

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

**MINUTES OF THE 484th MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 27th APRIL, 2012.**

The 484th Meeting of the Commission was held on 27th April, 2012 in which the following were present:-

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| 1. Prof. Ved Prakash | Chairman (Acting) |
| 2. Mrs. Vibha Puri Das | Member |
| 3. Smt. Anjuly Chib Duggal | Member |
| 4. Prof.Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain | Member |
| 5. Dr. Indu Shahani | Member |
| 6. Prof. Yogendra Yadav | Member |
| 7. Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy | Member |

Dr.Vidya Yeravdekar, Prof. Achyutananda Samanta and Prof. Meenakshi Gopinath Members could not attend the meeting and were given leave of absence.

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Financial Adviser

Shri A.K. Dogra

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At the outset, the Chairman, UGC warmly welcomed the newly appointed Commission Member, Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy, and expressed that he looked forward to his contribution given his rich experience in the field of Higher Education.

The Agenda was then taken for discussion.

SECTION-1

- 1.01 (a)** To confirm the minutes of the 483rd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **13th February, 2012.**

The minutes of the 483rd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13th February, 2012 were confirmed.

Action : Director(Admn.)

- 1.01 (b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 483rd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **13th February, 2012.**

Noted.

Action : Director(Admn.)

- 1.02(a)** To ratify the action taken on certain matter
- (i) To ratify the decision taken to allocate/sanction XII Plan General Development Grant to (i) Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani (ii) Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi (iii) Thapar Institute of Technology, Patiala and (iv) Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Vishwa Mahavidyalaya, Kanchipuram whose names were not mentioned in the minutes of Item No.5.13 of the UGC Meeting held on 13.2.2012.

Deferred. An item with complete details may be brought at the next meeting.

Action : JS(DU)

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- (ii) To ratify the accreditation of Rajasthan SET, North-Eastern SET and Andhra Pradesh SET to the Commission.

The Commission ratified the accreditation of State Eligibility Test (SET) conducted by North-Eastern States, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh based on the recommendation of the Expert Committees.

Action : DS(NET)

- (iii) To ratify the action taken w.r.t. e-content development of postgraduate subjects and also transfer of Rs.10.00 crore to INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad (An Inter-University Centre of UGC) for taking up the task of e-content development.

The Commission approved the action taken with regard to the e-content development of postgraduate subjects through the Standing Committee appointed for the purpose and awarding organizational responsibility for activities associated with e-content development to INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad. The Commission further approved the transfer of funds to the tune of Rs. 10 crores to INFLIBNET.

Action : JS(SA-III)

- (iv) To ratify the decision taken on Recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee for upgrading Department of Defence and Strategic Studies to Departments of National Security Studies.

The Commission ratified the decision taken to accept the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee for upgrading Department of Defence and Strategic Studies to Departments of National Security Studies, as per the advice of the Expert Committee set up by the M/HRD. The Commission further decided that this activity may be supported during the XII Plan Period and report of the UGC Expert Committee may be posted on the UGC website. The Commission further decided that support to a maximum of 10 Universities may be done during the XII Plan Period.

Action : JS(SR-III)

- (v) To ratify the decision taken to allow Deemed to be University i.e. Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai which is receiving Plan Grant only to re-appropriate the grant from “Salary” Head to “Other Items” under General Development Grant Scheme of XI Plan period.

The Commission ratified the decision to allow the reappropriation of grant from “Salary” Head to “Other Items” under General Development Grant Scheme of XI Plan Period in respect of Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, which is as per the convention of the UGC during the previous Plan Periods.

The Commission further decided such a re-appropriation may not be done henceforth.

Action : JS(DU)/JS(CPP-II)

- (vi) To ratify the decision taken on various issues relating to Obama - Singh 21st century knowledge initiatives.

The Commission ratified the decision taken in allocating Rs. 25 crores for a period of 5 years for the execution of the Joint Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative (OSI) Programme. The Commission also approved the action taken in inviting the proposals from Indian side and final award of four (4) proposals in the first year of OSI Programme. The Commission further approved the decision taken in allocating/sanctioning/releasing (a) Rs.1.75 crores to IIT, Kanpur to meet the expenditure on the visit of Indian delegation to participate in Academic Leadership Workshop held in Yale University from 25th Sept., to 8th Oct.,2011, (b) Rs. 49.00 lakhs to IIM, Kozhikode for the four day leadership workshop for Indian academics at IIM-Kozhikode, and (c) Rs.1,56,06,500/- towards the visit of Indian delegation constituted by M/HRD and led by Hon’ble Minister of School Education, Madhya Pradesh to USA from April 16-26, 2012 under the Indo-US Initiative. The Commission further approved the award of 300 Post Doctoral Fellowships to Indian Scholars for studying in US as per the time schedule decided upon.

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It was further decided that since a lot of bilateral and multi-lateral cooperations are being envisaged in the near future with various countries, UGC may suitably enhance the budgetary allocation to support bilateral & multilateral activities during the XII Plan.

Action : JS(IC)

- (vii) To report the colleges approved by Chairman, UGC included under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act 1956 between 26th January, 2012 to 31st March 2012 as per authorization given by Commission at its meeting held on 24th August 2011.

The Commission ratified the decision taken by the UGC in approving 116 Colleges during the period from 26th January to 31st March, 2012. The Commission further decided that the cases listed from Sl.No. 82 to 85 in the Annexure may be further looked into by the Bureau concerned and a report regarding the delay involved may be placed before the Commission at its next meeting.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

- (viii) To inform the Commission regarding provisions for Physically Challenged candidates in UGC-NET.

The representation by disabled students and the response of the bureau was noted. Professor Yadav offered to speak to those students and get back to the Commission about any pending matter concerning NET. The Commission desired that there is a need to review and revise all the rules, schemes and provisions concerning the disabled students and teachers. In particular, there is a need for a fellowship scheme specifically for disabled students. It was decided to appoint a committee with Professor Yogendra Yadav, Member of the Commission, as Chairman, to review all the existing schemes, provisions and regulations so as to help them overcome the problem that they have been faced with.

Action : JS(CPP-II)/DS(NET)

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1.02(b) To receive the items of information. (No item).

1.03 To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues. (No item)

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01 To consider the issue related to change in the nomenclature of Chancellor, Vice-chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellor to Chairperson, President and Pro-President by the Government of Rajasthan in respect of State Private Universities.

Since the UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 and the proposed draft Regulations on Private Universities are silent in this regard, the Commission decided that no further action is required to be taken in this regard.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

2.02 To consider the Proposal for requirement of Jamia Millia Islamia to strengthen its existing schools and also to establish new school complex at Jasola Near Delhi.

The Commission considered the proposal for requirement of Jamia Millia Islamia to strengthen its existing schools and also to establish new school complex at Jasola near Delhi and decided that a Committee may be constituted.

The Committee may be requested to finalize its recommendations strictly as per the KVS Norms. It was further decided that while no amount be released for purchase of land to establish a new complex at Jasola, Delhi, the existing schools of Central Universities shall continue to be supported by UGC.

Action : JS(CU)

2.03 To consider the UGC (Prevention of caste based Discrimination/Harassment/Victimization and Promotion of Equality in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012.

The Commission approved the UGC (Prevention of caste based Discrimination/Harassment/Victimization and Promotion of Equality in Higher

Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 as per the copy enclosed at ANNEXURE- 'A' and decided to send it to the MHRD.

Action : JS(CPP-II)

2.04 To consider the revised draft of the UGC (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Universities) Regulations, 2011.

The Commission considered the revised draft of the UGC (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Universities) Regulations, 2011 and constituted the following Committee to revise the draft and place it before the next meeting of the Commission.

- 1. Prof. Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain, Commission Member, -- Chairman*
- 2. Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Commission Member*
- 3. Prof. D.Narasimha Reddy, Commission Member*
- 4. Prof. H.A. Ranganath, Director, NAAC*

Action : JS(CPP-II)

2.05 To consider the UGC (Establishment of Mechanism for Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012.

The Commission considered the UGC (Establishment of Mechanism for Grievance redressal) Regulations, 2012 and approved the same as enclosed in ANNEXURE – 'B' and decided to send it to the MHRD.

Action : JS(CPP-II)

2.06 To consider the matter regarding to frame Policy on Conflict of Interest and Ethics and Code of Conduct.

The Commission approved the "Policy on Conflict of Interest and Ethics and Code of Conduct" for the Commission Members as given in ANNEXURE-C. It was noted that this Code of Conduct is not legally binding, for this is not a Regulation. The Commission Members agreed to adopt and abide by this Code of Conduct on their own volition.

Action : JS(CPP-II)

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2.07 To consider construction of building on leased land.

The Commission considered the construction of building on leased land and decided that the institution may be asked to provide the details of the lease agreement entered with the concerned agencies.

The Commission after obtaining the above details may decide the matter on case to case basis.

Action : JS(RO)

2.08 To consider Report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted by UGC –Head Office to investigate into the affairs regarding the sexual harassment and other unethical practices allegedly being indulged in by (i) Principal of Jamshedpur Women’s College Jamshedpur and (ii) Kolhan University , Chaibasa.

The Commission considered the Report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted by UGC – Head Office to investigate into the allegations regarding sexual harassment and other unethical practices allegedly being indulged in by (i) Principal of Jamshedpur Women’s College Jamshedpur and (ii) Kolhan University, Chaibasa and decided that no further action be taken in the matter.

Action : JS(RO)

2.09 To consider the issue of continuation of grant of financial assistance for establishing/up gradation of Department of Hindi in Universities of non Hindi speaking States in XII Plan.

The Commission considered the issue of continuation of grant of financial assistance for establishing/upgradation of Department of Hindi in Universities of non-Hindi speaking States during XII Plan and approved the same.

Action : JS(Raj Bhasha)

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 reconsider the decision of the Commission to revoke the CPE status in respect of two Colleges under “Colleges with Potential for Excellence” (CPE) Scheme.

The Commission reconsidered the decision of the Commission to revoke the CPE status in respect of two Colleges under “Colleges with Potential for Excellence” (CPE) Scheme and approved that the Mount Carmel College, Bangalore and St. Anthony’s College, Bomfyle Road, Shillong, Meghalya may be continued to have the CPE status in view of the fact that they were meeting the eligibility criteria as per the CPE Scheme.

The Commission further decided that circumstances leading to not providing the correct details in respect of St. Anthony’s College, Bomfyle Road, Shillong before the Expert Committee meeting held on 31st March, 2011/13th May, 2011 may be enquired into.

Action : Additional Secy.

- 4.02** To consider issue of continuance of Lifelong Learning & Extension departments/centres during XII Plan period.

The Commission considered the issue of continuance of Lifelong Learning & Extension departments/centres during XII Plan Period and decided that they may continue during the XII Plan Period also.

Action : JS(NFE)

4.03

To consider the issue of parity in respect of Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST at par with Post Doctoral Fellowship for women.

The Commission considered the issue of Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST at par with Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women and approved the following modifications.

Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST Categories		
Details	Present rates	Modifications approved
Fellowship	@ Rs. 16,000/- p.m. for two years w.e.f. 01/09/2006 to till date (previously it was @ Rs.12,000/- p.m. in the year 2006-07)	@ Rs.25,000/- p.m. for first two years & Rs.30,000/- third year onwards.
Contingency	@Rs.30,000/- p.a. for two years	@ Rs.50,000/- p.a. for five years.
Tenure	Two Years (previously it was for 5 years) reduced the tenure in the year 2008-09 selecton.	Five Years

The Commission further decided that a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Yogendra Yadav, Commission Member, may be appointed to bring about the parity in all the existing fellowship and scholarship schemes of UGC.

Action : JS(SA-III)

4.04

To consider the draft guidelines finalized by the Expert Committee on “Free Education for Medal Winners in National/International Events”.

The Commission approved the draft guidelines finalized by the Expert Committee on “Free Education for Medal Winners in National/International Events”. The Commission further decided that no duplication of efforts be done by UGC as Deptt. of Youth Affairs and Sports is also involved in such an exercise. This may be verified before implementing the Scheme. The Chairman, UGC was authorized by the Commission to proceed further in the matter after verifying the facts from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Action : JS(XI Plan)

4.05 To consider the question of discontinuation of Major Research Projects by Mid-term Evaluation Committee.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee during the Mid-term Evaluation held on 30.10.2011 and decided that all 22 cases may be withdrawn immediately and the accounts of the projects may be settled as on 30th November, 2011. The Commission further decided that in future such cases may be decided at the level of Chairman, UGC.

Action : DS(MRP)

4.06 To approve the Proposed Scheme of "Introduction of Vocational Education in Higher Education" under the National Vocational Education Qualification Frame Work (NVEQF).

The Commission considered the proposed Scheme of "Introduction of Vocational Education in Higher Education" under the National Vocational Education Qualification Frame Work (NVEQF) and also a letter No.4-45/2012-UI(A) dated 18th April, 2012 received from Shri R.P. Sisodia, Joint Secretary (HE), MHRD and decided that the following Committee may be constituted to finalize the Scheme.

1. Ms. Indu Shahani, Commission Member
2. Prof. A.K. Sharma, Consultant(Academic), UGC
3. Dr. Sharda Prasad, Joint Secy., Deptt. of Training & Employment
4. Prof. S.P.Thyagarajan, former Vice-Chancellor, Madras University
5. Prof. K.P.S. Unny, former Registrar, JNU, New Delhi
6. Dr. K.C. Pathak, JS, UGC -- Convenor

While finalizing the Scheme, only the details regarding Sectors be given and no individual subject details be given under each sector, as the Institution may develop their own courses under each sector. The Commission further decided that no "vastu courses" may be supported under this Scheme. In the first phase of implementation only 100 Institutions (Universities/Colleges) may be selected and based on the experience this may be spread to other Institutions. It was further decided that Dr. Sharda Prasad, may be requested to make a presentation before the Commission on 22nd May, 2012.

Action : JS(COC)

- 4.07** To approve the allocation of Rs.50.0 crores to Rajasthan & Karnatak Universities under UPE scheme.

The Commission considered the allocation of Rs.50 crores to Rajasthan & Karnatak Universities under UPE Scheme and decided that all the six Universities under the UPE Scheme may be allocated Rs. 50 crores irrespective of the allocation made by the Expert Evaluation Committees which visited the Universities. However, in respect of Osmania University, the allocation shall be only upto Rs. 35 crores under Holistic Development at present and remaining Rs. 15 crores shall be allocated and released based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee which is to visit the University.

It was further decided that in future all voluminous Reports and Annexures may not be circulated to all the Members and instead only one copy may be placed on the table of the Commission for verification.

Action : Additional Secy./SO(MC)

- 4.08** To consider the proposal of Inter University Accelerator Center to declare as an Institute of National Importance.

The Commission considered the above proposal and decided that UGC has “No Objection” in MHRD declaring the above Centre as an Institution of National importance.

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 functioning of Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (Deemed to be University under de-novo category), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

The Commission considered and accepted the recommendations of the UGC Expert Review Committee which visited Indian Institute of Space Science and

Technology (Deemed to be University under de-novo category), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The Commission further decided that a copy of the report of the Committee may be sent to the Deemed University for compliance in respect of the observations/suggestions made by the UGC Expert Committee.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

- 5.02** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the functioning of Chennai Mathematical Institute (Deemed to be University under de-novo category), Chennai, Tamilnadu.

The Commission considered and accepted the recommendations of the UGC Expert Review Committee which visited Chennai Mathematical Institute (Deemed to be University under de-novo category), Chennai, Tamilnadu. The Commission further decided that a copy of the report of the Committee may be sent to the Deemed University for compliance in respect of the observations/suggestions made by the UGC Expert Committee.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

- 5.03** To consider the report of the Expert Committee which visited Mahatma Gandhi University (State University), Nalgonda (Andhra Pradesh) for inclusion under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 on 24th - 25th February, 2012.

The Commission approved the report of the Expert Committee recommending inclusion of Mahatma Gandhi University (State University), Nalgonda (Andhra Pradesh), under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

- 5.04** To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Kundli, Dt. Sonapat, Haryana for the status of

Deemed to be University (Under De-Novo Category) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited the Institute and the recommendations of the AICTE Expert Committee and advice of AICTE on the proposal of Deemed to be University to National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Kundli, Sonapat, Haryana and resolved to recommend the proposal to the MHRD for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under De-Novo Category.

Action : JS(CPP-I)

6.01 To consider certain establishment matters of UGC

Recorded Separately.

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

(i) To report the status on this action taken Report against Vigilance various institutions placed before the Commission for information.

Deferred. The Commission decided that any vigilance related complaint against any UGC official or Committee be reported at the next meeting.

Action : CVO

(ii) Status of Implementation of OBC Reservation in admissions and utilization of funds in Central Universities.

Deferred. The Commission decided that in the next meeting, the table given in the Annexure may be made more legible as the font size was too small. It was further decided that a Status Report on any other Scheme or provision concerning the OBC may also be placed before the Commission.

Action : JS(CU)/JS(CPP-II)

(iii) To report the status of implementation of scheme for One-time Catch-up grant to universities presently not declared fit to receive funds under section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

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Noted. In future, the above item may not be placed before the Commission.

Action : JS(SU)

- (iv) To report the status of the scheme for providing financial assistance to new Model Degree Colleges in 374 identified Educationally Backward Districts (EBDS) of the country during XI plan period.

Noted. In future, the above item may not be placed before the Commission.

Action : JS(SU)

- (v) To report the status of implementation of scheme for additional assistance to Universities fit to receive grants under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Noted. In future, the above item may not be placed before the Commission.

Action : JS(SU)

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 May, 2012 at 10.30 a.m. in the UGC office, New Delhi

Action : SO(MC)

ANY OTHER ITEMS

- (i) *Whenever a new scheme is proposed to be approved by the Commission, the concerned Bureau Head may be requested to make a presentation to the Commission Members, apart from circulating the required details.*

Action : JS(CPP-II)/SO(MC)

- (ii) *Prof. Yogendra Yadav raised a point about the rules governing Research Award Scheme for University/College teachers. He indicated that UGC insists that the awardees must stick to the*

Research Centre specified by them at the time of application, or else their award may be cancelled. This reading of the rules has caused a lot of confusion and inconvenience to the teachers who

have obtained affiliation from some of the best research institutions in the country (these institutions usually do not agree to affiliate anyone unless they have the award letter with them). The basic point of this restriction is to ensure that the teachers do not switch institutions once the award has begun. Therefore, the awardees must be free to choose their research centre within the first 45 days.

Action : JS(SA)

(iii) The NET Bureau may be requested to provide an Action Plan about the development of question bank in the next meeting of the Commission.

Action : DS(NET)

(iv) The honorarium payable to the guest faculty may be looked into and rationalized and placed before the next meeting of the Commission.

Action : JS(CPP-II)

(v) The Commission considered the issue of extending all the XI Plan Schemes which are in operation now and decided to continue the same during the XII Plan till such time the new guidelines are finalized.

**(K. GUNASEKARN)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
Acting CHAIRMAN**