

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

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**MINUTES OF THE 491ST MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 21ST JANUARY, 2013.**

The 491st Meeting of the Commission was held on 21st January, 2013 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Ved Prakash | Chairman |
| 2. Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal | Member |
| 3. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta | Member |
| 4. Prof.Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain | Member |
| 5. Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath | Member |
| 6. Prof. Yogendra Yadav | Member |
| 7. Prof. V. S. Chauhan | Member |
| 8. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy | Member |
| 9. Prof. M.M.Ansari | Member |

Prof. Dr. Indu Shahani could not attend the meeting and leave of absence was granted to her.

Shri R.P. Sisodia, Joint Secretary (Higher Education), MHRD attended the meeting as a representative of Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary (Education), MHRD.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. Akhilesh Gupta

Director (Admn.)

Shri A.K. Dogra

Financial Adviser

Dr. C. S. Meena

Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Additional Secretary could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, all the members of the Commission congratulated Prof. Ved Prakash on his appointment and taking over as Chairman, UGC w.e.f. 18.01.2013.

SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 490th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **17th December, 2012.**

While confirming the minutes of the 490th meeting of the UGC held on 17.12.2012, the Chairman, UGC shared with the members about the initiatives and actions taken by the Commission on the following issues:-

- i. The proposal of e-Governance of UGC***
- ii. Action already taken by the Commission regarding qualifying criteria for the NET Exam held in December, 2012.***
- iii. Progress about Reconciliation of Accounts by Financial Management Research and Resource Society (FMRRS).***
- iv. Measures taken to assess risk and devise internal controls in processing and payment of Grant-in-Aid.***
- v. Status of construction of UGC complex in JNU campus and proposed action plan***
- vi. Action initiated in respect of fraudulent issue of DDs including lodging of FIRs and other administrative actions***

The Chairman informed the members that the Secretary, UGC has prepared PPTs and would be making power point presentations on all the aforesaid six subjects.

1.01 (b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 490th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **17th December, 2012.**

1.01(b) (ii) The Commission directed that the minutes of the Committee which looked into the NET result be also put on the UGC website so as to clarify the doubts of the candidates and also bring about transparency.

It was felt desirable that in place of relevant operative parts of the minutes, full minutes should have been uploaded on the UGC website and same may now be uploaded.

2.02 *The Commission wished to place on record the good work done by the Expert Committee on Indigenous Languages and decided to communicate it to all the members of the Committee. While approving the recommendations with regard to the first two recommendations, viz., inviting proposals from Central Universities and State Universities for establishment of Centre of Indigenous Languages, the Commission decided to constitute a sub-committee of the Commission to work on the third recommendation dealing with proposal to set up an Inter-University Centre for Indigenous and Endangered Languages. The Commission decided that the committee may comprise of the following:*

1. *Dr. V.S. Chauhan, Commission Member - Chairman*
2. *Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Commission Member – Member*
3. *Ms. Dipali Khanna, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi*

The members were informed that appreciation letter to all the members of the expert committee of Indigenous Languages has already been sent.

5.07 *The Commission further decided that the Bureau should provide entire information giving sequence of events from 2004 onwards mentioning all details including response from the Commission. A copy of the UGC Committee which visited the University in 2009 be also made available in the future agenda. The proposed agenda should also highlight as to why the University is coming now for approval. Besides, the powers of the commission to give such approval in the light of UGC Regulations of 2010 may also be highlighted.*

The Commission while approving the action taken on this item, desired that all records available in the UGC with effect from 2004 in respect of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) be placed in the next meeting of the Commission.

5.08 No more building grants be released to NISWASS unless it provides documents / papers as listed out by the Expert Committee.

While noting the action taken, the members expressed their concern and desired that a letter be issued to the National Institute of Social Work and Social Sciences (NISWSS) Bhubaneswar immediately, without further delay.

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

(i) To report the decision taken by the UGC for special Infrastructure Development grant to Vidyanagar College, West Bengal.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the UGC on the basis of approval of Ministry of HRD approving the proposal for special infrastructural development grant amounting to Rs.10,23,28,535/- (Rupees Ten crores twenty three lacs twenty eight thousand five hundred thirty five only) to Vidyanagar College, West Bengal.

(ii) To report the inclusion of 56 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.12.2012 to 31-12-2012 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC regarding inclusion of 56 Colleges under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.12.2012 to 31-12-2012.

(iii) To report the matter regarding the UGC (mandatory assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions (HEIS) regulations, 2012.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the UGC for sending UGC (mandatory assessment and accreditation of higher educational institutions (HEIS) Regulations, 2012 to the Publication Department of Govt. of India for notification in the Gazette of India.

- (iv) To ratify the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the UGC for sending UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 to the Publication Department of Govt. of India for notification in the Gazette of India.

- (v) To ratify the UGC (Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the UGC for sending UGC (Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012 to the Publication Department of Govt. of India for notification in the Gazette of India.

- (vi) Recorded Separately.

1.02(b) To receive the items of information.

- (i) To report Memorandum of Understanding between the University Grants Commission and the Israel Science foundation (ISF).

While noting this item, the Commission desired that a committee be constituted by the Chairman, UGC for making an outline of framework for Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UGC and foreign institutions/ foundation or other higher educational bodies. This committee while giving its recommendations may involve / co-opt academicians and take their inputs wherever required.

- (ii) Recorded Separately.

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 and approve the recommendations of the Committee to revisit UGC Regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers, Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standard in Higher Education), 2010 not having financial implications.

The agenda was deliberated at length. The members of the Revisit Committee Prof A.N.Rai, VC, NEHU and Prof Vivek Suneja, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Delhi University were also invited to the meeting. While, there was unanimity amongst Commission members about all other proposals contained in the agenda, there were varied opinions both in favour and against the proposal of doing away with existing provision of Academic Performance Index. Further to this, the Ministry of HRD vide its letter No.F. 6-1/2013-U1(A) dated 31.1.2013 advised the Commission to have a further round of discussion on this matter by convening a special meeting of the commission wherein chairmen of both the Anomaly and the Revisit Committees may be invited.

- 2.02** To consider the UGC (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012.

This item was deferred.

SECTION-3
(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There is no item in this section)

SECTION-4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

4.01 To consider the Issues related to UGC-NET.

The Commission considered and deliberated on various issues and resolved that a two-member committee consisting of Prof. Yogendra Yadav and Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy be constituted by the Chairman to review the NET in its entirety including formatting of examination and support system.

4.02 To consider the representation received from delegates of Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST fellows regarding date of implementation w.e.f. 01/04/2009. Detailed of actual financial implication in respect of representation received from delegates of Post Doctoral Fellowships for SC/ST fellows regarding date of implementation w.e.f. 01/04/2009.

The Commission considered and approved the implementation of revised rates of fellowship from Rs.16,000/- per month to Rs.25,000/- p.m. w.e.f. 1st April, 2009 retrospectively in respect of UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship awardees of SC/ST category for the year 2006-2007 to 2009-2010. The Commission further noted that the annual financial implication for implementation of these revised rates will amount to Rs.12.61 crores. The Commission further desired that wide publicity for this be given on the UGC website as well as in National Dailies so that the beneficiaries of this revision can claim arrears of their fellowship.

4.03 To consider the Guidelines for the constitution of Subject Panels for various disciplines.

This item was withdrawn and it was decided that constitution of the Subject Panels be got approved from the members through circulation.

**SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

**SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of UGC

No Item

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

**(AKHILESH GUPTA)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN**