

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

**MINUTES OF THE 522ND MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION HELD ON
28TH MARCH, 2017.**

The 522nd Meeting of the Commission was held on 28th March, 2017 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Ved Prakash	Chairman
2. Mr. Kewal Kumar Sharma	Member
3. Prof. V.S. Chauhan	Member
4. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy	Member
5. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chander Kuhad	Member
6. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy	Member

Shri Pramod Kumar Das, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar and Dr. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu

In his opening address, the Chairman, UGC welcomed the Members. He also extended a hearty welcome to Shri Kewal Kumar Sharma who is attending his first Commission meeting after taking over as the Education Secretary (Higher Education), MHRD and expressed hope that his expertise and experience would further enrich the functioning of the UGC.

The Chairman further informed that he would be demitting the Office of Chairman, UGC on the completion of his tenure on 4th April, 2017. He apprised the Members of the various academic, administrative and financial initiatives introduced during his tenure to address various issues of higher education. Some of the initiatives are as follows:

- Constitution of 5 sub committees to analyze the impact of existing UGC schemes and to suggest measures for the enhanced participation of socially disadvantaged and

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marginalized sections of the society (Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Minorities, Differently-abled, and Women)

- Reforms in NET examination and entrusting the responsibility conducting the exam to CBSE
- Posting of all information about Private Universities on the UGC website and also the inspection of Private Universities made time bound.
- Finalization of parameters / criteria for assessment of deemed to be universities.
- Development of e-content in 77 postgraduate programmes under NME-ICT.
- Creation of provision for conferment of Autonomous College status to Colleges with highest accreditation from NAAC for two cycles followed by highest grade in the 3rd cycle.
- Increase of validity period for NAAC accreditation from 5 to 7 years for those institutions with highest accreditation from NAAC for two cycles followed by highest grade in the 3rd cycle.
- Introduction of new schemes for promotion of research in sciences and social sciences which includes introduction various post-doctoral fellowships.
- Establishment of Inter-University Centre for Teacher Education at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.
- Introduction of various schemes for promotion of vocational education.
- Establishment of Centre for Policy Research in Higher Education in NUEPA.
- Under Internationalization, agreements have been finalized for promotion of various research activities .with many countries such as United States of America, United Kingdom, Israel, Germany, Norway, New Zealand, etc. Introduction of Raman Fellowships with USA is one notable example.
- Introduction of Public Finance Management System (PFMS), Director Benefit Transfer (DBT) and Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)
- Revision of old guidelines for all the schemes and formulation of new guidelines for Students' Entitlement and Joint Appointments.
- Filling up of vacancies in different cadres in the Office of the UGC
- Preparation of Panel of Advocates to ensure equal distribution of cases to Advocates
- Conducted review of all the UGC Area Study Centres.

He also apprised the Members of the various publications brought out under his tenure. Some of the note-worthy publications are:

1. **Inclusive and Qualitative Expansion of Higher Education – 12th Five-Year Plan, 2012-17**
2. **Higher Education in India at a Glance**, a statistical profile of qualitative and quantitative growth of Higher Education.
3. **Indian Higher Education – Quest for Excellence**, is the Compendium of Flagship Programmes of UGC.
4. **Nurturing Social Equity in Higher Education: A Brochure** outlining the number of initiatives of the UGC towards enhancing access with equity.

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5. A Compendium entitled “**UGC Interventions towards Quality Enhancement in Higher Education**” has been brought out in March, 2011
6. “**SAKSHAM – Measures for Ensuring the Safety of Women and Programmes for Gender Sensitization on Campuses**”.
7. “**Sixty Years of the University Grants Commission – Establishment, Growth and Evolution**” - A book capturing the milestones covered by the UGC since its inception
8. “**Envisioning Education in India – Expansion, Equity, Excellence**” - This Coffee-table book is an attempt to bring out, in pictures, a journey which has brought the UGC to the 60th milestone

All the Members appreciated the Chairman’s contribution in improving the Indian higher education sector.

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 521st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **22nd February, 2017.**

Confirmed.

[Action : JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 521st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **22nd February, 2017.**

Noted.

[Action : JS(Admn.)]

- 1.02 (a)** To ratify the action taken on certain matter

- (i) To report the inclusion of 40 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.02.2017 to 28.02.2017 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Noted and approved.

[Action : JS(CPP-I/C)]

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1.02 (b) To receive the items of information. **(No item)**

1.03 To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues. **(No item)**

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01 To consider the issue for enhancement in the rate of maintenance of beds in respect of Sir Sunderlal Hospital, Banaras Hindu University.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

2.02 To consider the observations and recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal for additional requirement for Nursing staff at Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

2.03 To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal for requirement of additional Faculty Positions at Trauma Centre, Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

2.04 To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal for Deemed to University status under de-novo category to Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar (Odisha) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Expert Committee and noted the observations made therein that the KISS has already restructured its departments and also revised the course syllabi as suggested by the earlier UGC Expert Committee. This may, however, be got confirmed from KISS.

Having regard to the above, the Commission has decided to accept the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee to declare KISS as Deemed to be University under de-novo category and resolved to forward the same to the MHRD for their consideration along with the confirmation from KISS.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

2.05 To consider continuance of grants under plan schemes of UGC on year-to-year basis from financial year 2017-18 and beyond.

Considered and it was resolved that all the existing schemes of the UGC under plan head would continue for the fiscal year 2017-18. However, these schemes will be reviewed by the UGC.

[Action : FA]

2.06 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, (Deemed to be University), Chennai (Tamil Nadu) to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

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2.07 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Banasthali Vidyapith (Deemed to be University), Banasthali – 304022, Rajasthan to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

2.08 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited KLE Academy of Higher Education & Research, (Deemed to be University), JNMC Campus, Nehru Nagar, Belgaum (Karnataka) to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

2.09 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(AC)]

2.10 To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission in its 497th meeting held on 10.01.2014 with regard to approval of institutions under sections 2(f), 12 (B) and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

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SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There is no item in this section)

- 3.01** To consider review of the Institutions Deemed to be Universities placed in category 'C' by Ministry of HRD Review Committee (Tandon Committee) – Reference Ministry of HRD letter No. F. 10-6/2016-U3(A) dated 23.02.2017.

Considered and it was resolved to constitute a sub-committee comprising of Prof. V.S. Chauhan, Prof. R.C. Kuhad and Prof. Gopal Reddy to finalize the panel of Experts. Terms of References of the Expert Committees, Guidelines for the Expert Committees, Guidelines for the UGC Coordinating Officers and format for writing the Report will remain the same as approved by the Commission in its meetings held on 20.05.2016 and 22.02.2017 for the Review of Category 'A' and 'B' Deemed to be Universities.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider and approve the module syllabus on Environmental Studies for Undergraduate Courses.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CPP-II)]

SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

(There is no item in this section)

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SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01 To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission

Recorded Separately.

**(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN**