

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

**MINUTES OF THE 533RD MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS
COMMISSION HELD ON 9TH JULY, 2018.**

The 533rd Meeting of the Commission (Emergent) was held on 9th July, 2018 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh | Chairman |
| 2. Shri R. Subrahmanyam | Member |
| 3. Shri Pramod Kumar Das | Member |
| 4. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy | Member |
| 5. Dr. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav | Member |
| 6. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari | Member |

Prof. R. C. Kuhad, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar and Dr. Uma Chandrashekhhar Vaidya could not attend the meeting.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary (In-charge)

Shri P. K. Thakur

The Chairman, UGC welcomed the members of the Commission including Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari as the new member. Then the item-wise agenda was taken up for discussions.

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SECTION-1

- 1.02 (a)** To ratify the action taken on certain matter
- (i) To ratify the decisions of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (AC)]

SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To delegate the power and authorize the Chairman to send advice of the Commission to the Ministry of HRD in respect of the off-campus proposals of the Institutions Deemed to be Universities–Reference–Ministry of HRD letter No.F. 15-1/2018-U3(A) dated 05.06.2018.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (CPP-I/DU)]

- 2.02** To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by UGC to assess the proposal for manpower requirement in newly established Centenary Super Speciality Complex, Sir Sunderlal Hospital, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

Considered and approved with a suggestion that positions be filled up in a phased manner, keeping in view the readiness of the logistics and infrastructure so that positions filled up are optimally utilized.

[Action: JS (CU)]

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2.03 To consider draft UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2018.

Considered and approved. It was also resolved that the draft Regulations be put up on the UGC website for the comments of the stakeholders giving them 15 days' time and UGC Chairman was authorized to incorporate the important suggestions received from the stakeholders in the Regulations and thereafter send it to MHRD for concurrence.

[Action: JS (CPP-I/DU)]

2.04 To consider the recommendation of the Standing Committee on the legal opinion regarding the grant of Fresh Autonomous Status to Tagore Shiksha Mahavidyalaya, Indore.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (AC)]

2.05 To consider the report and recommendations of the Empowered Expert Committee appointed for the purpose of identifying Institutions of Eminence.

The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) for grant of status of Institutions of Eminence (IoE) for three Private Institutions and recommended the same to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) for its approval. The recommended Institutions are as follows:

- 1. Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (Brown Field Institution)**

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- 2. Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Brown Field Institution)**
- 3. Jio Institute (Reliance foundation Institution of Education and Research) (Green Field Institution)**

Further, keeping in view the principle of equal weightage for both Private and Public Institutions, out of the Eight Public Institutions recommended by the EEC, the Commission recommended following three institutions with highest rank in the QS World University Rankings (2018) for grant of IoE status:

- 1. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (QS Ranking 172)**
- 2. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (QS Ranking 179)**
- 3. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (QS Ranking 190)**

However, the Commission reiterated that the remaining five Public Institutions recommended by the EEC for granting IoE status shall be considered by the Commission at a later stage.

The Commission noted the observations of EEC about eight sectoral institutions which hold greater potential to reach national and international prominence in their respective fields and the recommendation that the Government may initiate a separate programme to invest in them. The Commission resolved that MHRD may consider having specific strategy for these sectoral institutions.

The Commission appreciated the invaluable suggestions given by the EEC for empowering Higher Educational Institutions in the country and resolved that MHRD may take in to account these suggestions and may spell out appropriate strategies for the same.

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The Commission placed on record its deep appreciation for the EEC for undertaking the task of evaluating the proposals of Institutions of Eminence and submitting its report and recommendations.

The Commission resolved further that the EEC may be requested to continue its process of identification of suitable institutions for declaration as IoEs, till all the 20 institutions are identified.

[Action: JS (IoE)]

**(P.K. Thakur)
Secretary In-charge**

**(Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh)
Chairman**