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

Minutes of the 419th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 21st September, 2004.

The following were present :-

1.	Prof. Arun Nigavekar	Chairman
2.	Prof. V.N. Rajsekharan Pillai	Vice-Chairman
3.	Shri B.S. Baswan	Member
4.	Prof. Sureshwar Sharma	Member
5.	Prof. Vasant Gadre	Member
6.	Prof. Ashok Kumar Gupta	Member
7.	Dr. G. Karunakaran Pillai	Member
8.	Dr.(Ms.) Aruna Goel	Member
9.	Dr. P.N. Tandon	Member

Shri D. Swarup, Secretary (Expenditure), Prof. S.K. Joshi, Member and Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore, Member could not attend the meeting.

Dr. R. Natrajan, Chairman, AICTE and Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as special invitees.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Ved Prakash

Financial Advisor

Shri Pawan Agarwal

Additional Secretary

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Director (Administration)

Dr. P.S. Rajput

While welcoming the Commission Members, the Chairman introduced the topic of Promotion of Entrepreneurship and Knowledge-based Enterprises through Institutions of Higher Learning. The Chairman also informed the Commission that the UGC is interacting with various agencies like NASSCOM, DST, etc. to solve the problem of industry in getting trained manpower on competitive cost. The Coordinator (New Initiatives) was asked to make a brief presentation on the role of entrepreneurship in economic development wherein he outlined various attempts required to be taken to take these initiatives forward. While appreciating these initiatives, the Commission members felt that the concerned departments such as Department of Biotechnology and other related ones may also be involved in this exercise. AICTE Chairman also informed the Commission members about the initiatives taken by the AICTE in this regard.

Discussion was also held for promoting knowledge related service sectors including tourism service which has a great potential. It was, however, observed that possibility may be explored to involve the State Governments to help the higher education to take forward these initiatives.

Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development was also welcomed by the Chairman, University Grants Commission as a special invitee.

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13th August, 2004.

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with slight changes in respect of following items which may be read as under :

4.02: To approve the implementation of the schemes of Central Government

The Commission approved the allocation of funds under the following two schemes

for implementing the programmes of Government of India, while revising norms fixed for identifying the backward area districts.

- (i) Special development grant for universities in backward areas*
- (ii) Special development grant for colleges in backward areas.*

The Commission further approved the allocation and the guidelines for the following two new schemes.

- i) Special development grant for universities which are more than 50 years old.*
- ii) Special development grant for colleges which are more than 50 years old.*

It was pointed out that Ministry of Human Resource Development has allocated Rs.6.00 crores for financial support to four Central Universities and two State Universities located in the north-eastern region and an amount of Rs.1.00 crore per university has been allocated to each university. It was noted that one Central University namely Assam University, Silchar and one State University namely Arunachal University have been left out although they are also located in the north-eastern region. It was decided to give funds to Assam University, Silchar and Arunachal University, Arunachal Pradesh by suitably re-appropriating funds from the overall sum of Rs.216 crores received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

Action : JS(CPP)

6.04: To consider recognition of Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission after due deliberations authorized the Chairman to constitute a fresh 2-Member Committee of the Commission Members for consideration of proposal of Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady for inclusion under Section 12(b) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action : JS (CPP)

7.09: *To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on “Colleges with Potential for Excellence” (CPE) for the award of CPE status to 47 colleges in Phase-I.*

At Sl.No.12, the name of the College may be read as M.L.N. College, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana instead of M.L.N. College, Radam, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.

Action : JS(DC/DU)

1.01(b): *To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 13th August, 2004.*

The similar modifications indicated in Item No.1.01(a) have been incorporated in this Item also.

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

- (i) *Simplification of Procedure for Utilization of Building Grants by the Central Universities and Deemed Universities (receiving 100% Maintenance Grant).*

The Commission approved the action taken by the Chairman for simplification of procedure for utilization of building grants for the Central/Deemed Universities maintained by the UGC. The Commission further authorized the Chairman to simplify procedures for approval of building proposals of other universities and colleges as well.

Action : FA

- (ii) *To report the Restructuring of UGC.*

The Commission authorized the Chairman to constitute a Committee to study the move for restructuring of UGC and suggest, if, detailed study for the same through an external agency is required and if so, define the scope of work of such a study.

Action : FA

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

No Item.

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

The Commission noted the statement of expenditure (as on 20.8.2004) both under non-plan and plan for the year 2004-05. The Commission also noted that BE (Plan) approved so far by the Govt. is only Rs.541.75 crores. Additional amount of Rs.216.00 crores is to be available only at the RE stage. Therefore, decided expenditure and releases should be made by the UGC as BE of Rs.541.75 crores only for the time being. On the issue of slow pace of expenditure on JRF / other Scholarship & Fellowship Schemes, Vice-Chairman was advised to review and simplify the procedures for releases.

Action : FA

SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01: To consider the issue regarding fitness of private unaided/self-financing institutions/colleges for receiving central assistance in terms of rules framed under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

(Deferred Item No.2.01 of the Commission meeting dated 13th August, 2004)

The Chairman, University Grants Commission briefed the Commission about the difficulty faced to give grants to private unaided/self-financing institutions/colleges and informed that this item will be placed again before the Commission after having a detailed assessment of the liability which will fall on account of giving grant to private unaided/self-financing institutions/colleges. He further informed that he will

constitute a Committee which will prepare details about the number of such colleges and the total grant required to support these colleges in plan period.

Action : JS(CPP)

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

There is no agenda under this section.

SECTION -4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

- 4.01: To decide the future of University Department completed three phases of DSA under SAP scheme and unfit for up-gradation as CAS.
(Deferred Item No.4.01 of the Commission meeting dated 13th August, 2004)

The Commission considered the reports of the Committees which visited Department of Nuclear Physics, Madras University, Deptt. of Mathematics, Aligarh Muslim University and Department of Physics, Aligarh Muslim University and agreed to close down the assistance of these departments under SAP as their performance were not found up to the mark.

The Commission further decided that a Committee be constituted to revisit the guidelines of the Special Assistance Programme in its entirety and until then the existing guidelines will remain in operation.

Action : JS(SAP)

- 4.02: To consider promotion of Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Based Enterprises in Institutions of Higher Learning through partnerships.
(Deferred Item No.7.03 of the Commission meeting dated 13th August, 2004)

The Commission authorized Chairman to constitute an Expert Committee to workout details on promotion of entrepreneurship and knowledge based enterprises in institutions of higher learning through partnership including evolving a framework of cooperation between UGC - DST and other related agencies and further authorized the Chairman to sign MoUs with NSTEDB – NASSCOM and etc. The Commission also approved the UGC becoming a partner in the Event -Global Forum on Business Incubators from October 14-19, 2004, New Delhi and authorized the Chairman to decide on the financial support to commensurate with the benefit flowing to the university system for the event.

Action : Coordinator (New Initiatives)

- 4.03: To consider setting up of the National Institute(s) of Sciences.
(Deferred Item No.4.03 of the Commission meeting dated 13th August, 2004)

The Commission was informed that the project report for setting up of National Institute(s) of Sciences has been forwarded by the UGC to Ministry of Human Resource Development for their approval. On this, the Commission observed that the Ministry of Human Resource Development be requested to accord its approval at an early date.

Action : Coordinator (New Initiatives)

- 4.04: To consider follow up action taken on the Comprehensive Higher Education Information Systems Project (HISP).
(Deferred Item No.4.04 of the Commission meeting dated 13th August, 2004)

The Commission endorsed the decision taken by the Chairman to constitute a Technical Committee to make specific recommendations for engagement of a consultant for the comprehensive Higher Education Information Systems Project (HISP).

Action : Coordinator (New Initiatives)

- 4.05: To consider establishment of Centre of Biomedical Magnetic Resonance as an autonomous Inter-University Centre by the UGC.
(Deferred Item No.4.05 of the Commission meeting dated 13th August, 2004)

The Commission accepted the recommendations made by the Committee on establishment of Centre of Biomedical Magnetic Resonance as an autonomous Inter-University Centre by the UGC and observed that no action is required to be taken by the UGC on the existing Centre of Biomedical Magnetic Resonance with respect to ongoing activity.

Taking into consideration the immense importance of the emerging disciplines of cognitive science, brain & behavioral research, the Commission decided that the UGC should play a pro-active role and participate in any activity in this area that may be initiated by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Action : Coordinator (New Initiatives)

SECTION –5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01: To consider the report of the Visiting Committee which visited Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur (Chhattisgarh) to evaluate its proposal for declaring the University eligible to receive central financial assistance under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for including Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur (Chhattisgarh) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to receive central assistance.

The Commission further decided that the observations made by the Expert Committee be conveyed for compliance to the University.

Action : JS(CPP)

SECTION –6
(MISCELLANEOUS)

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

Recorded Separately.

- 6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme.

No item.

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

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on 24th December, 2004 in the UGC office.

6.04: To consider report of the Expert Visiting Committee for conferment of autonomous status to the three new Colleges affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, viz.,

1. Jamal Mohamed College, Tiruchirappalli
2. Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli
3. Nehru Memorial College, Tiruchirappalli

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations for conferment of autonomous status to the following Colleges for the period indicated against its name:

Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu:

<i>Name of the Colleges</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee</i>
<i>Jamal Mohamed College, Tiruchirappalli</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti, Tiruchirappalli</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>

Action : JS(PS/AC/PES)

6.05: To consider matter relating to GPF-cum-pension scheme for officers/staff of IUCs

Taking into consideration the Ministry of Human Resource Development's letter number dated 5.10.1991 and the view of the Legal Consultant (UGC), the Commission approved that the persons appointed in IUCs before 22.2.2000 be extended the benefit of GPF-cum-Pension-cum-Gratuity scheme as applicable to employees of UGC on personal basis. This may, however, be sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for their concurrence.

The persons appointed from 22.2.2000 onwards and 1st January, 2004 shall, however, be covered under CPF-cum-Gratuity Scheme and New Contributory Pension Scheme respectively.

Action : FA

**SECTION -7
(SUPPLEMENTARY)**

7.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separately.

7.02 To consider the Promotion of Indian Higher Education Abroad by facilitating Indian universities to offer programmes abroad – Matter relating to Recognition of such Programmes in the Indian System.

The Commission authorized the Chairman to constitute a Committee to examine the contents of Ministry's letter dated 20.8.2004 on the issue of Guidelines for Signing of MoUs by Indian Universities and if felt necessary to draft guidelines for recognition of Programmes abroad offered by Indian Universities. Meanwhile, such cases shall be disposed of by the Chairman on case to case basis on merit..

Action : Coordinator(New Initiatives)

7.03 To consider report of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the two new Colleges affiliated to Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu viz.,

1. Arulmigu Palaniandavar Arts College for Women, Palani,

Dindigul Distt. (Tamil Nadu)

2. Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women, Periyakulam
(Tamil Nadu)

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations for conferment of autonomous status to the following Colleges for the period indicated against its name:

Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu:

<i>Name of the Colleges</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee</i>
<i>Arulmigu Palaniandavar Arts College for Women, Palani, Dindigul Distt.(T.N.)</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>Jayaraj Annapackiam College for Women, Periyakulam (T.N.)</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>

Action : JS(PS/AC/PES)

7.04 To consider report of the Expert Visiting Committee for conferment of autonomous status to the two new Colleges affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Ticuchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, viz.,

1. A.D.M. College for Women, Nagapattinam
2. Kunthavai Naacchiyaar Government Arts College for Women, Thanjavur.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations for conferment of autonomous status to the following Colleges for the period indicated against its name:

Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu:

<i>Name of the Colleges</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee</i>
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<i>A.D.M. College for Women, Nagapattinam</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>Kunthavai Naacchiyaar Government Arts College for Women, Thanjavur</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>

Action : JS(PS/AC/PES)

7.05 To consider report of the Expert Visiting Committee for conferment of autonomous status to two new Colleges affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Ticuchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, viz.,

1. Government Arts College for Women, Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu - 622 001
2. Rajah Serfoji Government College, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu - 613 005

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations for conferment of autonomous status to the following Colleges for the period indicated against its name:

Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu:

<i>Name of the Colleges</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee</i>
<i>Government Arts College for Women, Pudukkottai, T.N.</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>Rajah Serfoji Government College, Thanjavur, T.N.</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>

Action : JS(PS/AC/PES)

7.06 To consider the report of the Expert Visiting Committee for conferment of autonomous status to the new Colleges affiliated to Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka, viz.,

1. Christ College, Hosur Road, Bangalore

2. Jyoti Nivas College, Bangalore
3. St. Joseph's College, Bangalore
4. St. Joseph's Evening College, Bangalore
5. St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations for conferment of autonomous status to the following Colleges for the period indicated against its name:

Bangalore University, Bangalore:

<i>Name of the Colleges</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee</i>
<i>Christ College, Hosur Road, Bangalore</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>Jyoti Nivas College, Bangalore</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>St. Joseph's College, Bangalore</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>St. Joseph's Evening College, Bangalore</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>

Action : JS(PS/AC/PES)

7.07 To consider the report of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to the new Colleges affiliated to Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka:

1. Shri Sharanabasaveshwar College of Science, Gulbarga
2. Shri Sharanabasaveshwar College of Arts, Gulbarga
3. Godutai Doddappa Appa Arts and Commerce College for Women, Gulbarga.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations for conferment of autonomous status to the following Colleges for the period indicated against its name:

Gulbarga University, Gulbarga, Karnataka:

<i>Name of the Colleges</i>	<i>Period recommended by the Committee</i>
<i>Shri Sharanabasaveshwar College of Science,</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>

<i>Gulbarga</i>	
<i>Shri Sharanabasaveshwar College of Arts, Gulbarga</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>
<i>Godutai Doddappa Appa Arts and Commerce College for Women, Gulbarga</i>	<i>2004-2005 to 2009-2010</i>

Action : JS(PS/AC/PES)

7.08: To consider the implementation of the Scheme of Professors of Eminence.

The Commission discussed and considered the implementation of the scheme of Professor of Eminence and decided that the guidelines for appointment of Professors of Eminence be examined by a Committee of Commission members to be constituted by the Chairman. The Commission further decided that the recommendations of the Committee be placed before the Commission for consideration.

Action : JS(NET)

7.09: To consider the report of the Visiting Committee for including National Law Institute University, Bhopal (M.P.) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to make it eligible for central assistance.

The Commission considered the report of the Visiting Committee for including National Law Institute University, Bhopal (MP) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 and based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee agreed to declare fit for inclusion of National Law Institute University, Bhopal (MP) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission further decided that the observations of the Expert Committee be conveyed for compliance to the University.

Action : JS(CPP)

- 7.10: To consider the report of the Committee appointed by the Chairman, UGC to examine the proposal of Jaypee Institute of Information and Technology, Noida (UP) for grant of Deemed to be University status.

The Commission agreed with the recommendations of the Expert Committee that the de-novo-deemed to be university status be accorded to Jaypee Institute of Information and Technology, Noida (UP). The Commission further decided that the observations of the Expert Committee be conveyed to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for necessary action at their end.

Action : JS(CPP)

- 7.11 To consider the Reports of Private Universities submitted by inspection Committees constituted by the Chairman

The Commission considered the report of three-member Committee constituted by the Chairman to consider the inspection reports of the Private Universities and approved as follows :

1. State of Chhattisgarh

The Commission resolved that the Inspection reports may be sent to the State Government for their comments.

2. State of Uttar Pradesh

The Commission approved the inclusion of Jagadguru Rambhadracharya University of Handicapped, Chitrakoot under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and agreed for inclusion of this University to receive central assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission also approved the inclusion of Integral University, Lucknow in the list under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission further agreed to send the report to the University concerned and the State Government of U.P

3. State Government of Himachal Pradesh

The Commission approved the inclusion of Jaypee University of Information & Technology, Wakanaghat, Distt. Solan in the list under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956

4. State of Gujarat

The Commission approved the inclusion of Nirma University of Science & Technology, Ahmedabad and Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar for inclusion in the list under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

5. State of Uttranchal

Out of 4 universities, the Inspection Committee could cover only two universities. The Commission has agreed to the recommendations of the Inspection Committee for inclusion of University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun in the list under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission further resolved that the Inspection report of ICFAI University, Dehradun be sent to the State Government for their specific comments on para 1,2 & 3 of the report.

Action : AS-II

(VED PRAKASH)
Secretary

(ARUN NIGAVEKAR)
Chairman