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**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI**

**Report of the Inspection Committee on its visit to ICFAI University,
Dehradun (a private university) on April 18th & 19th , 2005**

1. INTRODUCTION:

The University Grants Commission (UGC) constituted a committee to visit the ICFAI University, Dehradun, as created by the Act of the State Legislature of Uttaranchal vide letter no. F 6-3/2004 (M&E) dated 4th April'2005. The committee was to examine, evaluate and assess the ICFAI University for its inclusion under Section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission Act,1956. The committee consisted of the following :

- i. Prof. R.P.Kaushik, JNU (Retd.)
Former Member, UGC
Ambassador of India (Designate) to Turkmenistan
New Delhi
- ii. Prof. S.P. Thyagrajan
Vice Chancellor, University of Madras
Chennai
- iii. Prof. K. Enoch
Former Vice Chancellor,
Sri Venkateshwara University
Tirupati
- iv. Dr. R.K.Chauhan
Additional Secretary
UGC, New Delhi
- v. Prof. B.K.Joshi
Former Vice Chancellor,
Kumaon University
Nainital, Uttaranchal
- vi. Prof. M.S.M. Rawat
Head of Deptt. Chemistry,
HNB Garhwal University,
Srinagar, Uttaranchal

- vii. Dr. Ajeet Kumar
Principal,
Govt. P.G.College,
Rishikesh, Uttaranchal

- viii. Mr.S.K.Maheshwari,IAS
Addl. Secretary, Higher Education,
Govt. of Uttaranchal

The committee visited the University on 18th & 19th April'2005 (both days inclusive). All the members were present on both the days. Prior to proceeding to the University campus, the committee had its internal meeting at the place of stay to discuss the procedure, to identify the specific clarifications required and the steps necessary for the validation of the filled in questionnaire. It had an extensive coverage of the university's activities – Infrastructure, Laboratories, Computer Center, Engineering Labs, Class Rooms, Library, Administrative Block as well as its Undergraduate College. It also made a visit to newly acquired land of 14.1 acres, located at the distance of 16 kms. from Dehradun.

The committee was received by the Vice Chancellor and other officers of the university. The Vice Chancellor gave a detailed presentation about the various activities of the university including academic, administrative & infrastructure related activities.

The committee's visit had a significant hallmark in having a very detailed discussion with the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sh. Narayan Dutt Tewari along with the other functionaries of the Chief Minister's Secretariat. The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of the university for the state of Uttaranchal in rendering its services for upgrading the professional education in the state. He assured the committee that the state Government would give uninterrupted support in the development of this university, so that the standard of higher education in the Technical Education, IT Sector, Software and Management Studies could enhance the prospects of the students in Uttaranchal in the new emerging areas. He suggested to the UGC Committee to make necessary arrangements in this direction.

The Committee also had interaction separately with the faculty members, students and the administrative staff regarding the academic standards of the institution, emoluments and pay package & related benefits, such as provident fund, study leave and medical facilities. The Faculty Members informed the committee that the pay package offered by the university is higher than the UGC pay scale and almost comparable to the best institution in the world.

The ICAI University Act:

The University has been promoted by the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India, which was established in 1984 as a non profit educational society registered under Andhra Pradesh (Telangana Area) Societies Act 1350 Fasli (Act 1 of 1350 F). The society was formed by the professionals & educationists with meager sum of Rs.7,000/- it has now annual turnover of over Rs.160 crores and it has 3 universities in 3 different states and other institutes all over India.

The ICAI University, Dehradun Act'2003 (Uttaranchal Govt. Gazette Notification dated September 23, 2003) is the basis for the establishment of this non affiliating unitary university. The university has basic features to those of other well established universities and of the UGC regulations, such as:

- Clearly laid down "Object"
- Well defined powers & functions
- Academic bodies, administrative authorities and officers
- Formulation of statutes and regulations
- The Governor of the State as the Visitor of the University

INSPECTION REPORT

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| 1. | Name of the University : | ICFAI University,Dehradun |
| 2. | Date of Visit : | 18 th & 19 th April'2005 |
| 3. | Registered Office : | 144 -II , Doon Valley Officer's Co-operative Housing Society, Vasant Vihar, Dehradun |
| 4.a | Name & Headquarters of the Society/Promoting Agency : | The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India,52 Nagarjuna Hills Hyderabad |
| 4.b | Whether the agency is involved in promoting/running any other University/ institution? If yes, details : | The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University Aagartala, Tripura
The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Sikkim |

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5. Claimed Territorial Jurisdiction State of Uttaranchal
6. Programme permitted to be offered by gazette notification of Govt. of Uttaranchal and its reference : Applied Financial Management, General Management, Science & Technology & other related areas
- 7.a Whether all documents requested by the inspection team provided : Yes
- 7.b If no, what are the deficit documents (List to be enclosed) : NIL
8. Physical verification of administrative infrastructure :
- 8.a Whether administrative authorities like Governing Council, Academic Council & BOS formed and minutes of their meeting produced? Yes
- 8.b Whether V.C., Registrar, FO and Administrative Officers appointed? If yes, whether they were physically present during inspection? Yes, they were physically present
- 8.c List of authorised University Officers present during the UGC Committee Inspection
1. Prof. V. Panduranga Rao, Vice Chancellor
 2. Prof. E.N.Murthy, Registrar
 3. Mr.T.S.R.K.Lohit, Chief Finance Officer
 4. Dr. G.N.Pandey, Chief Administrative Officer
- & Heads of departments of The ICFAI Business School, The ICFAI Institute of Science & Technology, The ICFAI Law School, The ICFAI National College**
- 8.d Administrative Office details like approx. total plinth area, separate offices for V.C., Registrar, Administrative Office, Committee Room; Reception cum students waiting room etc. Located at 144-II Doon Valley Officer's Co-operative Society, Vasant Vihar, Dehradun, Approx. Plinth Area 2896 sq.ft.

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- 8.e Whether office equipments like Computer(s), Telephone/Fax, Xerox machines available. Yes
9. Physical verification of Academic Infrastructure :
- 9.a Corpus of the society shown to the inspection team Rs.60 crores
- (i) Land documents, if shown, extent of land registered in the name of the University and its location in Uttaranchal 14.11 Acres at Central Hope Town, Pargana Pachva Doon, Distt. Dehradun
- (ii) Deposits made on the name of Society/University, separately or jointly with State authorities. Endowment Fund of Rs.One Crore deposit receipt kept with the state Govt.
- 9.b Buildings shown to house the University & their plinth area details
- (i) Permanent Foundation Stone laid by the Chief Minister of Uttaranchal and Sate. Govt. issued a Gazetted Notification for change of land use & construction has just begun. It was assured to the committee that the first phase of the construction would be over by July'2006 & University will shift to its permanent campus.
- (ii) Temporary/Leased Property At present the university is housed at three campuses at Dehradun and the total plinth area is 45003 sft. which is adequate for the present educational activities.
- 9.c Whether Library available? If available, details Yes, No. of titles are 2572, & No. of Volumes are 6297, The total value is approx. 14.50 lacs The university is in the process of acquiring more books & journals for the new proposed courses.
- 9.d Whether Classrooms & Laboratories available? If available, details Yes, 15 Classrooms & adequate no. of Laboratories for the courses being run.

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- 9.e Whether teaching Staff appointed? If yes, details to be enclosed. Yes, 26 Regular Faculty Members have been appointed & the process is on for recruitment of the faculty for new courses proposed from the ensuing session given in the proposal
- 9.f Whether technical & non-teaching staff appointed? If yes, details to be enclosed. Yes, 33 non teaching staff, details given in the proposal
- 10.a Whether students already admitted? Yes
- 10.b If yes, breakup details of Courses as against the number of students admitted in each course. MBA – 13 Nos., B.Tech – 26 Nos., BBA – 44 Nos., MCA – 22 Nos., BBMLLB - 3 Nos.
- 10.c Any Off-Campus or Study Centre or admission : Centre established outside Uttaranchal ? No

FUTURE PLANS PRESENTED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

The ICFAI University, Dehradun has presented the growth plan during 2004 to 2009 based on the resources made available to the University by the promoter, The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India and the internal resource generation through fee and consulting projects.

The University proposes to make an aggregate investment of Rs. 113.02 crores in the infrastructure in the next 5 years. The investment is mainly proposed for the campus infrastructure in land and buildings and equipment. State of the art facilities in terms of fully integrated and automated facilities are planned to ensure quick and efficient service to the students, and faster access of the knowledge resources in the campus, other campuses of the ICFAI and global access through online communications.

Land and Buildings:

The land that has been earmarked for the University at Hope Town is being developed in accordance with the designs provided by the reputed architects firm. The first phase of the campus buildings are expected to be ready by July 2006, and will accommodate the academic block, administrative block, student hostels, student and staff canteen and other immediately required facilities. In the other phases spread over the next 3 years, expansion of these facilities, auditorium, student recreation centers, etc will be added.

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Computer Labs:

The ICFAI University intends to provide free access to computers round the clock to the students to help them access the knowledge resources, complete project assignments, and communicate with the faculty members at the University and outside. A wide area networking with VAN facilities are also planned. Appropriate software will be provided as required for teaching and learning purposes. The IT infrastructure is estimated at Rs.2.12 crores in the next 5 years.

Library:

The ICFAI University has estimated a physical library content of 300,000 volumes of internationally accepted books, magazines and journals. The University will also provide access to several online libraries. Presently the students and the staff at the University have access to a reputed online library EBSCO. Substantial investments of over Rs. 1.87 crores are planned for the library.

Lab Equipment:

The lab equipment in the science and technology streams is being procured from some of the best known sources at an estimated total cost of Rs.7.72 crores. The equipment includes tissue culture labs for the bio-technology students, prototypes of various mechanical and electronic equipments, workshop and tooling equipment, design equipment, CAD / CAM based software etc. The main objective of the investment is to procure the machines having latest technological features and such equipment that the students will handle in the real-life situations.

Programs:

The ICFAI University will continue to offer such programs that are in demand by the industry and where the employment potential is high. The University is presently offering postgraduate programs in Management and undergraduate programs in Technology and Law. In addition the University will offer year integrated programs in Science – in Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry; offering specializations in application oriented and unique areas; and an integrated program in Economics. M.Tech programs will commence at the University in 2007-08. In addition, programs leading to Ph.D will commence in the Management and Science disciplines during 2006-07 at the Faculty of Education at the University is expected to commence leading to B.Ed and M.Ed during 2006-07.

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Students and staff:

The number of students at the University is expected to be over 4500 in the next 5 years pursuing programs in various disciplines. The admission to the various programs at the University will continue to be on competitive basis based on screening tests and interviews. Only merit will be the criteria for admission to the programs at the University.

A total staff strength of 300 is expected at the University by 2008-09. The teaching staff of 200 will mostly have doctoral qualifications, and will have adequate teaching, research experience coupled with knowledge of applications. The teaching staff will continue to be offered good pay scales in addition to various incentives for innovation and research.

11. Overall remarks/Observations ;


- i. The university possess necessary characteristic which holds a good promise for the future
- ii. Its parent society has the backup plan for this institution in building it as a quality institution.
- iii. The university needs to develop its campus fast so as to provide a necessary ambience & facilities conducive to a university system
- iv. The functioning of the University has fully been computerized in the fields of Administration, academic activities and examination evaluation
- v. The future plan for new courses includes starting of new under graduate & post graduate programs

Overall Analysis, Concluding Remarks and Recommendations:

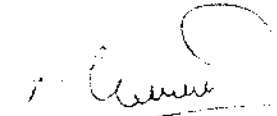
The committee has noted that the university has developed well within a short span of time. The management of the university consists of committed academics and professionals with a vision for the growth of the university. The academic programs initiated by the university are based on market demand and employability and their scholarly pursuit. The university authorities have assured full compliance of UGC regulations as well as the provisions of the State Act.


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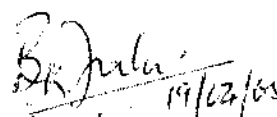
In view of the above facts and a critical evaluation of the ICFAI University, the committee feels assured of its positive features in its growth and development. Hence, it unanimously recommends that ICFAI University, so created by the state legislature of the state of Uttaranchal be included in the list of universities under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act 1956.

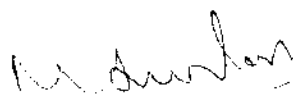

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