

University Grants Commission  
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Report of the Inspection Committee on its visit to University of Petroleum and  
Energy Studies, Dehradun ( a private university) on May 21, 2004

I. INTRODUCTION

The University Grants Commission had constituted an Inspection Committee as per the following composition to visit the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun, (Uttanchal) for the purpose of ascertaining the availability of physical and academic infrastructure at the University (Ref. F.No. 1-1/2004(DS-Admn) of May 06, 2004):

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| (1) | Dr. B S Sonde<br>Former Vice-Chancellor,<br>Goa University<br>Goa   | ..... Convener         |
| (2) | Dr. J V Prabhakar Rao<br>Department of Management<br>Andhra University<br>Waltair, Vishakhapatnam –530 003        | ..... Member           |
| (3) | Dr. Kapil Kapoor,<br>Former Rector<br>Department of English<br>Jawaharlal Nehru University<br>New Delhi – 110 067 | ..... Member           |
| (4) | Dr. Dev Swarup,<br>Deputy Secretary<br>University Grants Commission<br>New Delhi                                  | ..... Member Secretary |

1. The Committee visited the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun on May 21, 2004, as scheduled by the UGC. All the members of the Committee were present during the day long visit. Prior to proceeding to the University campus, the Committee had a its internal meeting at the place of stay to discuss the procedure, identify the specific clarifications required and the steps necessary for validation of the filled-in-questionnaire submitted by the University.

2. The Committee reached the campus of the University and was formally received by Prof. S.J. Chopra, Chancellor, Prof. Parag Diwan, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. U K Dixit, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. B P Pandey, Dean (Engg.), Prof. Sanjay Kaul, President of the Society and Mr. Sandeep Mehta, Registrar and other functionaries of the University.
3. At first, the Convenor and the Member Secretary explained the purpose of the Committee visit and the procedure adopted.
4. The Vice-Chancellor then made an audio-visual presentation about the University, highlighting its objectives, programmes of study, its structure, its institutes, its modes of admission, its faculty position and its future projections.
5. In the discussion that followed, the Convenor and the members of the committee sought more information and clarifications from the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and the Directors, which were provided satisfactorily.
6. The Committee then went round the campus observing various facilities such as library, laboratories, class-rooms, offices etc. and also interacted with representative groups of faculty members and students on the campus.

## II. **University of Petroleum and Energy Studies Act and UGC Regulations : A Comparison**

1. The University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun Act 2003 (Uttaranchal Government Gazette Notification dated July 10, 2003) is the basis for the establishment of this non-affiliating, unitary university. This has many features similar to those of other well-established Universities and of the UGC Regulations, such as :

- ⇒ clearly laid down "Object";
- ⇒ well defined "powers and functions";
- ⇒ academic bodies, administrative authorities and officers;
- ⇒ formulation of statutes and regulations
- ⇒ the Governor of the State as the visitor of the University.

2. However, there are a few differences between the provisions of this Act and the UGC Regulations (2003) relating to private universities. They are :
- a) There is a requirement as per UGC Regulations (clause 3.4), that a private university shall fulfill the minimum criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial liability etc as laid down by UGC, AICTE and other Statutory Bodies. Similar provision is not there in the University Act.
  - b) The UGC Regulations (clause 3.6) require that the programmes of study offered by a private University shall conform to the relevant Regulations of UGC or the concerned Statutory Body. Similar provision is not there in the University Act.
  - c) The admission of students and fixation of fees, shall be as per the norms/guidelines prescribed by UGC and concerned Statutory Bodies (UGC regulation, clause 3.9). Similar provision is not there in the University Act.

The differences between the University Acts and UGC Act and Regulations is accounted for by the fact that the University Act was framed before the UGC Regulations had come into effect. The University however, now is seized of this and is working towards harmonizing the provisions of its Act with those of the UGC.

### III. INSPECTION REPORT

The following Report has been prepared after examining the filled-in-questionnaire submitted by the University and validating it through on-site visit and actual examination of various infrastructural facilities on the interim campus and discussions with a cross section of the stake holders of the University.



## INSPECTION REPORT

1	Name of the University	: University of Petroleum and Energy Studies
2	Date of Visit	: May 21, 2004
3	Registered Office	: Petroleum House, Building No. 7 Street No. 1, Vasant Vihar Enclave, Dehradun, - 248006 (Uttaranchal)
4a	Name & Headquarters of the Society/Promoting Agency	: Hydro Carbons Education and Research Society, C-2/2525, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi - 110 070.
4b	Whether the agency is involved in promoting/running any other University/Institution? If yes, details.	: No
5	Claimed Territorial Jurisdiction	: The question of territorial jurisdiction has been left open by the University.
6	Programmes permitted to be offered by gazetted notification of Govt. & its reference.	: B.Tech / MBA / M.Tech, with specialization in Petroleum and Energy Studies and related areas.
7a	Whether all documents requested by the inspection team provided.	: Yes
7b	If not, what are the deficit documents (list to be enclosed).	: Not applicable
8.	Physical verification of administrative infrastructure	: Satisfied as verified by the Committee the present interim campus (about 10000 sq. ft.) is very well organized and optimally utilized. The new campus is under construction and about 35000 sq. ft. will be completed by September and another 65000 sq. ft by December 2004. The Committee personally verified these facts.
8a	Physical administrative authorities like Governing Council, Academic Council & BOS formed & minutes of their meetings produced?	: Yes. All the bodies are functioning and hold regular meetings and the minutes of the meetings were also produced before the Committee.

8b	Whether VC, Registrar, FO & Administrative Officers appointed? If yes, whether they were physically present during inspection?	: Yes; VC, PVC, Registrar, Dy. Registrar, Deans, Head of Departments were present.
8c	List of authorized University Officers present during the UGC Committee inspection.	: Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, PVC, Registrar, Members of the Governing Boards and other functionaries of the University.
8d	Administrative Office details like approx. total plinth area, separate offices for VC, Registrar Administrative Office, Committee Room, Reception cum students waiting room etc.	: They have acquired 30.07 acres out of which 20 acres is in their possession and campus development and construction is going on. The details of lay out and plans and the campus alongwith the maps and drawings were also produced before the Committee and it was observed that all necessary components are given due place in the plan.
8e	Whether Office equipments like Computer(s) Telephone/Fax, Xerox machines available	: Yes, in adequate numbers.
9.	Physical verification of Academic Infrastructure	: The committee is satisfied with the adequacy, quality and standard of the infrastructure in the interim campus is also satisfied with the projection made about the proposed permanent campus.
9a	Corpus of the society shown to the inspection team  (i) Land documents, if shown, extent of land registered in the name of the University & its location  (ii) Deposits made in the name of Society / University, separately or jointly with State authorities.	: Yes.  Yes. 30.07 acres of land in Dehradun Distt. Have been acquired out of which 20 acres already registered in the name of the university. Requisite land documents were shown to the Committee.  Endowment fund of Rs.1.00 crores pledged with Government of Uttaranchal, vide FDR issued by Indian Overseas Bank, New Delhi
9b	Buildings shown to house the University & their plinth are details (i) Permanent	: All the proposed buildings for the main campus are permanent.



	(ii) Temporary/Leased Property	The leased buildings are also permanent.
9c	Whether Library available? If available, details.	Yes. Very well equipped and it is under further development.
9d	Whether Classrooms & Laboratories available? If available, details.	Yes. Very well equipped with modern teaching aids.
9e	Whether teaching staff appointed? If yes, details to be enclosed.	Yes. Adequate faculty is available and they are in the process recruiting faculty in various specialized areas as per their need.
9f	Whether technical & non-teaching staff appointed? If yes, details to be enclosed.	Yes, Adequate staff is in position.
10a	Whether students already admitted?	Yes
10b	If yes, breakup details of Courses as against the number of students admitted in each course.	In 3 programmes, viz. B-Tech, MBA, & M.Tech, first batch of students has been admitted with intake of 100 students in each course.
10c	Any Off-Campus or Study Centre or admission Centre established outside State?	No, not as such. However there is a temporary facilitation centre at New Delhi.
11	Overall remarks / observations	The University of Petroleum and Energy Studies is a University of specific nature aimed at imparting quality education in the field of Petroleum Engineering, Oil and Gas Management and Gas Engineering. The graduates of the university are much sought after and have ready employment possibilities in prestigious organizations like Indian Oil Corporation and Oil Boards etc. The University has made a very good beginning. The sponsoring Society has experience of education in this field and has sufficient experience.

#### IV. OVERALL ANALYSIS

The Inspection Committee has noted that the University has developed very well in a very short time. It is well managed and carefully organized making use of state of the art educational aids in students laboratories/class rooms and selecting their faculty very carefully. They have put considerable emphasis on industrial interaction, placement of students, etc. with highly satisfactory results. Moreover, a wide range of programme options are now available at the university. As a result, talented /merited students from all over are getting attracted to join the programmes at this university.

#### V. CONCLUDING REMARKS

It has been a great pleasure for the Inspection Committee members to visit this University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun. The way it has developed in a short time is very impressive. It holds great promises for the future of aspiring students of the State and elsewhere. Its physical infrastructure and academic facilities are of really high standards.

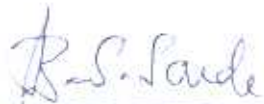
The management of the University consists of very committed scholars, academics and technocrats and the Committee noted that they are putting deep thinking into conceptualizing the academic content and methods.

The Committee also noted that the academic programmes of this University are in a threshold area of knowledge that enjoys much prestige and high employability.

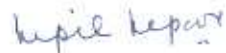
The Committee also noted that the authorities are very responsible and clear about complying with the UGC's Regulations.

**VI. Recommendations**

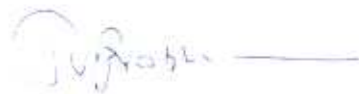
In view of the above facts and observations, the Committee is of the opinion that the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun is a fit case for recognition and inclusion under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and strongly recommends the same.




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