

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

Minutes of the 430th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 25th August, 2006.

The following were present:-

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| 1. | Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. Mool Chand Sharma | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. | Shri Sudeep Banerjee | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Suranjan Das | Member |
| 5. | Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu | Member |
| 6. | Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai | Member |
| 7. | Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J. | Member |
| 9. | Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen | Member |
| 10. | Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar | Member |
| 11. | Prof. D. Singh Chauhan | Member |

Dr. Adarsh Kishore, Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam, Members of the Commission and Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE (special invitee) could not attend the meeting.

Shri S.K. Ray, Financial Advisor, Ministry of Human Resource Development attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Dr. Tilak R. Kem

Additional Secretary

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Financial Advisor

Sh. S.K. Singh

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Before taking up the agenda for discussion, the Director, INFLIBNET gave a power point presentation on the functioning of INFLIBNET. After the presentation, the members made very valuable suggestions viz. to ensure connectivity of all the institutions as scheduled, making use of material information between the University system and using INFLIBNET facilities for B.LIB and M.LIB Programmes.

Action : JS(NIC)

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 23rd June, 2006.

The minutes of the 429th meeting held on 23.6.2006 were examined and confirmed.

1.01(b)(i): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June, 2006.

The action taken on the minutes of 428th meeting held on 11.6.2006 was examined and noted accordingly

1.01(b)(ii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June, 2006.

The action taken on the minutes of 429th meeting held on 23.6.2006 was examined and noted accordingly

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

(i) To ratify the action taken regarding (a) Reconstitution of Standing Committee on CPE (b) Nature of financial assistance.

This was examined. The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman with the addition that out of the seven experts, to be nominated by the Chairman, at least two should be from the College sector.

Action: JS(CPE)

- (ii) To approve the action taken by the Chairman, UGC in respect of UGC funded research proposals for undertaking studies on the theme relevant to the XIth Plan formulation of UGC.

The Commission complemented the Chairman for launching 8 studies by eminent scholars on different themes for XI Plan formulation and ratified approval of the same with total budget provision of Rs. 16.52 lakhs

Action: JS(XI Plan)

- (iii) To report the action taken with regard to the proposal of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah (W.B.) (Deemed University) to bring under its ambit three off-campus centres to be operated and maintained as its constituent units on the recommendation of two Expert Committees appointed for the purpose.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman in approving the recommendations of the Expert Committees regarding the proposal of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah (W.B.) (Deemed University) to bring the following three off-campus centres under its ambit to be operated and maintained as its constituent units

- 1) *Ramakrishna Mission Loka Shiksha Parishad, Narendrapur, West Bengal – for the Faculty of “For Integrated of Rural Development and Management”*
- 2) *Ramakrishna Mission Divyayan Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ranchi, Jharkhand for the Faculty of “For Integrated Rural and Tribal Development”*

- 3) *Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Research Centre at Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House, Kolkata, West Bengal "For Doctoral and Post-doctoral Research (leading to Ph.D., D.Phil/D.Litt. etc) in the areas proposed, such as Mathematical Sciences, Philosophy, Consciousness Studies etc.*

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- (iv) To report the matter regarding allocation of X Plan development grant to (1) Periyar University, Salem, (2) Hidayatullah National law University, Raipur and (3) Fakir Mohan University Balasore for the remaining period of X Plan.

The Commission resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chairman for allocating Plan development grant to the following Universities for the remaining period of Xth Plan

(1) Periyar University, Salem, - Rs. 80.00 lakhs

*(2) Hidayatullah National law University,
Raipur - Rs. 70 lakhs*

(3) Fakir Mohan University Balasore – Rs. 95 lakhs.

Action: JS(CPP-II)

: JS (SU)

- (v) To approve the action taken on the issue regarding the proposal of allowing pensioners/ family of the pensioners to take OPD treatment from CGHS recognized hospitals in addition to the

Government hospitals and also the reimbursement in accordance to the rates prescribed by the Government of India under CGHS rules.

This was examined. The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman regarding approval to the proposal of allowing pensioners/dependents of the pensioners of UGC to take OPD treatment from CGHS recognized hospitals in addition to the Government hospitals and also the reimbursement in accordance with the rates prescribed by the Govt. of India under CGHS rules from time to time.

Action: Director(Admn.)

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

There was no item.

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

This was examined and noted under any other items.

Action: FA

**SECTION-2
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

2.01: To consider relaxation in qualification for appointments to the posts of Assistant Registrars, Assistant Librarian & Assistant Director of Physical Education and equivalents.

This was examined. The Commission approved exemption from NET to Assistant Librarian and Assistant Director of Physical Education to

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M.Phil and Ph.D. Degree holders for appointment to the posts of Assistant Librarian & Assistant Director of Physical Education as per second amendment to the regulation. The Commission further decided that the candidates who are already in the university system and have obtained Master's degree prior to 1991 be given relaxation of 5% from 55% to 50% of marks to the Ph.D. degree holders for appointment to the post of Assistant Registrar, Assistant Librarian and Assistant Director of Physical Education.

Action: JS(PS)

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 recommendations of the Review Committee which visited Western Regional Instrumentation Centre, Mumbai.

The Commission accepted, in principle the recommendations of the Review Committee which visited Western Regional Instrumentation Centre, Mumbai. It was, however, decided to constitute a Committee consisting of Vice Chairman, UGC, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu and Prof. Jaleees Ahmed Khan Tareen to visit all such Centres and present a comprehensive report before the Commission for its consideration for taking a positive view.

Action: JS(IUC/MC)

SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01: To consider the report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the viability of the proposal of Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute (Deemed University), Porur, Chennai for establishment of Off-shore Campus at Mauritius.

The Commission examined the report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the viability of the proposal of Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute (Deemed University), Porur, Chennai for establishment of Off-shore Campus at Mauritius and while appreciating the need to showcasing India's strength for higher education abroad decided that the issues relating to the ownership of the programme, fees sharing and other financial modalities be examined and thereafter the proposal may be brought before the Commission again.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 5.02: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Extension of Autonomous Status in respect of Seven Colleges of Tamilnadu, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh State affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli (T.N.) Bharathiar University, Coimbatore (T.N.), Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Rourkela. (Orissa) & Barkatullah University (M.P.).

1) The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and accorded approval for continuation of autonomous status to seven colleges as per details given below:

| Name of the Colleges | Period of ex-post facto approval | Extended tenure of autonomy |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>MANONMANIAM SUNDARNAR UNIVERSITY, TIRUNELVELI (T.N.)</u> | | |
| 1. St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Palayamkottai – 627 002 (T.N.) | 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 to 2011-2012 |
| <u>BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY, COIMBATORE (T.N.)</u> | | |
| 2. Government Arts College (Autonomous), Coimbatore – 641 018 (T.N.) | 2002-2003 to 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 to 2011-2012 |
| 3. Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Arts and Science, SRK Vidyalaya (PO), Perianickenpalayam, Coimbatore | 2001-2002 to 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 to 2011-2012 |
| 4. Gobi Arts & Science College, Karattadipalayam, Gobichettipalayam, Erode District – 638 453 | 2002-2003 to 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 to 2011-2012 |
| 5. PSG College of Arts & Science, Civil Aerodrome Post Coimbatore – 641 014 (T.N.) | 2000-2001 to 2005-2006 | 2006-2007 to 2011-2012 |
| <u>BIJU PATNAIK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, ROURKELA (ORISSA)</u> | | |
| 6. University College of Engineering, Burla, Orissa | - | 2006-2007 to 2011-2012 |
| <u>BARKATULLAH UNIVERSITY, BHOPAL (M.P.)</u> | | |
| 7. Government M.L.B. P.G. College Polytechnique Square, Civil Line Bhopal (M.P.) | 2005--2006 | 2006-2007 to 2011-2012 |

Action: JS(AC)

- 5.03: To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission to consider the proposal of National Institute of Technology, Patna, Bihar for grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and decided that the National Institute of Technology, Patna may be asked to ratify the deficiencies pointed out by the Committee within a period of one month. After receipt of compliance report, a three member Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. D.P. Chauhan, Member, may be constituted by the Chairman, UGC to visit the Institute for conferment of Deemed to be University status.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 5.04: To consider the report of the Committee on its visit to the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Tripura (a private university), Agartala for its inclusion under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act.

The Commission accepted the recommendations of the Expert Committee and approved inclusion of The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Agartala, Tripura, a private university, under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 5.05: To consider the report of the Expert Committee for grant of Deemed to be University Status to Sumandeep Vidyapeeth to Under Section 3 of the UGC Act.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status

under de novo category to Sumandeep Vidyapeeth under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee. The other advises given by the Expert Committee may be communicated to the Vidyapeeth for appropriate action at their end.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

**SECTION-6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

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

These were examined under item 7.01.

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

There was no item

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

The next meeting of the Commission would be held on Monday, the 25th September, 2006

Action: Dir(Admn)

6.04: To consider the provision of UGC nominees to serve in the Governing Bodies of Delhi Colleges.

The Commission noted the advise of Ministry of Human Resource Development that the insistence of UGC on having its nominee on the Governing Bodies of Delhi Colleges may be construed as an excessive

interference in the autonomous functioning of the University of Delhi.

Action: JS(DC)

- 6.05: To consider the nomination of UGC representative on the committee constituted by Rajasthan Government to examine the compliance report for establishment of Private University under State Act.

The Commission noted that the UGC Regulations for establishment of and maintenance of standards in Private Universities 2003 have been circulated to all concerned. The concerned State Governments are required to comply with the requirement of these regulations and as such there is no justification to provide UGC representative at this stage.

Action: JS(CPP-II)

- 6.06: To consider the request of Gauhati University for not removing the word “National” from its proposal for “establishment of National Institute of Arts History”.

The Commission, keeping in view the instructions of Govt. of India resolved not to accept the request of Gauhati University for use of word “National” with the name of the Institute of Arts History.

Action: JS(NS/PE)

SECTION-7 (SUPPLEMENTARY)

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

Recorded Separately.

7.02: To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Salem for starting an Off shore Campus at Penang, Malaysia under twining programme in collaboration with VIS Professional Portfolio SDN BHD, Malaysia in the name and style of Penang International Dental College (PIDC).

The Commission accepted the recommendations of the Expert Committee to assess the proposal of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Salem for starting an Off shore campus at Penang, Malaysia under twining programme in collaboration with VIS Professional portfolio SDN BHD Malaysia under the name and style of Penang International Dental College (PIDC) subject to the condition to obtain approval of DCI by the Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

7.03: To consider the revision of enhancement of fellowship and contingency to JRF/SRF and RA.

This was examined. The Commission approved revision of Junior Research Fellowship, Senior Research Fellowship and post-doctoral fellowship as under with effect from 1st Sept. 2006

| <i>Name of Fellowship</i> | <i>Existing rate</i> | <i>Revised Rate</i> |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| <i>JRF in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences</i> | <i>Rs. 8,000</i> | <i>Rs. 10,000</i> |
| <i>SRF in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences</i> | <i>Rs. 9,000</i> | <i>Rs. 12,000</i> |
| <i>JRF in Engg. & Tech.</i> | <i>Rs. 8,000</i> | <i>Rs. 10,000</i> |
| <i>SRF in Engg. & Tech.</i> | <i>Rs. 10,000</i> | <i>Rs. 13,000</i> |
| <i>RA/Post Doctoral Fellowship</i> | <i>Rs. 12,000</i> | <i>Rs. 16,000</i> |

Action: JS(SA)

7.04: To consider approval of report of the Expert Committee for establishment of Centres in Universities for study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy.

This was approved with the modifications that 100% financial assistance would be available to all Universities for a period of 5 years and the assurance of the State Government or the University would not be required.

Action: AS

- 7.05: To consider the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Women's Studies regarding holding of International Seminar at North Bengal University, Rajarammohanpur, Darjeeling.

The Commission approved the holding of International Seminar by North Bengal University on "Women's Situation and Women's Studies – South Asian perspective" with the financial assistance of Rs. 7.50 lakhs from UGC.

Action: JD(NFE)

- 7.06: To consider the report of Review Visiting Committee for Conferment of Autonomous Status to G. Pulla Reddy Engineering College, Nandyal Road, Kurnool- 518002 (A.P.)

The Commission considered the recommendation of the Review Committee and approved conferment of autonomous status to G. Pulla Reddy Engineering College, Nandyal Road, Kurnool- 518002 (A.P.) for period of six years for the period from the year 2006-07 to 2011-12.

Action: JS(AC)

- 7.07: To consider the report of the Sub Committee constituted by the UGC to make on the spot assessment for opening of off campus centre of Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Sardarshahar, Rajasthan (Deemed University) at Bhubaneswar.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Sub Committee and approved one time ex-facto approval to offer programmes at the Off Campus Centre at Bhubaneshwar by Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Sardarshahar, Rajasthan (Deemed University) for the students, already enrolled upto 2005-2006.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

- 7.08: To consider the report of the Expert Committee for grant of Deemed to be University Status to Chennai Mathematical Institute, Chennai.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status under de novo category to Chennai Mathematical Institute, Chennai under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Commission further decided that this recommendation may be provisional for a period of 5 years after which, the Institute would be reviewed with the help of an Expert Committee. The other advises given by the Expert Committee may be communicated to the Institute for appropriate action at their end.

Action: JS(CPP-I)

ANY OTHER ITEM

Arising out of discussion on item relating to budget position of UGC, *the Members unanimously condemned the act of Financial Adviser, UGC in sending communications that casting reflection on the Commission without bringing the same in the notice of the Competent Authority, namely the Chairman of the UGC. The Members also took note of his conduct and utterances in the meeting which were unanimously considered to be “uncalled for” and not becoming of the officer of the UGC and amounting of misconduct.*

(TILAK R. KEM)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman