

CONFIDENTIAL

**UNIVERSITYGRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**MINUTES OF THE 459TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS
COMMISSION HELD ON 4th June, 2009.**

The 459th Meeting of the Commission was held on 4th June, 2009 in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Ved Prakash	Vice Chairman
3. Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran	Member
4. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
6. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
7. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen	Member
8. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member
9. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member

Shri R.P. Agrawal, Secretary, MHRD and Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Member could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, AICTE who was invited to attend as a Special Invitee could not attend.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. R. K. Chauhan

Additional Secretary

Dr. N.A. Kazmi

Financial Adviser

Shri A.K. Dogra

SECTION-1

- 1.01 (a)** To confirm the minutes of the 458th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **19th May, 2009**.

The Commission approved the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May, 2009 except item No. 2.01 relating to the UGC Regulation on Curbing of Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions. The Commission had received two letters from (i) Additional Secretary, Deptt. of Expenditure, New Delhi vide D.O. letter No.L-315/AS(E)/2009 dated 29.5.2009 and from (ii) the Director, MHRD vide letter No.F.16-5/2009-U.5 dated 3.6.2009 enclosing therewith the revised Regulations. The comments received were considered and the Regulations sent by MHRD were finally approved.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

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

- (i) To report the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC to implement the recommendations of the Enquiry Committee constituted by the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development to look into the complaints about the activities of Institute of Advanced Studies, Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Deemed University, Sardarshahr, Rajasthan.

The action taken by the Chairman was ratified by the Commission. The Commission, however, desired that the Institute may be advised to conduct B.Ed and M.Ed programmes in accordance with NCTE Regulations.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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- (ii) Funding pattern to release UGC grant to Chennai Mathematical Institute, Tamil Nadu (Deemed to be University) on the basis of the decision of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The decision taken by the Chairman was ratified by the Commission.

- (iii) Appointment of Prof. Ajit Kembhavi as Director, IUCAA, Pune.

The Commission approved the appointment of Prof. Ajit Kembhavi as Director, IUCAA, Pune w.e.f. 2nd September, 2009.

1.02 (b)

To receive the items of information.

To report the Educational Exchange Programme between the Government of the Republic of India and the government of the Republic of Chile.

This was noted by the Commission.

SECTION-3

(REFERECNE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

3.01

To consider the directions received from Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development on the procedure for processing the proposals for opening of off-shore campuses and starting of new academic courses / programmes at off-shore campuses.

The following decisions were taken by the Commission:

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1. *The Commission decided that a communication may be sent to the Ministry of HRD to incorporate the suggestions in the Deemed to be University Regulations, 2009, already sent to the Ministry of HRD for concurrence. In the meantime, the suggestions may be adopted as guidelines for processing future cases.*
2. *The Commission decided that a Committee be sent by UGC to inspect the infrastructure and other facilities available at the off-shore centres already approved by the Commission/MHRD. For future cases the visit may be conducted before the start of academic program after fulfilling all requirement prescribed by the Indian side and the host side*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

- 4.01** To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee for Strengthening Social Science and Humanities teaching and research capacity.

The Commission welcomed the steps taken to strengthen the social science research for faculty in the universities and colleges on the pattern of strengthening of basic sciences and the recommendation of the Committee were approved by the Commission

Action: JS (CPP-II)

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SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for inclusion of college of Engineering (within the campus of the Christ University, Deemed University, Bangalore) under the ambit of Christ University, Deemed University, Bangalore, Karnataka.

The Chairman, UGC was telephonically informed by the Secretary, MHRD that a communication relating to Deemed to be Universities is being sent to UGC by MHRD and that in the meantime, all matters relating to Deemed to be Universities may be deferred. Therefore, this item was, deferred.

The Commission further resolved that the Ministry of Human Resource Development may be requested to expedite the Deemed to be University Regulations, 2009 already sent by the Commission for concurrence.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.02** To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Deemed University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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- 5.03** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for on the spot verification of the infrastructural facilities available with Rajarajeswari Dental College & Hospital, Mysore Road, Bangalore (Karnataka) for conferment of deemed to be University status.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.04** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Deemed University, Mumbai, Maharashtra to start off-campus at Bangalore, Karnataka.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.05** To consider three (03) reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of **03 three colleges i.e. (1) M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, MSR Nagar, MSRIT Post, Bangalore-560054 affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum (2) Pioneer Institute of Professional Studies, Mahalaxmi Nagar, Indore-452010(MP) affiliated to Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, (3) V.V.Vanniaperumal College for Women, Virudhunagar-626001(TN) affiliated to Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai** falling in the States of Karnatak, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamilnadu, respectively.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed for conferment of fresh autonomous status to three (3) colleges as under.

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the College</i>	<i>Autonomy tenure approved by the Commission</i>
1.	M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, MSR Nagar, MSRIT Post, Bangalore-560054	2007-2008 to 2012-2013.
2.	Pioneer Institute of Professional Studies, Mahalaxmi Nagar, Indore-452010(MP)	2009-2010 to 2014-2015
3.	V.V.Vanniaperumal College for Women, Virudhunagar-626001(TN)	2009-2010 to 2014-2015

Action: Director (Admn.)

5.06

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu for conferment of Deemed to be University status in the name of ‘Shri Venkateswara Educational and Health University’ under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.07

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of PGP Group of Institutions, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu for conferment of Deemed to be University status (De-novo category) in the name of ‘PGP University’ under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

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- 5.08** To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Maharashtra Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (MIMSR), Latur, Maharashtra for conferment of Deemed to be University status in the name of 'MAEER'S MIT World Peace University' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.09** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Deemed University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu to start Faculty of Engineering in the main campus.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.10** To consider the compliance report submitted by Apollo Hospitals Educational Trust in respect of the suggestions of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Apollo College of Nursing, Chennai, Tamil Nadu to consider Deemed University status in the name of 'Apollo University of Health Sciences' under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.11** To consider Seven (06) reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of **03 three colleges i.e. (1) S.D.M. College of Engineering and Technology, Dhavalagiri, Dharwad-580002 affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum (2) Kodaikanal Christian College, Kodaikanal-624104(TN) affiliated to Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai, (3) Ispat College, Rourkela-769003(Orissa).**

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed for conferment of fresh autonomous status to the following three (3) colleges:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the College</i>	<i>Autonomy tenure approved by the Commission</i>
1.	S.D.M. College of Engineering and Technology, Dhavalagiri, Dharwad-580002	<i>2007-2008 to 2012-2013.</i>
2.	Kodaikanal Christian College, Kodaikanal-624104(TN)	<i>2009-2010 to 2014-2015</i>
3.	Ispat College, Rourkela-769003(Orissa)	<i>2009-2010 to 2014-2015</i>

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 5.12** To re-consider report of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of **Nittee Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bangalore** falling in the State of Karnatak affiliated to, Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum respectively.

The Commission approved the suggestion of the Bureau that autonomy to Nittee Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bangalore may be conferred w.e.f. 2011-2012 to 2016-2017 after it completes 10 years of existence.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 5.13** To consider the changes to be made in the XI Plan Guidelines relating to “Autonomous Colleges Scheme” with regard to the extension of the tenure of autonomy.

The Commission approved the changes in the XI Plan Guidelines relating to “Autonomous Colleges Scheme”.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 5.14** To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Saraswathi Ammal Educational Trust for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Arunai Engineering College, Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu in the name of ‘Arunai University’ under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.15** To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider the proposal of M.N.R. Educational Trust for conferment of Deemed to be University status (De-novo category) to M.N.R. Medical College and Hospital, Sangareddy, Medak Dt., Andhra Pradesh in the name of ‘M.N.R. Academy of Higher Education and Research’ under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.16 To consider three (03) reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of **fresh Autonomous Status** in respect of **03 three colleges** i.e. (1) **Braja Mohan Thakur Law College, Purnea-854301(Bihar)** affiliated to **B.N. Mandal University, Madhipura(Bihar)** (2) **St. Ignatius' College of Education, Palayamkottai-627002 (TN)** affiliated to **Tamilnadu Teachers Education University, Chennai (TN)** and (3) **PES Institute of Technology, 100 feet Ring Road, BSK-III stage, Bangalore-560085 (Karnatak)** falling in the States of Bihar, Tamilnadu and Karnatak, respectively.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed for conferment of fresh autonomous status to the following three (3) colleges:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Name of the College</i>	<i>Autonomy tenure approved by the Commission</i>
1.	Braja Mohan Thakur Law College, Purnea-854301(Bihar)	2009-2010 to 2014-2015
2.	St. Ignatius' College of Education, Palayamkottai-627002	2009-2010 to 2014-2015
3.	PES Institute of Technology, 100 feet Ring Road, BSK-III stage, Bangalore-560085 (Karnatak)	2008-2009 to 2013-2014

Action: Director (Admn.)

5.17 To consider the matter for allocation of funds for urgent repair and renovation work of some of the buildings of St. Stephen's College.

The Commission approved the allocation of funds for urgent repair and renovation work of some of the buildings of St. Stephen's College

Action: JS (DC)

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- 5.18** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Sarvajanik Jankalyan Parmarthic Nyas, Bhopal for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.19** To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to bring (1) Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar and (2) Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences, Bhubaneswar under the ambit of Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Deemed University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

In view of decision under item No. 5.01, this was deferred.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.20** To report the decision regarding the inclusion of Shri Mataa Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Jammu under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission approved the Report of the Expert Committee for inclusion of Shri Mataa Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Jammu under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 for Central assistance.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme.
It was decided that all the Bureau Heads be requested to make presentation before the Commission in its next meeting to be fixed in June, 2009.

Action: Director (Admn.)

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 22nd June, 2009.

Action: Director (Admn.)

6.04: To consider the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for operationalizing the recommendations of NET Review Committee and regarding certain other issues pertaining to NET.

The recommendations of the Committee were approved by the Commission.

Action: JS (NET)

ANY OTHER ITEM:

- 1. The Commission noted that as per press reports authorities of Sri Ramachandra University (SRU), Chennai and Shree Balajee Medical College and Hospital, Chennai, constituent unit of Bharat University were caught indulging in malpractices on camera in a sting operation. The Commission decided to set up a Fact*

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Finding Committee to inquire into the matter. The Chairman was authorized to take further necessary action.

2. *All pending cases of review of Deemed to be Universities may be taken up on priority and review may be done in a time bound manner.*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman