
The 463rd Meeting of the Commission was held on 25th September, 2009 in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat Chairman
2. Prof. Ved Prakash Vice Chairman
3. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu Member
4. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam Member

Shri R. P. Agrawal, Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran, Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S. J, and Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Members could not attend the meeting. Leave of absence was granted to them.

Prof. S.S. Mantha, Acting 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

The Commission took a serious view that the officers who were required to attend the Commission meeting have preferred to go on visit on the date of the meeting. This is unbecoming on the part of the officers to plan their visit on the date of the Commission meeting. All the senior officers who are required to attend the Commission meeting should ensure their presence in the Commission meeting along with the relevant information pertaining to their Bureau.

Action : AS-II/Dir(Admn)
1.01 (a) To confirm the minutes of the 462nd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 10th September, 2009.

1. The Minutes were confirmed subject to the following modifications:-

The second paragraph under Section-5 before Item No. 5.01 was modified as under:-

The Commission considered the issue of review of deemed to be universities on the basis of communication received from the M/HRD. Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran, Member raised the issue of approval of the reports of the review committees by the Commission. The M/HRD vide their letter No. F. 9-26/2009-U.3(A) dated 4th June, 2009 had laid down the following parameters for review of deemed to be universities:-

“UGC should take up review of the functioning of all the ‘deemed-to-be-universities’ and report the deficiencies within the next 3 months with respect to maintenance of standards especially with regard to the availability of the qualified faculty and the infrastructure in the ‘deemed-to-be-universities’. In most of the Notifications of the ‘deemed-to-be-universities’, it had been indicated that they should obtain the NAAC or NBA accreditation as the case may be, within a prescribed period. The UGC should specifically report as to what is the status about accreditation and also about the rectification of deficiencies as must have been pointed out by the UGC in their periodic inspection. Information on the above may be furnished, for each of the ‘deemed universities’.

It is clear from the above that the individual report, along with deficiencies, submitted by the Review Committees may be considered
by the Commission for its onward transmission to MHRD. However, those cases where normal review is due, such report may be considered and a final decision be taken by the Commission. Accordingly, the items relating to review of deemed to be universities were considered or deferred.

The Commission further decided that an overview report be prepared and submitted to the Commission for consideration.

It was also decided that to seek from the Ministry of Human Resource Development an extension of at least two months to prepare and complete the review report of all deemed to be universities.

The Commission approved for hiring of a consultant along with supporting staff for preparation of the report and authorized the Chairman, UGC for the same. The Commission also decided to set up three Committees of the UGC staff to undertake the work of the assessment of the report received and to place them in the next meeting of the Commission to be held on 9th and 10th October, 2009 for this purpose.

Action : JS(CPP-I)/Dir(Admn)

Item No. 5.08

The decision was modified as under:-

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The second paragraph may be read as follows:

“The Commission further decided that the Institute may be asked to revise its Memorandum of Association as per UGC guidelines and apply for accreditation from NAAC immediately so that the process of accreditation is completed within 6 months. The Commission further decided that the admission in the next academic year to courses be done by the Institute only after rectifying the deficiencies pointed out by the expert committee and fulfilling the above requirement with the prior approval of UGC.”

2. The D. O. letter No. 9(2)/E-Coord/2008(Vol.II) dated September 18, 2009 received from Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran, Additional Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India expressing reservations on some of the practices followed by the UGC in the conduct of the recent meetings of the Commission was taken up for discussion. It was observed by the Commission that there is an approved procedure for conducting the meetings of the Commission. Agenda Items are normally sent in advance to the Members and normally those items are placed on the table which need urgent attention and cannot be deferred till the next meeting of the Commission as is the practice of the Government. In the last Commission meeting held on September 10, 2009, Expert Committee reports on the status of deemed to be universities were placed on the table due to the short time and three
months limit available with the UGC for completing the review of the deemed to be universities and submitting the report to MHRD.

Regarding the suggestion of seeking approval of Ministry of Finance for strengthening and expansion of the scheme of remedial coaching to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy) and minority students, attention is invited to section 16(3) of UGC Act, 1956 which gives financial autonomy to the Commission for spending the funds of the Commission in such manner as it thinks fit. However, any commitment over and above the allocation made by the Central Government needs the concurrence of the Government. The strengthening and expansion of the scheme of remedial coaching to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy) and minority students was in the 100 days agenda of the Government and it was met within the overall Budget allocation and funds of the Commission at the initiative of MHRD. Therefore, it may not require any concurrence of the Central Government.

As regards Item relating to enhancement of JRF for NET qualified students and Post Doctoral Fellowship for women, the Commission had taken the decision based on the communication received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development. It is already recorded in the minutes that the action in this regard will be put on hold till a clearance is received from MHRD for enhancement of the fellowship as it requires additional financial allocation from the Government.

The Commission decided that the reply may be sent to Secretary, MHRD with a copy to Mrs. Vilasini Ramachandran accordingly.

Action : AS-II/Dir(Admn)
3. Letter No. F. No. 501/Misc/DU/AICTE/20007 dated September 22, 2009 received from Prof. S.S. Mantha, Acting Chairman, AICTE was taken up for discussion. It was noted that as per the directions received from Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India vide notification No. F.2-1/2006.U.3(A) dated 5th April, 2006, a representative of AICTE is required on the expert committee only while assessing an institute for conferment of deemed to be university status. However, the UGC thought it appropriate to associate all statutory bodies in the process of review ordered by the Ministry of HRD and accordingly the nominee of AICTE as well as from other statutory councils are being requested so that they could also be associated as member of the expert review committee. This action does not debar any of the statutory councils including AICTE to undertake independent review of any deemed to be university as permissible under their Act. The Commission was of the view that UGC should continue inviting nominees of all related statutory councils including AICTE while reviewing the deemed to be universities. This may be communicated to AICTE and MHRD.

Action : JS (CPP-I)

1.01 (b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 462nd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 10th September, 2009.

There was no item.

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

(i) To report the action taken by the Chairman of UGC regarding Strengthening of Social Science, Humanities, Teaching and Research Capacity.

This was ratified.
SECTION-2
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01 To consider the issue of fee structure for the Nepalese and Bhutanese students at par with the Indian students for admission in Indian Institutions of higher education.

The Commission approved the proposal that the fee structure for Nepalese and Bhutanese students should be at par with the Indian students for admission in Indian institutions of higher education. The Government may be requested to take up the issue of reciprocal provision for fee for Indian students studying in Nepal and Bhutan.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

2.02 To consider taking over the liability of staff working in Granthana Vibhaga (Publication Division) of Visva Bharati.

The Commission considered the issue of taking over of liability of the Granthana Vibhaga (Publication Division) of Visva Bharati and decided as under:-

(i) The provision of Visva Bharati Act and Statutes are not in conformity regarding jurisdiction of the University. However, since the Statutes which have provision of including Granthana Vibhaga were also approved by the President of India as Visitor of the University, the request of the University to treat Granthana Vibhaga (Publication Division) as part of the University may be agreed to.

(ii) UGC may take over the liability of 31 staff of Granthana Vibhaga (Publication Division) at Kolkata subject to the
condition that the Ministry of HRD will provide additional Budget for this purpose.

(iii) The staff so taken over will be governed by the Government of India rules for pension as applicable to the corresponding employees of their level.

(iv) The liability of the pensioners (already retired staff) of the Granthana Vibhaga may be decided by the University as per Government of India rules.

(v) The concurrence of the Ministry of Human Resource Development may be obtained before implementation of this decision.

Action : JS (CU)

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

4.01 To consider fellowship to all the selected candidates including waiting list of the Post Doctoral Fellowship under Research Award.

The Commission did not agree to the proposal of awarding post doctoral fellowship to the candidates over and above the approved fellowship of 100 provided in the guidelines.

The Bureau may prepare a proposal for increasing the number of slots under the scheme for consideration of the Commission prospectively.

Action : DS (SA)
4.02 To consider the need of development of on-line Computerized Management Information System in UGC on Higher Education - A Presentation by IASRI (Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, ICAR) of the National Information System on Agricultural Education Network in India (NISAGENET) Developed by the Institute.

A power-point presentation was made by representatives of Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi. The Commission decided that further discussion may be held with IASRI and a final proposal may be placed before the Commission for consideration.

Action : JS (I&S)

4.03 To consider introducing a new scheme for Single Girl Child named as Indira Gandhi Junior Research Fellowship Scheme for Single Girl Child.

This was discussed in detail and the Commission agreed to the proposal to have fellowship for single girl child. However, the Commission was not in favour of a separate scheme and approved that 10 junior research fellowships each over and above the quota of a University in Sciences and Humanities and Social Sciences. It was further decided to merge this scheme with Basic Sciences Research (BSR) and Humanities and Social Sciences Research (HSSR).
SECTION-5
(Grants to Universities and Colleges)

5.01 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the performance and functioning of the Punjab Engineering College (Deemed University), Chandigarh as deemed to be university under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This was deferred.

5.02 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for inclusion of S.R.M. College of Engineering and Technology, Irungalur, Trichy and Chennai Medical College and Hospital, Irungalur, Trichy under the ambit of S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology, Deemed to be University Chennai, Tamilnadu.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the expert committee to recommend to the Ministry of HRD for inclusion of SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Irungalur, Trichy and Chennai Medical College and Hospital, Irungalur, Trichy under the ambit of SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Deemed to be University, Chennai, Tamilnadu.

Both the institutions will be reviewed annually for a period of three years and subsequently, every five years by the UGC.

Action: JS (CPP-I)
To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Karpagam Academy of Higher Education Deemed to be University, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu.

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be university status conferred on Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET) Chennai, Tamilnadu.

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred n Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research (MAHER), Deemed to be University, Chennai, Tamilnadu.

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the performance and functioning of the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology (NERIST) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh as deemed to be university under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on B.L.D.E. University, Deemed to be University, Bijapur, Karnataka.

*This was deferred.*
To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on S.R.M. Institute of Science and Technology, Deemed to be University, Chennai, Tamilnadu and its off-campus centre at Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh.

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on SRI BALAJI VIDYPEETH, Pondicherry and its off-campus at Kanchipuram.

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, (NMIMS), Deemed to be University, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education, Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

*This was deferred.*
To consider the report of the Expert Committee which visited Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Mizoram (Private University) on 12-13th August, 2009 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty infrastructural facilities, financial viability etc as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

The Commission considered the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by Chairman, UGC to ascertain the physical and academic infrastructural facilities of Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Mizoram, a State Private University established by State Government of Mizoram and approved the same. The university is empowered to award degrees as specified by UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956 at its approved campuses subject to approval of the respective statutory councils, wherever required. The Commission further resolved that the report of the Committee may be communicated to the University for compliance of the deficiencies/suggestions within a period of three months. After receipt of compliance, the Chairman was authorized to approve the same and communicate to the University.

It was further decided that the university will not be eligible for any financial assistance from UGC.

The university may be further advised to adhere to the rules, regulations and guidelines of the Commission available on the website.

Action: JS (CPP-I)
To consider Six (05) reports of the Expert Visiting Committees for Conferment of Fresh Autonomous Status in respect of 01 One College i.e. (1) K.S. Rangasamy College of Arts and Science, KSR Kalvi Nagar, Tiruchengode-637215 affiliated to Periyar University and Extension of Autonomous Status in respect of 4 (Four) colleges i.e. (1) Kasturbagram Rural Institute, Kasturbagram Indore (M.P.)-452020 affiliated to Devi Ahila Vishwavidyalaya Indore, M.P. (2) Holkar Science College, Indore (M.P.)-452001 affiliated to Devi Ahila Vishwavidyalaya Indore, M.P. (3) Government College, Bhawanipatna, Distt. Kalahandi (Orissa), affiliated to Sambalpur University (4) Rajendra College (Autonomous), Balangir (Orissa) affiliated to Sambalpur University.

The Commission considered the reports of the expert committees and decided as under :-

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4  Rajendra College (Autonomous), Balangir (Orissa) affiliated to Sambalpur University  2007-2008  2014-2015

Action : JS (AC)

5.15 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences, Deemed to be University, Nagpur, Maharashtra. (*Deferred Item No.5.02 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

This was deferred.

5.16 To consider the report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy (SASTRA), Deemed to be University, Thanjavur, Tamilnadu. (*Deferred Item No.5.05 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

This was deferred.

5.17 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Deemed to be University, Pimpri, Pune, Maharashtra. (*Deferred Item No.5.07 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

This was deferred.
5.18 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Graphic Era University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. (*Deferred Item No. 5.08 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

*This was deferred.*

5.19 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Vellore Institute of Technology, Deemed to be University, Vellore, Tamilnadu. (*Deferred Item No. 5.09 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

*This was deferred.*

5.20 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Deemed to be University, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu. (*Deferred Item No. 5.10 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

*This was deferred.*

5.21 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeswara University (JSS University), Deemed to be University, Mysore, Karnataka. (*Deferred Item No. 5.11 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

*This was deferred.*
To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology, Deemed to be University, Vallam, Thanjavur, Tamilnadu. *(Deferred Item No.5.12 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.)*

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, Deemed to be University, Chennai, Tamilnadu. *(Deferred Item No.5.13 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.)*

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Deemed to be University, Maduravoyal, Chennai, Tamilnadu. *(Deferred Item No.5.15 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.)*

*This was deferred.*

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology, Deemed to be University, Chennai, Tamilnadu. *(Deferred Item No.5.16 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.)*

*This was deferred.*
5.26 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Deemed to be University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. (*Deferred Item No.5.19 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

*This was deferred.*

5.27 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the performance and functioning of the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh as deemed to be university under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. (*Deferred Item No.5.20 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

*This was deferred.*

5.28 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Kalasailingam Academy of Research and Education, Anand Nagar, Krishnankoil, Virdhunagar, Tamilnadu. (*Deferred Item No.5.21 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

*This was deferred.*

5.29 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the performance, functioning and to verify the implementation of the suggestions made by the Expert Committee at the time of recommending deemed to be university status to Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Mullana, Ambala, Haryana under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. (*Deferred Item No.5.23 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.*)

*This was deferred.*
5.30 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Yenepoya University (a deemed to be university), Mangalore, Karnataka. 

(Deferred Item No.5.24 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.)

This was deferred.

5.31 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the performance and functioning of the Jaypee Institute of Information Technology, NOIDA (JIIT) as deemed to be university under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. (Deferred Item No.5.25 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.)

This was deferred.

5.32 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to consider ex-post-facto approval to bring A.C.S. Medical College and Hospital, Chennai under the ambit of Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Deemed to be University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. (Deferred Item No.5.26 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.)

It was informed to the Commission that the proposal for bringing A.C.S. Medical College and Hospital, Chennai under the ambit of Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Deemed to be University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu had been received on time. However, due to code of conduct on account of general Parliamentary elections and subsequent decision of the Ministry of Human Resource Development not to process any case of deemed to be university, this proposal could not be processed and considered by the Commission.

In view of this the Commission considered and approved the report of the expert committee for ex-post-facto approval for bringing A.C.S.

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Medical College and Hospital, Chennai under the ambit of Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Deemed to be University, Chennai, Tamilnadu from the academic year 2008-2009. The performance of the Medical College and Hospital shall be reviewed annually for a period of three years and thereafter after every five years.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

5.33 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC which visited Sri Devaraj Urs University, Kolar (Deemed to be University”. (Deferred Item No.5.28 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.)

This was deferred.

5.34 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Amity University, Noida-201303, District Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh (Private University) on 16-17th July, 2009 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies. (Deferred Item No.5.29 of 10th September, 2009 Meeting.)

This was deferred.

5.35 To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Vignan’s Foundation for Science, technology and Research, Deemed to be University, Vadlamudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.

This was deferred.
6.01 To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission

There was no item.

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.

It was decided to hold the next Commission meeting on 9th and 10th October, 2009 to consider the reports of the review committees constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the status of deemed to be universities.

ANY OTHER ITEMS

1. The President and other office bearers of the UGC Officers Association and Staff Association had submitted a memorandum and made presentations before the Commission at its meeting held on September 10, 2009 regarding their concern about their future in the event of establishment of National Council for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) and the fate of UGC. They made a mention that this proposal has adversely affected the morale and efficiency of the officers and staff of the UGC and their future in new organization and requested the Commission to take up their issue with the Government. The Commission resolved to forward their representation to the MHRD for consideration.

Action: AS-II/Dir(Admn)
2. The Commission noted that the application for bringing an institution under the ambit of an existing deemed to be university are being received throughout the year. This results in haphazard processing of such cases. The Commission decided that henceforth the following schedule may be followed for processing cases for permission for new courses, new departments and to bring institution under ambit:-

| (i) | Date for submission of proposal to the Ministry of HRD for the next academic year | 31<sup>st</sup> March |
| (ii) | Date for forwarding the proposal to UGC | 15<sup>th</sup> April |
| (iii) | Date for final decision by the UGC | 30<sup>th</sup> June |

Proposals received after above dates would be considered in the next academic year. The Chairman was authorized to issue approval in principle as per the requirement of respective statutory councils subject to the condition that the deemed to be university shall not make any admission till final approval is received.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

3. The Vice-Chairman informed the Commission about the discussion in the “Consultative Group on Mid-term Review” of Higher Education progress in the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan. The Commission suggested that the UGC should undertake the review and the progress of various schemes and other aspects and send the report to the MHRD.

Action: JS (XI Plan)