

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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Report of the Inspection Committee on its visit to Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, District Kapurthala, Punjab (a Private University) on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2006, for its inclusion under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman, UGC, constituted a Committee to inspect the Lovely Professional University, G.T. Road, Phagwara, District Kapurthala (Punjab), a Private University, created by a separate Act, namely, **The Lovely Professional University Act, 2005** (Punjab Act No.25 of 2005) enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab vide Notification No.38-Leg./2005, dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2005, to examine, evaluate and assess the University for its **inclusion under Section 2(f)** of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

The Committee consisted of the following :-

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| 1. Prof. G. Haragopal<br>Department of Political Science<br>University of Hyderabad<br>Central University P.O.<br>Hyderabad – 500 046.   | ..... Chairman |
| 2. Prof. D.R. Bhaskar<br>Department of Electronics & Communication Engg.<br>Faculty of Engineering and Technology<br>Jamia Millia Islamia<br>Jamia Nagar<br>New Delhi – 110 025. | ..... Member   |
| 3. Prof. R.K. Kale<br>School of Life Sciences<br>Jawaharlal Nehru University<br>New Mehrauli Road<br>New Delhi – 110 067.  | ..... Member   |



4. Dr. R.K. Chauhan  
Additional Secretary  
University Grants Commission  
New Delhi – 110 002.

..... Member Secretary

The Committee visited the University on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2006. All the Members were present on both the days. The Committee was received by the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and other senior officers of the University. The visit started with a power point presentation by the Vice-Chancellor and his colleagues, highlighting its academic programmes, physical infrastructure and facilities, research activities, major achievements and a blue print for the future growth. During this presentation the Committee interacted with the management and the senior faculty of the University.

The Committee then visited different Departments for physical verification of the available facilities, such as, library, laboratories, seminar halls, class-rooms, lecture theatres, computer labs., auditorium, administrative block, cafeterias, clinic, gardens, medicinal gardens, book shop, student facilitation centre, departmental stores, open air theatre, Gymnasium, sufficient parking space with every building, hostels (boys & girls), health centre, playground and other facilities.

The Lovely Professional University, Phagwara was established by the State Legislature of the Government of Punjab vide notification No. 38-Leg./2005 dated the 26th December, 2005. The University promoted by the Lovely International Trust, was established with a clear vision and mission to develop the University with the international standards along with a socially inclusive approach to participate in higher education. The main objective of the University is to create close links with the industrial corporate sector and to provide suitable placement opportunities to the students by imparting quality professional education. The University has the following basic features with reference to UGC Regulations :-

- Clearly laid down objective
- Well defined academic bodies and authorities of the University
- Administrative authorities and officers of the University





- Well defined powers and functions of the University
- Formulation of statutes, ordinances and regulations
- The Governor of the State of Punjab is the Visitor of the University
- The provisions of the Act of University are in consonance with the UGC Regulations.

## 2. LOCATION

The University is located centrally in the State of Punjab in rural area at Jalandhar-Ludhiana G.T. Road., on the main National Highway-1. It is easily approachable from all directions. It is just adjacent to the Chehru Railway Station, 3 kms. from municipal limits of Jalandhar city, 7 kms. from Phagwara Railway Station and 7 kms. from Jalandhar Cantt. Railway station. The University is well connected by road and rail.

## 3. INFRASTRUCTURE

The main feature of the University is its huge campus spread over around 112 acres of lush green land, out of which 6,00,000 sq.ft. is already built up area and more than 4,00,000 sq.ft. is under construction which is likely to be completed within six months. The campus has matted road with wide pavements and street lights. It has its own water supply scheme with overhead water storage of more than 3,00,000 liters. The campus has been fully developed with sewerage system, telecom, internet connectivity, shopping centre, gymnasium, cafeteria, and health centre.

At present, the University has the following constituent units :-

1. University School of Engineering and Technology
2. University School of Business
3. University School of Applied Medical Sciences
4. University School of Education
5. University School of Sciences



These constituent units have the following Departments :-

1. Department of Biotechnology
2. Department of Chemistry
3. Department of Information Technology
4. Department of Computer Science Engineering
5. Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering
6. Department of Physics
7. Department of Management
8. Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences
9. Department of Physiotherapy
10. Department of Education
11. Department of Mechanical Engineering

Each Department has its own separate building, each comprising 5 floors. All the class-rooms are well fitted with the state-of-the-art furniture, fully air-conditioned, and ergonomically designed. All the class rooms are airy and of large size, i.e. 24x32 ft. (768 sq.ft. each) having a capacity of 60 students. The Lecture Halls are also airy and of large size, i.e. 32x48 sq.ft.(1536 sq.ft. each) with a capacity of 120 students. All modern audio-visual facilities are available in the Lecture Halls with very comfortable seats and the halls are totally air-conditioned. The computer laboratories are well equipped with the computers of latest configurations rack mounted high-end servers. These labs have state of the art nodes, FO backbone network, wi-fi connectivity, 2Mbps internet dedicated bandwidth from Reliance and a good ergonomically finishing.



The University has centralized library facility as well as separate libraries for each Department. The libraries are having good stock of books and journals, a good number of volumes of internationally accepted books, magazines and journals. The University is on the process of making all its libraries e-libraries, i.e. online libraries. All the libraries have well maintained environment.

#### 4. STUDENT AND STAFF

The number of student at the University is expected to be over 5000 in the next five years, pursuing programmes in various disciplines. The admission in many subjects is highly competitive based on State level entrance test or qualifying marks. The admission system is transparent. Merit is the sole criteria for admission to various courses. The University authorities have submitted to the Committee that they would abide by the decision of the Government for reservation in various categories stipulated in the Government policy.

The present faculty strength is 70 with 1:15 teacher-student ratio. The faculty is expected to grow to about 350 in the next five years. The present faculty is a mix of experienced Professors and new talented bright young teachers. The University is envisaging incentive plan for promoting research. To upgrade the knowledge of the existing faculty, special training programmes are being conducted regularly.

#### 5. FEE STRUCTURE

The State Government of Punjab has prescribed the fee for all institutions <sup>in Punjab</sup> ~~in Punjab~~. The fee charged by Lovely Professional University for certain courses is lower than the prescribed fee structure of the State Government.

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6. Status of information in terms of UGC (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003

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| 1   | Name of the University :   | Lovely Professional University   |
| 2   | Date of Visit :  | 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2006   |
| 3   | Registered Office  | Jalandhar-Ludhiana G.T. Road, Near Chehru Railway Bridge, Phagwara, District Kapurthala (Punjab) – 144402.   |
| 4 a | Name & Headquarters of the Society/Promoting Agency  | Lovely International Trust<br>Lovely Mall, Dr.Ambedkar Chowk, Jalandhar City.  |
| 4 b | Whether the agency is involved in promotion/running any other University/Institution? If yes, details :                            | Yes, the Trust is already running various educational institutions offering degree and diploma courses at undergraduate & post graduate level duly recognized by the Regulatory Bodies of the Government of India.   |
| 5   | Claimed Territorial Jurisdiction   | State of Punjab.   |
| 6   | Programme permitted to be offered by Gazette Notification of Govt. of Punjab and its reference :                                   | Programmes in all disciplines of education including professional, medical, technical, higher and general education, permitted to offered by the Govt of Punjab through enactment of a separate State Act, The <b>Lovely Professional University Act, 2005 (Punjab Act No. 25 of 2005)</b> by the Legislature of the State of Punjab, vide Gazette Notification No 38-Leg /2005 dated The 26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2005. |
| 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) :  | N.A.   |
| 8   | Physical verification of Administrative infrastructure :   | Administrative infrastructure created in the University is excellent with spacious and air-conditioned administrative offices, academic block, libraries and laboratories etc.   |
| 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. All the functionaries were present during the inspection.   |

9 c List of authorised University Officers present during the UGC Committee Inspection

1. Mr. Ashok Mittal - Chancellor  
 2. Prof. D.S. Chauhan - Vice Chancellor  
 3. Dr. D.S. Bawa - Registrar  
 4. Dr. L.R. Gupta - Associate Dean

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

Adequate administrative area is available exceeding the respective norms, including separate offices for V.C, Registrar, Administrative Office, Faculty Rooms, Conference Room, Examination Section, Accounts Office, Secrecy Section etc

8 e Whether office equipments like Computer(s), Telephone/Fax, Xerox machines available.

Yes

9 Physical verification of Academic Infrastructure :

Exemplary academic infrastructure like spacious centrally air-conditioned class rooms, Library, Drawing Hall, Conference room and other amenities are made available at the University.

9 a Corpus of the society shown to the inspection team

(i) Land documents, if shown, extent of land registered in the name of the Society/University and its location in Punjab

Sufficient land measuring 112 acres of land located on NH1, Jalandhar-Ludhiana G.T Road, Near Chehru Railway Bridge, Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

(ii) Deposits made on the name of Society/University, separately or jointly with State authorities.

Adequate fixed and current deposits are made in the name of the Trust and the University apart from other resources, quite suffice for the operations of the University.

9 b Buildings shown to house the University & their plinth area details

(i) Permanent

Building on the permanent site on the land duly owned and possessed in the same location approved for the University and the academic, administrative, amenities and other area allocated for the various activities meets the requirements of the courses offered as well as the respective norms specified.

(ii) Temporary/Leased Property

N.A.

9 c Whether Library available? If available, details

Air-conditioned computerized library with sufficient seating capacity is available with collection of sufficient required books and journals, reference books, magazines, etc. for the respective courses and orders for additional books are also placed for the latest editions.



9. d Whether Classrooms & Laboratories  
Yes, sufficient class rooms and laboratories are well in place to meet the requirement of the students already admitted and for further admissions. Details enclosed
9. e Whether teaching Staff appointed?  
If yes, details to be enclosed  
Yes, the required teaching staff is already appointed with teacher-student ratio of 1:15 as per the norms prescribed for the appointment of staff. Details enclosed
9. f Whether technical & non-teaching appointed? If yes, details to be enclosed  
Yes, the staff is appointed as per the requirements of the concerned departments. Details are enclosed.
10. a Whether students already admitted?  
Yes, students of relatively good quality with higher eligibility conditions are admitted.
10. b If yes, breakup details of Courses as against the number of students admitted in each course.  
Details enclosed.
10. c Any Off-campus or Study Centre or admission Centre established outside Punjab State ?  
No

7. Overall Remarks and Observations :

- (i) Lovely Professional University is established through an enactment by the Legislature of State of Punjab as empowered under Entry 32 of List II and Entry 25 of List III and as per the definition of a University under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act.
- (ii) Renowned personalities of high credibility in the field of academia are appointed as the University Officers. The teaching staff and non-teaching staff is already appointed in accordance with related staff norms.
- (iii) The scheme & curriculum and pedagogy of the courses is quite impressive, designed to achieve high standards of education with the involvement of academicians and industry experts in accordance with the norms.
- (iv) The equipments, Library and laboratory facilities are adequate for the time being. In view of the expansion plan of the university, these need to be augmented for future as per the specific needs of the syllabi of the courses offered at the University.
- (v) Students of relatively good quality with higher eligibility conditions are admitted.





- 7) Ample financial resources in form of Fixed and current deposits apart from other resources are available for running the University.
- (vii) More than required land is available for the University, owned by the University/Trust itself.
- (viii) The healthy environment and infrastructure created in the sprawling campus of the University is quite impressive, provided with all the modern academic and facilities along with high tech amenities for the students and staff.
- (ix) The University has provided separate hygienic residential accommodation for the boys and girls in the campus of the University.
- (x) The University possesses necessary characteristics which holds a good promise for the future.
- (xi) Its parent Trust has the back-up plan for the University in building it as a world class quality institution.
- (xii) The University has future plans of starting new undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in new emerging areas and to strengthen its research base. They also to start socially relevant courses in Humanities and Social Sciences.
- (xiii) The University has developed at a rapid speed within a short span and almost functioning as full fledged developed university.
- (xv) The functioning of the university has been computerized and the library is being fully automatized.
- (xvi) The Management of the University has assured the Committee that the University will not compromise with the quality of education at any cost.

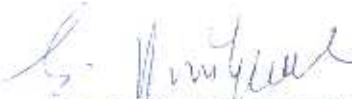


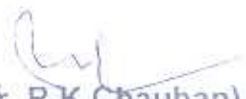


8. Overall Analysis, Concluding Remarks and Recommendations :

The Committee strongly feels that the University is located in the rural area in the heart of the State of Punjab and thus it is qualified for UGC recognition. This will promote quality education in the new frontier of knowledge in the State of Punjab.

The Committee has noted with satisfaction that the University has developed very well with a short span of time. The Management of the University consists of committed professionals with a vision for the growth of the University. The academic programmes initiated by the University are based on market demand and employability. The University authorities have assured full compliance of the UGC Regulations as well as the other norms relating to appointment of teachers, minimum workload, adoption of academic calendar etc. They also assured to start socially relevant professional courses in Humanities and Social Sciences.

In view of the above facts and a critical evaluation of the Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, District Kapurthala, Punjab, the Committee feels assured of its positive features in its growth and development. Hence, the Committee unanimously recommends that the Lovely Professional University, so created by the State Legislature of Punjab, be included in the list of universities under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

			
(Prof. G. Haragopal)	(Prof. D.R. Bhaskar)	(Prof. R.K. Kale)	(Dr. R.K. Chauhan)