Minutes of the 420th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24th December, 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. S.K. Joshi    Member
5. Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore  Member
6. Prof. Sureshwar Sharma  Member
7. Prof. Vasant Gadre   Member
8. Prof. Ashok Kumar Gupta  Member
9. Dr. G. Karunakaran Pillai  Member
10. Dr.(Ms.) Aruna Goel  Member
11. Dr. P.N. Tandon     Member

Shri D. Swarup, Secretary (Expenditure) could not attend the meeting.

Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Chairman, AICTE, Shri Sunil Kumar, Joint Secretary 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. T.R. Kem
Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Director (Administration)
Dr. P.S. Rajput
Before the commencement of the proceedings of the meeting, the Commission noted the sad demise of the former Prime Minister Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao and observed two minute silence in the memory of the departed leader. The Commission paid rich tributes to the late Prime Minister and particularly noted his contributions for the development of higher education in the country both as Prime Minister and earlier as Minister for Human Resource Development.

Thereafter, the Chairman welcomed the Commission Members in the 420th Meeting and took the permission from the members to take up the regular agenda.

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 21st September, 2004.

The minutes of the 419th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 21st September, 2004 were examined and duly confirmed.

Action : Director (Admn.)

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September, 2004.

This was examined and noted accordingly.

Action : Director (Admn.)
1.02(a): To approve the action taken on certain matters.

(i) To report the matter regarding inclusion of B.N. Mandal University, Madhepura (Bihar) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to make it eligible for central assistance as approved by the Chairman.

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman, UGC taken by him on the basis of the recommendations of the Visiting Committee for inclusion of B.N. Mandal University, Madhepura (Bihar) under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action : JS(CPP)

(ii) To approve the action taken on the report of the UGC Visiting Committee which considered the proposal of Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation, Salem, (Deemed University) Tamilnadu for inclusion of 4 Institutions/ Colleges under the ambit of Deemed University.

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman, UGC taken by him on the basis of the recommendations of the Visiting Committee for inclusion of the following colleges under the ambit of Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation, Salem (Deemed University), Tamil Nadu :-

1. Aarupadai Veedu Medical College, Pondicherry
2. Vinayaka Mission’s Medical College, Karaikal
3. Vinayaka Mission’s College of Nursing, Karaikal
4. Vinayaka Mission’s College of Nursing, Pondicherry

Action : JS(CPP)
(iii) To approve the action taken on the Report of UGC Expert Committee for grant of Deemed to be University status to Kerala Kalamandalam, Vallathal Nagar, Kerala under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956. - Deemed University status Not recommended

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman, UGC taken by him on the basis of the Expert Committee report conveying the decision of not granting Deemed to be University status to Kerala Kalamandalam, Vallathal Nagar, Kerala under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action : JS(CPP)

(iv) To report the operational guidelines/ modalities for implementation of flexitime approach and interrupted career for women teachers, prepared by the Committee headed by Prof. (Ms.) Armaity S. Desai.

The Commission examined and approved the operational guidelines for implementation of flexitime approach and interrupted career for women teachers prepared by the Committee headed by Prof. (Ms) Armaity S. Desai.

The Commission also ratified the decision of the Chairman for sending the operational guidelines to Ministry of Human Resource Development pending consideration by the Commission.

Action : JS(PS/AC)
(v) To approve the action taken on the report of the UGC Visiting Committee which visited Pravara Institute of Medical Science (Deemed University), Pune, on 5th-6th November, 2004 to assess the proposal for inclusion of (i) Centre for Biotechnology and (ii) Institute of Social Medicines under the ambit of Deemed University.

The Commission considered and ratified the decision of the Chairman, UGC taken by him on the basis of the recommendations of the Visiting Committee for inclusion of (i) Centre for Biotechnology and (ii) Institute of Social Medicines under the ambit of Pravara Institute of Medical Science (Deemed University), Pune.

The Commission further suggested that all the observations made by the Expert Committee may be communicated to the Institute for compliance and also observed that the Institute may take necessary approval of the related Council before inclusion of these centres under the ambit of Deemed University.

Action : JS(CPP)

(vi) To approve the action taken on the report of UGC Expert Committee which visited Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) Deemed University on 27-29 October, 2004 to assess the proposal for inclusion of i) Meenakshi College of Physiotherapy, Chennai, ii) Meenakshi College of Nursing, Chennai and iii) Arulmigu Meenakshi Amman College of Engineering, Vadavamandal, under the ambit of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, (Deemed University)- Inclusion of Colleges under Deemed University - Not Recommended

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman taken by him on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee for inclusion of i) Meenakshi College of Physiotherapy, Chennai, ii) Meenakshi College of Nursing, Chennai and iii) Arulmigu Meenakshi Amman College of Engineering, Vadavamandal, under the
ambit of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, (Deemed University).

The Commission further decided that an independent resolution be made for reviewing the guidelines of Deemed to be Universities and inclusion of related institutes under deemed university’s ambit. The Commission further desired that definite transparent guidelines/norms be framed for this purpose.

Action : JS(CPP)

(vii) To approve the action taken on the report of the Visiting Committee which visited the SRM Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Potheri Kattankulathur, Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu on 22nd September, 2004 for its inclusion under the ambit of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed University), Chennai (Tamilnadu).

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman taken by him on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee for inclusion of SRM Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Potheri Kattankulathur, Kanchipuram under the ambit of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed University), Chennai (Tamilnadu), subject to approval by MCI.

Action : JS(CPP)

(viii) To approve the action taken on the report of the UGC Visiting Committee, which visited S.R.M. College of Pharmacy, Chennai; S.R.M. College of Nursing, Chennai; S.R.M. College of Physiotherapy, Chennai S.R.M. College of Occupational Therapy, Chennai and S.R.M. Institute of Management & Technology on 4th-7th December, 2004 for their inclusion under the ambit of S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed University), Chennai (Tamilnadu).

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman taken by him on the basis of
the recommendations of the Expert Committee for inclusion of S.R.M. College of Pharmacy, Chennai; S.R.M. College of Nursing, Chennai; S.R.M. College of Physiotherapy, Chennai S.R.M. College of Occupational Therapy, Chennai and S.R.M. Institute of Management & Technology under the ambit of S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed University), Chennai (Tamilnadu).

Action : JS(CPP)

(ix) To report the expenditure incurred till date towards the Golden Jubilee Celebration of UGC (December 2002 to December 2003).

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman regarding approving the expenditure of Rs.1,19,15,000/- incurred towards the Golden Jubilee Celebration of UGC (December 2002 to December 2003).

Action : Director (Admn.)

(x) To report the expenditure incurred/to be incurred towards the celebration of UGC Foundation Day lecture on 28th December 2004 at IIC, New Delhi.

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman regarding approving the expenditure of Rs.39,000/- to be incurred towards the organization of UGC Foundation Day lecture on 28th December, 2004 at IIC, New Delhi.

Action : Director (Admn.)
(xi) To report the action taken on the Commission’s decision – DPC for promotion to the post of Joint Secretary in the scale of pay of Rs.14300-400-18300 held on 08.09.2004.

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman and noted the promotion of Dr. A.K. Parate and Dr.(Mrs.) Asha Kiran to the post of Joint Secretary in the scale of pay of Rs.14300-400-18300 held on 08.09.2004.

Action : Director (Admn.)

(xii) a. To report the minutes of the DPC meeting held on 17.11.2004 for promotion of Under Secretaries/ Education Officers to the post of Deputy Secretary in the scale of pay of Rs.12000-375-16500.

b. To report the minutes of the DPC meeting to the post of Under Secretary held on 29.03.2004.

The Commission ratified and noted the decision of the Chairman regarding promotion to the post of Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary of the following Officials:

**Deputy Secretary**

1. Dr. Kanwal Singh, Education Officer
2. Shri S.C. Chadha, Under Secretary
3. Shri C.K. Kapahi, Under Secretary

**Under Secretary**

1. Mrs. Chandrawali K.
2. Shri V.K. Jaiswal
3. Shri Joginder
4. Mrs. Shashi Munjal
It was further decided that in future all cases of appointment and promotion of Group ‘A’ posts where Commission is the competent authority be implemented only with the prior approval of the Commission.

Action : Director (Admn.)

(xiii) To report the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Intel Corporation to make technology more accessible to Higher Education System in India.

Commending the initiative taken by the Chairman in signing the enabling MoU with Intel Corporation, some members expressed concerns that this MoU might give Intel an edge over other technology vendors without going through any competitive processes. It was pointed out that this apprehension was discussed internally in the UGC and also with Intel. The MoU was non-exclusive and merely an enabling arrangement. It was decided that the gist of this enabling arrangement shall be publicized through UGC website. In case, other technology vendors want to partner, they should also be welcome. The Commission also advised that UGC should be careful while implementing the provisions of MoU and ensure that no exclusive rights are conferred on Intel as a result of this arrangement.

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.

Due to the paucity of time, the Chairman, UGC requested the Commission members to allow him to circulate this item and requested them to send their observations on the same within a period of two to three weeks from the date of issue of the letter.

Action: FA

SECTION–2
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01: To consider Specification of Degrees under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This item was deferred.

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

There was no agenda under this section.

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

There was no agenda under this section.
SECTION 5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

5.01: To consider the X Plan allocation of Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag.

The Commission approved the recommendation of the Expert Committee to allocate Rs.264.75 lakhs as Tenth Plan assistance to Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag.

Action: JS (SU)

5.02: To consider the report of the UGC Visiting Committee which assessed the requirements of National Academy of Legal Studies & Research (NALSAR) University, Hyderabad for X Plan allocation of grant.

The Commission approved the recommendation of the Expert Committee to allocate Rs.2.00 crores as Tenth Plan assistance to National Academy of Legal Studies & Research (NALSAR) University, Hyderabad.

Action: JS (SU)

5.03: To consider the UGC’s support for comprehensive development of Collegiate and University Education in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Commission resolved to approve the proposed 18-Point action plan for the comprehensive development of the Collegiate and University education in J&K and to implement this action plan in an expeditious and time-bound manner following procedures and UGC’s guidelines.

Action: Vice Chairman
5.04: To consider the Action Plan for Comprehensive Development of Collegiate and University Education for the North-East States and Manipur.

The Commission resolved to approve the proposed 14-point action plan for the comprehensive development of the Collegiate and University education in the North Eastern States and to initiate implementation of this action plan in an expedient & time bound manner following procedures & UGC’s guidelines.

Action: Vice Chairman

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 10th February, 2005 in the UGC Office.

Action: Director (Admn.)

6.04: To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore (Karnataka)
on 4th-5th November, 2004 to assess the proposal for granting Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission agreed and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for granting deemed to be university status under De-novo category to Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. On the issue of nomenclature it was pointed out that the UGC guidelines prohibits use of the word “Indian” in the name of an institution not set up by the Central Government. It was, therefore, decided that this may be explicitly brought to the notice of the Central Government for taking a view on the name of the institution under reference.

The Commission was of the view that keeping in view the changing scenario of higher education, the UGC guidelines for deemed to be university required critical review and suggested that an expert committee be constituted for this purpose. The Commission also appreciated the constitution of screening committee for deemed to be university for short-listing applications received for grant of deemed to be university status as it gives uniformity and transparency in short-listing the proposals.

Action : JS(CPP)

6.05: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited the Santosh World Medical Academy(SWMA), Chennai (Tamilnadu) and Ghaziabad (U.P) on 27th-29th October, 2004 to assess SWMA for the grants of Deemed University Status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendation of the Expert Committee to grant deemed to be university status to Santosh World Medical Academy(SWMA), Chennai (Tamilnadu) and Ghaziabad (U.P) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and decided that the recommendations of the Expert Committee be placed before the Screening Committee constituted for screening the proposals received from various institutes for conferment of deemed university status, in view of several deficiencies indicated in the report for consideration to ensure uniformity in the report. It was also resolved that this exercise may be carried out expeditiously so that the matter could be placed before the Commission in the next meeting.
6.06: To reconsider the issue raised by the Standing Committee on SC/ST regarding extension of validity of SLET Examination on All India basis for SC/ST candidates.

This item was deferred.

SECTION -7
(SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

Recorded Separately.

7.02: To consider the cases of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) New Delhi & National Power Training Institute, Faridabad, for conferment of Deemed to be University status.

The Commission deliberated on the issue of awarding deemed to be university status to Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) New Delhi & National Power Training Institute, Faridabad.

The Commission felt that it is a welcome step and recommended that a Committee comprising some members of the Commission, CSIR officials, University Professors and UGC Officials be constituted by the Chairman, UGC to look into the proposal in its entirety.

Action : JS(CPP)

7.03: To consider the recommendations of the expert committee for framing the model statutes for enacting the Education Tribunal.

This item was deferred.
7.04: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to 3 (three) new Colleges affiliated to University of Madras, Chennai and Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendation of the Expert Committee for conferment of autonomous status to the following colleges for the period indicated against their names:

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Action: JS(PS/AC)

7.05: To consider revised Rules / Regulations

(i) UGC Regulations regarding recognition of Institution/Colleges under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.


This item was deferred.

7.06: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to 4 (four) new Colleges of Andhra Pradesh affiliated to Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendation of the Expert Committee for conferment of autonomous status to the following colleges for the period indicated against their names:

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<td>2. Osmania College, Kurnool (AP)</td>
<td>2005-2006 to 2010-2011</td>
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Action: JS(PS/AC)

7.07: To consider the report of the Expert Committee for extension of autonomous status to Chh. Shahu Central Institute of Business Education & Research, Kolhapur, Maharashtra affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra State.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for extension of autonomous status to Chh. Shahu Central Institute of Business Education & Research, Kolhapur, Maharashtra affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra State from 2005-2006 to 2010-2011. The
Commission also granted ex-post-facto approval for continuation of autonomous status for the period from 2001 to 2004-2005.

*Action : JS(PS/AC)*

7.08: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for conferment of autonomous status to 18 (Eighteen) new Colleges of Karnataka State affiliated to Mangalore University, Karnataka University, Kuvempu University and Bangalore University.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendation of the Expert Committee for conferment of autonomous status to the following colleges for the period indicated against their names :-

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*Action: JS(PS/AC)*

7.09: To consider the specific requests received from various Universities for granting exemption from NET for appointment as Lecturers.
This item was deferred.

7.10:  To consider recognition of Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 to make it eligible for central assistance.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee to include Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 provided necessary modifications suggested by the Expert Committee are incorporated in the University Act and approved by the State Government.

Action: JS(CPP)

7.11:  To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to 3 (three) new Colleges affiliated to Manomanium Sundarnar University, Madurai Kamaraj University & Alagappa University.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendation of the Expert Committee for conferment of autonomous status to the following colleges for the period indicated against their names :-

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<td>2. The Standard Fireworks</td>
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7.12: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for the conferment of autonomous status to 7 (Seven) new Colleges affiliated to University of Mysore.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendation of the Expert Committee for conferment of autonomous status to the following colleges for the period indicated against their names :

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<td><strong>Alagappa University</strong></td>
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Action : JS(PS/AC)

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7.13: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited the Institute on 18-19th December, 2004 to consider the proposal of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Belur Math, Howrah (West Bengal) for Deemed University status for its Educational Institutes.

The Commission agreed and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for granting deemed to be university status to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah (West Bengal) consisting of International Human Resource Centre for the Disabled, Coimbatore with its administrative headquarters at Belur Math, Howrah subject to receipt of ‘No Objection Certificate’ from the State Governments of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.

Action: JS(CPP)


The Chairman, UGC placed the Annual Report of the UGC for the year 2003-2004 before the Commission but due to shortage of time, the Commission decided that the Annual Report be circulated to all the Commission members and their comments be sought within three weeks from the date of issue of the letter.
Action : AS-I

(VED PRAKASH)
Secretary

(ARUN NIGAVEKAR)
Chairman