



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI - 110002**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

(Vishwakarma University, Pune)

Part - I - Preliminary

(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee

S.No	Name and Address of the expert	Designation
1	Dr. Dinesh Kumar Vice Chancellor J.C. Bose University of Science & Technology, YMCA Faridabad-121006	Chairman
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7	Dr. Jitendra K. Tripathi Joint Secretary University Grants Commission New Delhi-110002	Coordinating Officer

(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	1 st & 2 nd March 2019
(iii)	Any other (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report	Nil

Part -II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University	Vishwakarma University S. No. 2,3, 4, Laxminagar Kondhwa Budruk, Pune, Maharashtra, India 411048
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University	5 th May 2017
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	Vishwakarma University Act 2017 (Mah. Act No. XXXVIII of 2017) Maharashtra Gazette Notification No. SFU-2015/(152/15)/UNI-4 sub section (2) of section 1 of the Vishwakarma University Act, 2017 (Mah. XXXVIII of 2017) dated 17/06/2017, the Government of Maharashtra. University has following faculties:- Faculty of Art and Design Faculty of Commerce and Management Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Faculty of Journalism, Media & Communication Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies Faculty of Science and Technology Faculty of Law
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Bansilal Ramnath Agarwal Charitable Trust established in 1975 with a objective to start educational institutions and University for undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Part - III - Summary Report

A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?	The University is established as per the UGC regulations. Vishwakarma University Act 2017 (Mah. Act No. XXXVIII of 2017)
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		Maharashtra Gazette Notification No. SFU-2015/(152/15)/UNI-4 sub section (2) of section 1 of the Vishwakarma University Act, 2017 (Mah. XXXVIII of 2017), the Government of Maharashtra
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	The trust is involved in promoting the University with a focus on educational activities as per the need of industry, society as well as nation.

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centers Yes / No / Not Applicable	Not Applicable
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulation on off-Shore campus centers Yes / No / Not applicable	Not Applicable
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes / No / Not applicable	Not Applicable

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Adequately focused and diverse.
(ii)	Are the lists of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	The University has sanctioned intake as per the norms/intake sanctioned by concerned Statutory Councils.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Yes
(v)	Are the adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged	Yes

	students?	
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?	Yes
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly?	Yes, however needs to be further strengthened.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	Boards of Studies and Academic Council are in place to formulate and revise the curricula.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?	The examination system is combination of formative (Continuous Internal Examination) and summative (End Semester Examination) assessment. It is fair and transparent.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Yes. However, the University needs to have a documented admission policy and guidelines.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	The reservation norms for admissions laid down by Govt. of Maharashtra are adopted while admitting students in the University

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	The students are informed regarding fee structure during counselling and the same is displayed on the University website. Students are informed that there are no other charges payable to the University, apart from tuition fees and examination fees. Fee structure is provided to students for obtaining education loan from bank(s).
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	Yes, the University follows its own declared policy in collecting fee. There are no over and above charges.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Yes, there are no complaints received during interaction with the students.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes, fees charged appear to be reasonable.

(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fee is fixed by the Committee constituted by the University for the purpose.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primary for commercial gains?	No such indication.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	University is paying to its faculty members as per VI th Pay Commission Pay Scales except the faculty who are recruited on contract basis.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	The recruited faculty is adequately qualified and trained for teaching the assigned courses.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty / guest faculty / Part-time faculty?	The University has appointed adequate number of full time faculty.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodations including hostels	The infrastructure facilities such as land, buildings, classrooms, laboratories, equipment, library, sports facilities are adequate for the current strength of the students. Boys' hostel having a capacity of 150 students is available in the University campus.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes. As the University is in the initial stage of development, the funding support is provided by the promoting Trust to meet the shortfall.
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I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	The Statutory Bodies are in place and meeting regularly.
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J. Research Profile

(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of research orientation, environment facilities, and output? (please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">University has taken good initiatives to build research environment with the help of various industries both nationally and internationally.University is utilising the services of senior retired academicians for furtherance of the research activities.
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Yes
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Not Applicable, since the first batch is yet to graduate from the University.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Not Applicable being a newly established University.

L. Strength and Weakness of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Well established legacy of Vishwakarma Institutes of more than 3 decadesInculcating research culture with the help of senior faculty.Industry Oriented CurriculumClassroom projects and assignments are
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		being coordinated with industry. • Industry participation in curriculum development and delivery of courses.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	• Faculty participation/training in refresher and orientation courses is needed. • Some of the buildings are not differently abled friendly. • Inadequate senior level faculty. • Student admissions are below the sanctioned strength. • Insufficient laboratory infrastructure and equipment. • Maintenance of classrooms, laboratories and general infrastructure need improvement.

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

- The curricula designed with inputs from industry professional.
- Good blend of academics and industry professionals in the faculty.
- Bio-metric attendance system for students, faculty and non-teaching staff is in place.
- University has adopted 5 villages in the nearby area.
- There is a healthy gender mix among the students.
- Girls' hostel needs to be constructed on priority in campus.

B. Suggestion of the Committee which require satisfactory compliance by the University

- Provision of ramps/elevators to be made for differently abled persons in few buildings.
- Senior Faculty at Associate Professor/Professor Levels should be recruited on priority basis in departments where none exist.
- Common rooms to be established for girls students.
- Sports facilities need to be upgraded in the campus.
- Students' psychological counsellor to be appointed for student support.
- Central facilities such as central library, computer centre, canteens and smart class rooms needs to be augmented.

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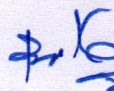
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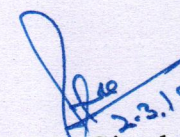
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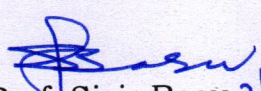
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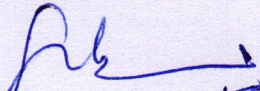
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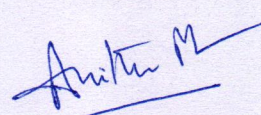
The Committee, after visiting various physical infrastructure, central facilities and the academic and administrative units, verification of relevant documents pertaining to academic programs, and taking into account the inputs received during interaction meetings with Faculty, Students and Non-teaching staff, unanimously recommends granting approval to the Vishwakarma University, Pune subject to compliance of the suggestions as in Part- IV (B) above.

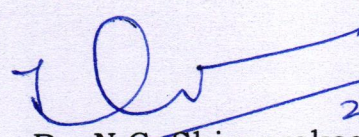

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Dr. N.C. Shivaprakash
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Place: Pune
Dated: 2nd March, 2019