

CONFIDENTIAL

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**MINUTES OF THE 477th MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 28TH MARCH, 2011.**

The 477th Meeting of the Commission was held on 28th March, 2011 in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Mrs. Vibha Puri Das	Member
3. Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran	Member
4. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
6. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
7. Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar	Member
8. Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath	Member

Prof. Achyutananda Samanta, Prof. Seyed E. Hasnain and Shri Kiran Karnik could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitments and were given leave of absence.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. N.A. Kazmi

Additional Secretaries

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Dr. P. Prakash

Financial Adviser

Shri A.K. Dogra

Prof. Ved Prakash welcomed the members of the Commission prior to the commencement of the meeting. He briefed the members about the outcome of the recently concluded Conference of the State and Central University Vice-Chancellors held on March 25-26, 2011 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. All the Commission members lauded the leadership of Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, UGC in organizing the Conference, which was well attended. The Commission Members placed on record their deep sense of appreciation for the hard work done by UGC officers and staff in making the Conference a grand success. The Commission then took up the Agenda for discussion.

AGENDA

SECTION-1

1.01 (a) To confirm the minutes of the 476th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **4th March, 2011.**

The minutes of the 476th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 4th March, 2011 were confirmed.

Action: Director (Admn.)

1.01 (b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 476th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **4th March, 2011.**

The action taken on the minutes of the 476th meeting of the University Grants Commission, held on 4th March, 2011, were noted.

Action: Director (Admn.)

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

(i) Upgradation of hostels/toilets for Commonwealth Games 2010.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the former Chairman, UGC in releasing grants to various Delhi Colleges and Jamia Millia Islamia for upgradation of hostels/toilets in connection with Commonwealth Games 2010. It was also decided that utilization and completion documents be called for from the colleges and Jamia Millia Islamia for settlement of accounts, if not already done so.

Action: JS (DC)

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- (ii) To report the constitution of five expert committees to review the existing schemes devoted towards enhancing the participation rate of the SCs, STs, Minorities, Women and Differently-abled persons in higher education.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC in constituting five Expert Committees to review and strengthen the existing schemes devoted towards enhancing the participation rate of SCs, STs, Minorities, Women and Differently-abled persons in higher education as also to suggest new initiatives during the 12th Five Year Plan in terms of their design and delivery mechanisms.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- (iii) To ratify the reply sent by the Chairman, UGC on the time bound reference received from Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development on the Draft Note for the Cabinet on Higher Education and Research Bill, 2011 to provide for the establishment of the National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) for the determination, coordination, maintenance of standards in, and promotion of higher education and research.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC in sending the comments of UGC with regard to the draft note for the Cabinet on Higher Education and Research Bill, 2011 to provide for the establishment of the National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER).

Action: JS (CPP-II)

- (iv) To report the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC authorizing to Financial Advisor and Deputy Secretary (Finance) to present the Govt. Securities with RBI for having Credit/Mature value thereof.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC authorizing Financial Advisor and Deputy Secretary (Finance), UGC to present the Debt/ Govt. Securities with RBI for having Credit/Mature Value thereof.

Action: F.A.

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- (v) To ratify the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC as decided in the Meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of New Central Universities (excluding converted Central Universities) held on 3rd March, 2011.

The Commission ratified the decisions taken in the meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of new Central Universities held on 3rd March, 2011. The annual plan allocation for the year 2010-2011 to all new Central Universities was also ratified.

Action: JS (CU)

- 1.02(b) To receive the items of information.

There was no Item.

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01 To consider relaxation of 5% of marks from 55% to 50% at the Master's level who have obtained their master's degree and in equivalent positions and are being considered for the post of Assistant Registrar and equivalent positions (like Assistant Finance Officer, Assistant Controller of examination, Administrative Officer in case of Delhi Colleges etc.).

The Commission considered the demand of Delhi University College Karamchari Union to give relaxation of 5% of marks from 55% to 50% at the Master's level, to internal candidates working as Section Officers and in equivalent positions and have obtained their Master's Degree prior to 19th September, 1991, for being considered for promotion to the post of Assistant Registrar and equivalent positions (like Assistant Finance Officer, Assistant Controller of examination, Administrative Officer in case of Delhi Colleges etc.) and approved the same.

Action: JS (PS)

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- 2.02 To consider the matter relating to 19 (Nineteen) Employees on temporary status of the erstwhile Nagaland Campus (SASRD) of North Eastern Hill University.

The Commission considered the issue of regularization of 19 employees of the erstwhile Nagaland Campus of NEHU and decided that action with regard to the regularization may be taken by the University as per DoPT norms as stipulated in the Casual Labour (grant of temporary status and regularization) Scheme of Govt. of India 1993

Action: JS (CU)

- 2.03 To reconsider the approval of additional teaching positions in respect of Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Garhwal, a Central University under XI Plan.

The Commission considered the proposal of 110 additional teaching posts to Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Garhwal during the XI Plan Period and approved the same. The Commission further decided that action with regard to the filling up of 57 teaching and 10 academic positions, which are lying vacant in the University, may be taken up at an early date and an action taken Report in this regard may be reported to UGC.

Action: JS (CU)

- 2.04 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee on “Public-Private Partnership”.

The Commission considered the Report of the Expert Committee on “Public-Private Partnership” and approved the same. The Commission further decided that a copy of the Report may be sent to MHRD for its consideration.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

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2.05 To consider Signing of Tripartite MoU between UGC, Ed CIL and short-listed agency regarding development of Anti-Ragging Web-portal and approval of total cost thereof.

The Commission considered the draft agreement between UGC, Ed.CIL (India) Ltd. and M/s Planet E-Com Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and after detailed deliberations approved the same with modifications pertaining to role of each Party, clear specification of duration of their involvement under the Contract etc..

The Commission approved the award of contract for a total duration of 42 (forty two) months at a total project cost of Rs.58,42,325/- (Rupees fifty eight lakh forty two thousand three hundred twenty five only) as per details given at Appendix-H of the draft Agreement. The Commission further decided that the agreement may be signed forthwith and a communication be sent to Ed.CIL (India) Ltd. requesting them to commence work strictly in accordance with terms of the contract and to ensure that work is completed in time while fulfilling the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Action: JS (Anti Ragging)

2.06 To consider the UGC Fact Finding Committee report regarding alleged case of ragging and unfortunate death of Mr. Abhishek Shah, First year student at SRM Institute of Engineering and Management, Modinagar, UP (off-campus of SRM University, a deemed university u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956) and to take punitive action under Regulation 9.4(v) of UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in higher educational institutions, 2009.

The Commission considered the Fact Finding Committee report relating to the alleged case of ragging leading to the unfortunate death of Mr. Abhishek Shah, first year student at SRM Institute of Engineering and Management, Modinagar, UP and decided that the University should be censured for violation of UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Education Institutions, 2009. The Commission further decided that the grave concern expressed by it with regard to this incident be conveyed to the University. The University may be asked to indicate the steps taken by it to ensure that such incidents do not recur in future and to appoint a responsible person as a nodal officer to take remedial steps in this regard.

Action: JS (Anti Ragging)

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There was no item)

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the issue of disbursing fellowship amount directly to the awardees (students) under various Fellowship Schemes of UGC through Canara bank.

The Commission considered the issue of disbursing fellowship amount directly to the awardees under various fellowship schemes of UGC through Canara Bank and approved the same

Action: JS (SA-III)

- 4.02** To consider the proposal of INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad for requirement of additional funds due to escalation of the cost for the construction of its permanent institute building.

The Commission considered the proposal of INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad for requirement of additional grant of Rs.8.27 crore due to escalation of the cost

of construction of its permanent institute building and approved the same as per the revised cost estimate indicated below:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost presently approved Rs.in lakhs</i>	<i>Revised Cost approved Rs.in lakhs</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Cost of Civil Works (As per current schedule of PWD Rates)</i>	<i>1585</i>	<i>2145</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Internal Water Supply & Sanitation</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>215</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Internal Electrification</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>215</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>External Services @ 5% of civil cost</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>107</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>	<i>1982</i>	<i>2682</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Contingencies of 3% of 5</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Architect Fees (6.6% on total cost)</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>182</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Clerk of works, if appointed (2.12% on total cost)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Total Estimated Cost</i>	<i>2176</i>	<i>3003</i>

Action: AS-II

- 4.03** To consider the request for enhancing the budget for Women Studies Centres in XI Plan (2010-11 & 2011-12) to meet the expenses under Salary Head and permanent posts for Women's Studies Centres.

This item was deferred. It was decided that this matter may be brought before the Commission once again along with a comparative statement/information relating to the pattern of assistance being provided to existing centres under various other similar schemes. Detailed justification for the enhancement in grants being sought by Women Studies Centres may also be placed before the Commission.

Action: JD (WS)

- 4.04** To consider the amendment of XI Plan Guidelines on on "Colleges with Potential for Excellence" (CPE).

The Commission considered the amendment proposed in the XI Plan Guidelines on Colleges with Potential for Excellence Scheme and approved the same.

Action : JS (NS/PE)

SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

5.01 To consider the issue relating to UGC assistance to Law Universities.

The Commission considered the issue relating to UGC assistance to Law Universities and decided that UGC grants may be paid to the following nine Universities, which are covered under section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956, but are not getting maintenance grant for salary purposes from the respective State Government.

1. *NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad*
2. *H N Law University, Raipur*
3. *Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar*
4. *National Law School of India University, Bangalore*
5. *National Law University, Bhopal*
6. *Rajiv Gandhi National Law University, Patiala*
7. *National Law University, Jodhpur*
8. *The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai*
9. *The West Bengal University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata*

The Commission further decided that those Law Universities, which are not eligible for inclusion under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956, may also be sanctioned one time 'Catch-up grant', as is being sanctioned to other State maintained Universities.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

5.02 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Deemed to be University, Prasanthiniliyam, Dt. Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh to start off-campus in Muddenhalli Village, Chikaballapur District, Karnataka.

The Commission considered the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman UGC to assess the proposal of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Deemed to be University, Prasanthiniliyam, Dt. Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh to start off-campus in Muddenhalli Village, Chikaballapur District, Karnataka and approved the same, subject to annual review for three years and

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subsequently review after every five years. It was decided to send the recommendations of the Commission to M/HRD.

Action : JS (CPP-I)

5.03 To reconsider the issue regarding additional funds to all the eligible Universities under the scheme for providing Additional assistance to Universities declared fit to receive grants under section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the issue regarding additional funds to all the eligible Universities under the scheme of Additional Assistance to Universities declared fit to receive grants under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956 and decided that the ceiling of assistance under the scheme may be raised from Rs. 1.00 crore to Rs.2.00 crore to each University.

Action : JS (CU/DU) & DS (SU)

5.04 To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee, which visited the National Law University, Delhi, to assess its financial requirements for the remaining period of XI Plan.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee which visited the National Law University, Delhi and approved the following grants to National Law University, Delhi:

- 1. Under General Development Scheme : Rs. 4.20 crore*
- 2. Under Merged Schemes: Rs. 4.35 crore*

Action: JS (XI Plan)

5.05 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee for inclusion of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Punjab (State University) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the Report of the Expert Committee for inclusion of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Punjab (State University) under Section 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956 and approved the same.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.06 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Jayoti Vidyapeeth Women's University, Jaipur (Rajasthan) (PRIVATE UNIVERSITY) to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Jayoti Vidyapeeth Women's University, Jaipur (Rajasthan) and approved the same. The Commission further decided that a copy of the Report of the Expert Committee may be posted on the UGC website.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.07 To consider 4 (Four) reports of the Expert Visiting Committees. **Fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of 3 (Three) colleges i.e. (1) Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Near Outer Ring Road, Mallathahalli affiliated to Visweswaraya Technological University, Belgaum (2) St. Philomena's College, P.B. No. 30, Bannimantap, Mysore-570 015, Karnataka affiliated to University of Mysore, Mysore (3) A.U. College of Engineering, Andhra University, Waltair, Visakhapatnam-3, A.P. affiliated to Andhra University, Visakhapatnam and **Extension of Autonomous Status** in respect of 1 (One) college i.e. (1) Government City College, Hyderabad-500 002, Andhra Pradesh affiliated to Osmania University, Hyderabad.

The Commission approved fresh autonomous status in respect of the following colleges as per the details given below:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the College/University to which it is affiliated</i>	<i>Autonomous status tenure approved by the Commission</i>	
		<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Near Outer Ring Road, Mallathahalli affiliated to Visweswaraya Technological University, Belgaum.</i>	<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>St. Philomena's College, P.B. No. 30, Bannimantap, Mysore-570 015, Karnataka affiliated University of Mysore, Mysore</i>	<i>2011-2012 to 2016-2017</i>	
		<i>The College be granted Autonomous with the condition that the number of new programmes proposed by the college should be started in a phased manner and that the faculty shall be appointed as per the UGC norms.</i>	
<i>3</i>	<i>Andhra University College of Engineering, Andhra University, Waltair, Visakhapatnam-3 affiliated Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, A.P.</i>	<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>

The Commission approved the extension of autonomous status in respect of the following college:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the College/University to whom affiliated</i>	<i>Autonomous status tenure approved by the Commission</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>Government City College, Hyderabad-500 002, Andhra Pradesh affiliated to Osmania University, Hyderabad</i>	<i>2011-2012</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>

The Commission further decided that a copy of the Expert Committee Report be sent to all the Colleges for their information and guidance. Grants may be released under the scheme to eligible colleges as per the XI Plan Guidelines.

Action: JS (AC)

5.08 To consider the issue Autonomous Status to be granted to Constituent Colleges affiliated with the State Universities / Central Universities which are maintained by State Government in the case of State Universities and Central Government in the case of Central Universities.

The Commission considered the issue of Autonomous Status to be granted to Constituent Colleges affiliated to the State Universities/Central Universities and approved that if the parent University has been accredited by NAAC, then separate accreditation in respect of its constituent colleges may not be insisted upon for the purpose of granting autonomy by UGC.

The Commission further decided that all other requirements, as laid down in the guidelines under the scheme, would be applicable while granting autonomy to constituent colleges.

Action: JS (AC)

5.09 To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee which visited the Doon University, Uttarakhand to assess its financial requirements for the remaining period of XI Plan.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee which visited the Doon University, Uttarakhand to assess its financial requirements for the remaining period of XI Plan and approved the following grants to the Doon University, Uttarakhand:

- 1. Under General Development Scheme: Rs. 5.00 crore*
- 2. Under Merged Schemes: Rs. 34.00 lakhs*

Action: JS (XI Plan)

**SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

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

There was no item.

6.02: To receive status notes on UGC Programmes/Schemes.

(i) To review the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Empowered Committee for Basic Scientific Research in Indian Universities for XI Plan period.

This was noted.

Action: AS-II

(ii) To report the status of proposals received from (i) University of Jammu for the infrastructure development of various campuses of University of Jammu and (ii) University of Kashmir for funding for its North and South Campuses, University main campus and establishment of Leh, Kargil and Kupwara campuses under PMRP.

After detailed deliberations, the Commission approved the proposals of University of Jammu and University of Kashmir for infrastructure development of its proposed sub-campuses as under:

University of Jammu:

(Rs. in lakh)

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the Campus</i>	<i>Phase-I</i>	<i>Phase-II</i>
<i>1.</i>	<i>Bhaderwah Campus</i>	<i>1627.28</i>	<i>872.50</i>
<i>2.</i>	<i>Kathua Campus</i>	<i>716.75</i>	<i>931.00</i>
<i>3.</i>	<i>Udhampur Campus</i>	<i>802.54</i>	<i>1147.34</i>
<i>4.</i>	<i>Poonch Campus</i>	<i>1544.14</i>	<i>--</i>
<i>5.</i>	<i>Ramnagar Campus</i>	<i>302.36</i>	<i>782.28</i>
<i>6.</i>	<i>Kishtwar Campus</i>	<i>1890.63</i>	<i>--</i>
<i>7.</i>	<i>Reasi Campus</i>	<i>302.36</i>	<i>782.28</i>
	<i>Total=</i>	<i>7186.06</i>	<i>4515.40</i>

University of Kashmir:

(Rs. in lakh)

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the Campus</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>1.</i>	<i>Establishment of Leh, Kargil and Kupwara Campuses</i>	<i>5872.50</i>
<i>2.</i>	<i>New Projects for South Campus</i>	<i>708.00</i>
<i>3.</i>	<i>New Projects for North Campus</i>	<i>630.00</i>
<i>4.</i>	<i>Need based projects for the Main Campus</i>	<i>1290.00</i>
	<i>Total=</i>	<i>8500.50</i>

Action: DS (SU)

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

The next meeting of the Commission will be held in the first week of May, 2011.

**(N.A. KAZMI)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN (Actg.)**