



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

ANNEXURE - II
EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT ON VISIT TO SRI SAI UNIVERSITY,
PALAMPUR, HIMACHAL PRADESH

Part – I Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof. R.P. Dahiya, Chairman2. Dr. G. Tulasi Ram Das3. Prof. Kumar Suresh4. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain5. Prof. Yogesh Singh (AICTE Nomine)6. Prof. Anwaruddin Anwar7. Prof. A.S. Narang (Member Secretary)
(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	12 - 14 June 2014
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report)	NIL

Part – II Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	<u>Sri Sai University, Palampur,</u> Distt. Kangra (Himachal Pradesh)
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	29 th September, 2010.
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/ courses	<p>Sri Sai University was established by the Government of Himachal Pradesh under Act namely 'Sri Sai University (Establishment & Regulation) Act 2010 (No. 3 of 2011)'. The University became operational on 29.9.2010 with the enactment of Ord. No. 5 issued by her Excellency the Governor of H.P. vide letter No. LLR-D(6)-29 dated 29.9.2010. The first academic session 2010-11 was started on October 8, 2010 and university made admissions in MBA, BBA, B.Tech. (CSE, ECE, EE, ME & CE).</p> <p>The university has established three schools given below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sai School of Engineering & Technology: B.Tech (CSE, ECE, EE, ME & CE), M.Tech (CSE, ECE, ME)

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		<p>2. Sai School of Management & Commerce Studies: Ph.D. (Management), MBA, BBA, B.Com, BCA, MCA</p> <p>3. Sai School of Applied Sciences: M.Sc Chemistry, M.Sc. Physics, B.Sc (Hons.) Physics, B.Sc (Hons.) Chemistry.</p>
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/society that governs the University	Managing Committee Sri Sai College of Engineering & Technology (Society) Badhani, Pathankot (Pb)

Part – III Summary Report

A Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations? (refer 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	The Sri Sai University (Establishment and Regulation) (Act No. 3 of 2011) notified by the Secretary (Law) to Himachal Pradesh vide Notification No LLR-D(6)-37/2010-loose dt. 27-01-2011 Page No. 21-42. The University has been established by a separate State Act.
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Yes

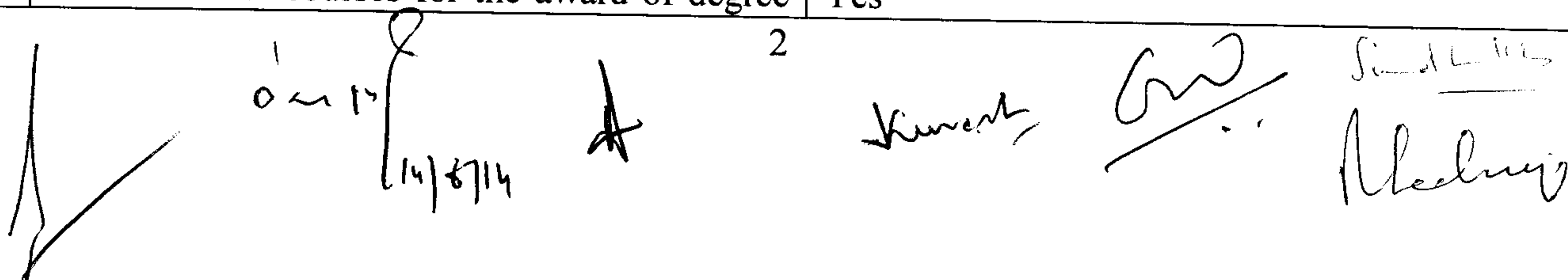
B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres Yes No Not applicable refer 2.4 of the format)	N.A.
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-shore campus Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	N.A.
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	N.A.

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Adequately diverse
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree	Yes

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	as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s) UGC?	Yes
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	B.Tech & M.Tech programmes approved by AICTE
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	Yes, 50% fee concession for such students (all Girls and SC/ST boys).
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of format)	Yes, through Advertisement in Electronic Media Print Media, University Website(www.srisaiuniversity.org) / Prospectus etc.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of format)	Yes, till date no complaint has been received.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis? (refer 5.1 and 5.4 of the format)	Yes, through subject expert committees, Academic Council and B.O.M.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	Secrecy is maintained and examination system is fair and transparent.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7)	Yes
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	No Quota

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes (through notice and website of the university).
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	As per Govt. of H.P. policy
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Transparent system through online facility and on cash counter against receipt.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the government?	Yes
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being	No

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	run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	
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F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	University pays consolidated salary.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Mostly young faculty is appointed, twelve of them have Ph.D. degrees and barring a few others, remaining all have Maters degrees.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University benign mainly run by deploying contractual faculty/guest faculty/Part-time faculty?	Yes, permanent faculty is adequate
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land and Buildings • Class Rooms • Laboratories and equipment • Library • Sports facilities • Residential accommodation including hostels 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes, to a large extent. Very good hostel for Boys. Residential accommodation for V.C. and Hostel Warden
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University has adequate and independent funds?	Yes
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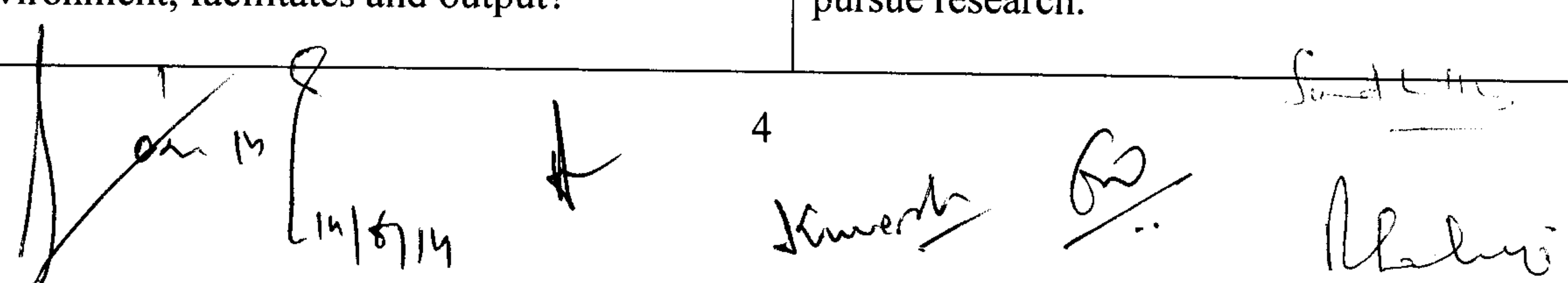
I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	Yes
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J. Research Profile

(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilitates and output?	The University has good potential for Research and Development Activities. Faculty is encouraged to pursue research.
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(please give comments separately on facilities and departments)	Department-wise research facilities should be developed.
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Number is adequate. The staff is paid consolidated salary.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	B.Tech & M.Tech. courses are AICTE approved. Not yet eligible for accreditation.

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land is as per the requirement. Physical infrastructure – laboratory space, class rooms are adequate and the campus has good academic ambience. • University management is having experience in running educational institutions and the university vision and mission are well defined. • Ordinance, Act and First Statute are verified and found in order. • Governing Body, Board of Management, Academic Council and Finance Committee are in existence as per the ACT of the University. • Faculty Recruitment Policy and Procedures are followed as per the ACT. • Very good hostel for boys, double seated rooms have attached bath rooms. University has a Guest House. • University has fleet of buses to provide transport facilities to students and staff. • Internet leased line facility with a band width of 30 MBPS is available. • Student feedback mechanism is in place. • Electric power backup facility is available. • Sports grounds are available.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only a few senior level faculty members are in position. • Cadre ratio of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professors not as per norms. • More laboratory equipments required in engineering departments. • Research facilities are not adequate. • Girls hostel is not available on campus.

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Part – IV – Recommendations

A. General observations and suggestions (please avoid repetitions of the point mentioned above)

- Professors and Associate Professors should be appointed in all departments.
- Training and placement activity should be strengthened.
- Linkages be developed with industry and university industry interaction be enhanced.
- Incentive should be given to faculty for research publications in peer reviewed journals.
- Boards of Studies should be formed for all the departments.
- Service rules and regulations be made available to all the faculty and staff members.
- Library facilities be strengthened with more on-line journals covering all the subjects of various Schools.
- WIFI connectivity be established in the academic area and hostel..
- Safety measures be taken for all the laboratories, workshop and other places on the campus.

B. **Operations recommendations which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval Letter**

- Senior level faculty be appointed.
- Regular pay scales be given to the faculty and staff.
- More equipments be procured for teaching laboratories.
- Research facilities be developed and faculty be encouraged to pursue research and development work.
- Effort be made to enroll more students in all the courses.


C. Final Recommendations

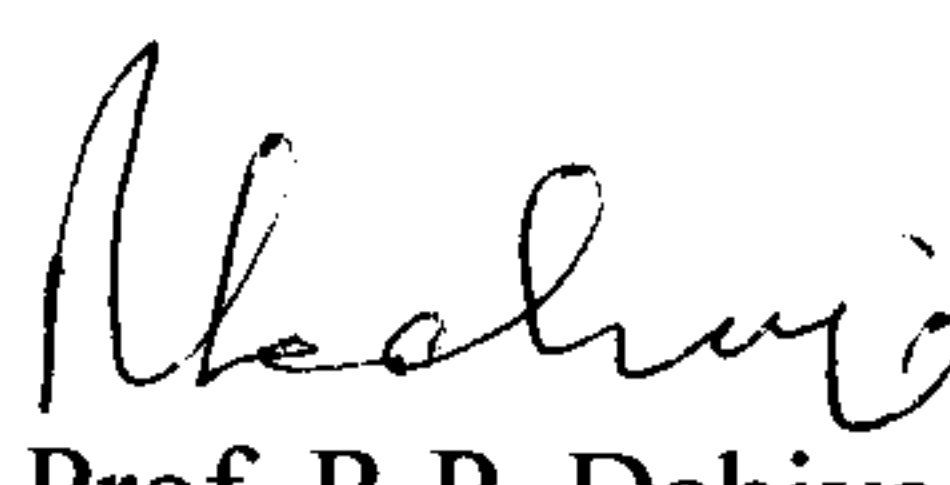
(whether the University should be granted Approval Letter/ Approval Letter subject to compliance/ Should not be granted Approval Letter)

Approval letter be given subject to compliance.

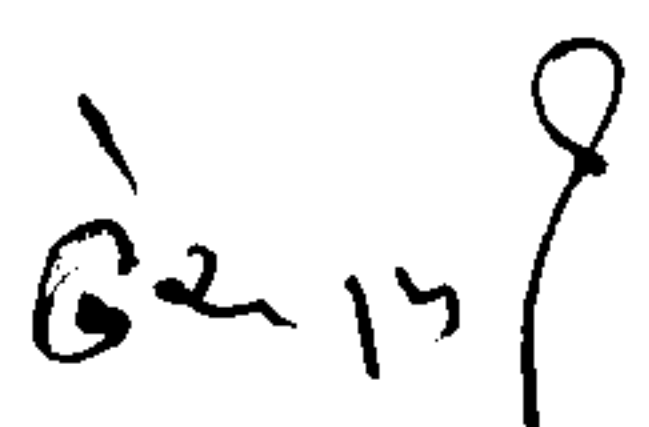

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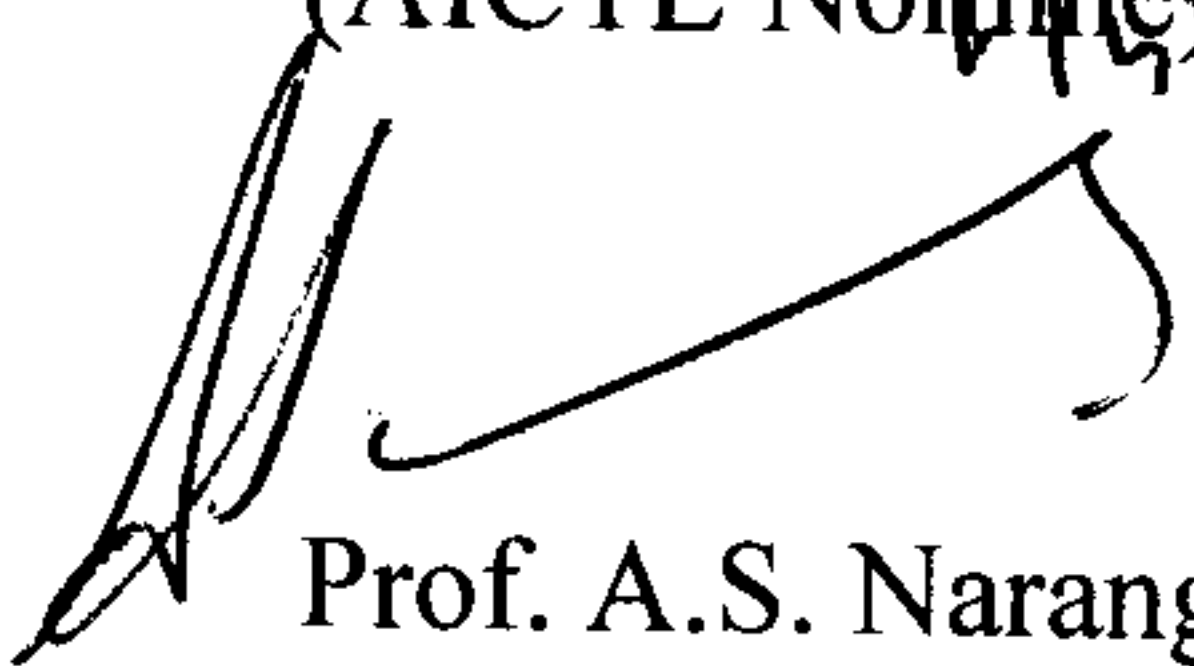

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