement.

Action: JS (PS)

- 6.07. To apprise the position of 1st meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 6th June, 2008 at 1.00 P.M. in the chamber of the Chairman, UGC to consider the Detailed Project Reports submitted by the Central Universities aimed at their capacity expansion arising out of reservation in admission for OBCs.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Empowered Committee with regard to the detailed project report submitted by Central Universities for capacity expansion arising out of reservation in admission for OBC and phasing out plan upto maximum three years beginning with the academic session 2008-09.

Action : JS(DU/DC/CU)

- 6.08: To consider the issues relating to Rationalization and Standardization of M.Phil and Ph.D Programmes.

The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to take steps to rationalize and standardize M.Phil/Ph.D programmes and bring out Regulations in this regard for the consideration of the Commission within three months.

Action : JS(CPP-II)

6.09: To consider release of XI plan General Development Grants to State Universities equivalent to 20% of X plan allocation.

The Commission considered the question of releasing XI Plan General Development grant to State Universities equivalent to 20% of X Plan during the year 2008-09 and decided as follows:

- i) As per earlier decision of the Commission, all universities are required to settle their X Plan accounts.*
- ii) The Universities which have settled their X Plan accounts and submitted utilization of at least 50% of the grant released during the year 2007-08 may be sanctioned 10% grant for the current financial year.*
- iii) The universities which fail to submit utilization certificate as at (ii) above within two months, their 10% grant for the current financial year will lapse. This decision may be communicated to all universities and the Secretaries, Department of Education of all State Governments and the Secretaries to the Chancellors/Governors of the State Universities of information of their Excellencies.*
- iv) The meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of the State Universities be convened immediately. The universities submitting their documents within above stipulated period may be sanctioned next instalment on the spot.*
- v) The above decisions will also apply in case of Central, Deemed universities and Colleges for all UGC programmes.*

Action : JS(SU/JS(CU/DU/DC)/JS(CPP-II)

ANY OTHER ITEM :

- (A) To consider the presentation made by the Institutions for grant of Deemed to be University Status to them under de-novo category as per decision taken by the Commission in its meeting held on 21st May, 2008.
- (i) To consider the presentation made by Akruti Citygold Institute, Mumbai, Maharashtra for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman to assess the proposal of the above institute, advice received from the AICTE and their presentations made before the Commission and the Commission decided that the deficiencies pointed out by the UGC and the AICTE Expert Committees may be communicated to the Akruti Citigold Institute, Mumbai for ratification of the same in the first instance. The Chairman was authorized to take final decision on receipt of compliance from the Institute.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (ii) To consider the presentation made by *Adesh Foundation, Distt. – Muktsar, Punjab.* for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman to assess the proposal of the Adesh Foundation, Muktsar and their presentations made before the Commission and the Commission agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University Status to Adesh Foundation, Muktsar under de-novo

category for five years for the following six institutions subject to annual review by the Review Committee for five years:

- (i) *Adesh Institute of Engineering & Technololgy, Faridkot*
- (ii) *Bhai Maha Singh College of Engineering , Muktsar*
- (iii) *Adesh Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Bhatinda*
- (iv) *College of Physiotherapy (Adesh Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Bhatinda*
- (v) *Adesh Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Bhatinda*
- (vi) *Adesh Institute of Pharmacy & Biomedical Sciences, Bhatinda*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (iii) To consider the presentation made by *Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad* .for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman to assess the proposal of the Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad, advice received from AICTE, No Objection Certificate received from the Higher Educational Commissioner, Haryana, State of Chandigarh and their presentations made before the Commission and the Commission agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University Status to Manav Rachna International University under de-novo category for a period of five years for the following five institutions subject to annual review by the Review Committee for five years:

- (i) *Career Institute of Technology and Management*
- (ii) *Manav Rachna College of Engineering*
- (iii) *Faridabad Institute of Technology*
- (iv) *Manav Rachna College of Education*
- (v) *Manav Rachna Dental College*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (iv) To consider the presentation made by *Ansal Institute of Technology, Gurgaon, Haryana* for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman to assess the proposal of Ansal Institute of Technology, Gurgaon advice received from AICTE and their presentations made before the Commission and the Commission agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University Status to Ansal Institute of Technology, Gurgaon under de-novo category for a period of five years subject to annual review by the Review Committee for five years.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (B) *The Commission Members discussed a number of issues relating to Deemed Universities. The Members suggested that the following issues may be considered by Prof. K Ramamurthy Naidu Committee for incorporation in Deemed to be Universities Regulations:*

- (a) *There are variations in the UGC guidelines for conferment of Deemed to be University and the AICTE guidelines thereon. There is a need for harmonising the same.*
- (b) *The approval for Distance Education Programmes being run by Deemed Universities be considered with the help of Joint Committee of UGC, AICTE and DEC.*
- (c) *Some of the Deemed Universities are franchising and giving affiliation to Institutions within and outside their States which needs to be checked.*

- (d) All the Deemed Universities be asked to provide a detailed information on their website with uplink with UGC and MHRD websites with regard to the courses offered under regular mode and distance mode separately, approval of the same by UGC/MHRD, intake capacity and fees prescribed course-wise.*
- (e) The new degrees being offered by the Deemed Universities may be considered for inclusion by UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act periodically.*
- (f) A compilation of all the communications issued by UGC/MHRD with regard to the guidelines of Deemed to be Universities be prepared for continuity in the approach to be followed.*
- (g) The members mentioned that the Deemed Universities while framing their courses should keep in mind both the employability as well as promotion of basic sciences education and research in developing courses.*

Action: JS(CPP-I/AC)

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman