

CONFIDENTIAL

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

**MINUTES OF THE 529TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2018.**

The 529th Meeting of the Commission was held on 8th February, 2018 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Kewal Kumar Sharma | Member |
| 3. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chander Kuhad | Member |
| 4. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy | Member |
| 5. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar | Member |
| 6. Dr. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav | Member |

Mr. Pramod Kumar Das could not attend the Meeting due to his pre-occupation and was granted leave of absence.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Mr. P.K. Thakur (officiating)

At the outset, the Chairman, Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh welcomed the Members of the Commission. The Commission also placed on record a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the contributions made by Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy as Member of the Commission.

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SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 528th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 9th January, 2018.

The Minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

1.01(b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 528th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 9th January, 2018.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

1.02 (a) To ratify the action taken on certain matter

(i) To report the action taken regarding the modifications made in the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018.

The modifications made in the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018 ratified.

[Action: JS(AC)]

(ii) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission in its 497th meeting held on 10.01.2014 with regard to approval of institutions under sections 2(f), 12 (B) and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Noted.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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

1.03 To receive the position of funds of UGC and related issues. **(No item)**

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SECTION-2 (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), University Campus, Nithyananda Nagar, Deralakatte, Mangalore-575018 (Karnataka) during 08-10th December, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.02 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) (Deemed to be University), Vellore, Tamil Nadu during 07-09th December, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.03 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Tonakela Camp Road, Avadi, Chennai-600054 (Tamil Nadu) during 17-19th December, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

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Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.04

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R&D Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), Avadi, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) during 18-19th December, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.05

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Christ (Deemed to be University), Hosur Road, Dharmamaram College Post, Bengaluru - 560029 during 14-16th December, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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- 2.06** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pillaiyarkuppam, Puducherry during 14-16th December, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.07** To consider the recommendations of the Committee constituted to consider the suggestions given by the UGC Secretariat in respect of the proposals received for Deemed to be University status.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.08** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal for Deemed to University status under de-novo category to Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), 2A & 2B, Raja Subodh Chandra Mullick Road, Jadavpur, Kolkata-700032, West Bengal under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. **(It was placed as item No.2.12 in 528th meeting held on 9th January, 2018 and the Commission decided to revisit this in the next meeting).**

Considered and approved under De novo category. However, it was resolved that the Institute should not keep confined only to these 5 new emerging areas. It should make endeavour to expand in another areas in accordance with the UGC Regulations/Guidelines on the subject.

Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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- 2.09** To consider and approve the UGC Regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of standards in Higher Education) 2018.

The draft UGC Regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of standards in Higher Education) 2018 were deliberated at length and it was resolved to place the same on the UGC website for feedback/suggestions/comments from the stakeholders by 28th of February, 2018. It was also decided that the feedback/suggestions/comments received from the stakeholders will be considered by the same Committee, which has formulated the draft UGC Regulations and give their recommendations thereon and then the Regulations be placed before the Commission.

[Action: JS (PRC)]

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 consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by UGC to finalise the guidelines for implementation of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) and Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) in University Grants Commission. **(Deferred item no. 4.06 of 526th meeting of the Commission dated 29.09.2017).**

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(SCT)]

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4.02 To consider on the issue of “Establishment of National Level Council of National Security Research & Studies”.

Considered and the Commission noted that that there is a genuine and urgent need to take up the issue of “Establishment of National Level Council of National Security Research & Studies” in the national interest. To consider the various issues like whether the proposed Council be within the set-up of UGC or outside it, etc. it was resolved that a Committee consisting of following should consider the various aspects involved and suggest the way forward :

- (i) UGC Member**
- (ii) Representative from MHRD**
- (iii) Representative from Ministry of Defence**

The Committee may also interact with the members of the then Jasjit Singh Committee.

[Action: AS-I]

SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

(There is no item in this section)

SECTION-6

(MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01 To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separately

Any other items:

- (i) **With reference to the Commission's decision in respect to Item No. 2.18 of 527th Meeting of the Commission held on 22.12.2017 pertaining to HRDCs it was resolved to reconsider the decision by UGC and place it before the Commission.**

[Action: JS(HRDC)]

- (ii) **It was informed to the Commission that UGC proposes to invite designs for Convocation attire depicting Indian culture and tradition from the students and professionals. The same will be considered by an Expert Committee and few selected designs will be made available to be suitably adopted by the Higher Educational Institutions.**

[Action: JS (CPP-II)]

**(P.K. THAKUR)
SECRETARY**

**(PROF. DHIRENDRA PAL SINGH)
CHAIRMAN**