

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

**MINUTES OF THE 542<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2019.**

The 542<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh	Chairman
2. Dr. Bhushan Keshav Patwardhan	Vice Chairman
3. Shri R. Subrahmanyam	Member
4. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy	Member
5. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav	Member
6. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari	Member
7. Dr. Uma Chandrashekhar Vaidya,	Member
8. Dr. Kiran Hazarika	Member
9. Prof. (Dr.) Nagesh Thakur	Member

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

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Prof. Rajnish Jain

At the outset, the Commission placed on record a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the contributions made by Prof. R.C. Kuhad and Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar as Members of the Commission.

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### SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 541<sup>st</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

**The Minutes were confirmed.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 541<sup>st</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

**Noted.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

### **SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)**

- 6.01** To consider certain establishment matters of UGC

**Recorded Separately**

#### **Any other Item:**

To discuss 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> report and recommendations of the Empowered Experts Committee constituted for the purpose of identifying Institutions of Eminence.

**The Commission considered and discussed the reports of the Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) appointed by Government under the Chairmanship of Shri N Gopalaswami recommending (15) Public institutions and (15) Private institutions for consideration to give the status of Institutions of Eminence.**

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Since the scheme has only provided for (10) Public and (10) Private Institutions, the Commission examined the list of (15) Public and (15) Private Institutions using transparent and verifiable criteria.

It was resolved to use the following principles for identifying the (10) Public and (10) Private Institutions, from the list of (15) Public and (15) Private Institutions recommended by the EEC:

- a) Since the thrust of the scheme is to prepare institutions for the global rankings, no existing institution which has NOT figured in latest QS Rankings/ latest NIRF Rankings shall be recommended for the IoE status.
- b) Only after exhausting the above criterion, if any slot remains vacant, consideration shall be given to 'yet to be established (Greenfield)' proposals.

#### **Public Institutions:**

Following institutions had already been declared as Institutions of Eminence by the Government.

1. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
2. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
3. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

In accordance with the above principles, the Commission examined the institutions and ranked the list of remaining recommended institutions as per the QS 2020 World Rankings. Wherever there is a tie, used the QS 2019 India Rankings as a tie-breaker.

Accordingly, it was resolved to recommend the following for grant of Institutions of Eminence (IoE) status:

<b>S No</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>World Rankings (QS 2020)</b>	<b>India Rankings (QS 2019)</b>	<b>Recommendation of UGC</b>
4	IIT Madras (INI)	271	3	<b>Recommended for declaring as IoE</b>
5	IIT Kharagpur (INI)	281	5	
6	Delhi University (Central Univ)	474	8	
7	University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (Central Univ)	601-650	7	
8	Jadavpur University, Kolkata (State Univ)	651-700	12	<b>Needs consultation with State Govt. prior to consideration</b>
9	Anna University, Chennai (State Univ)	751-800	13	
10	BHU, Varanasi (Central Univ)	801-1000	15	<b>Recommended for declaring as IoE</b>
11	Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune (State Univ)	801-1000	19	<b>Not Considered as only 10 Institutions were to be recommended</b>
12	AMU, Aligarh (Central Univ)	801-1000	33	
13	Tezpur University (Central Univ)	Not ranked	36	
14	Panjab University, Chandigarh (State/Central Univ)	Not ranked	49	
15	Andhra University, Visakhapatnam (State Univ)	Not ranked	46	

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**It was further resolved that the State Universities: Jadavpur University and Anna University, can be considered for issue of the IoE status only after the respective State Governments have issued an official communication allocating their share of the funds (up to 50%).**

## **Private Institutions:**

**Following institutions had already been recommended and given the Letter of Intent:**

- 1. Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (Brown Field Institution)**
- 2. Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Brown Field Institution)**
- 3. Jio Institute (Reliance Foundation) (Green Field – yet to be established)**

**It was further resolved that the remaining recommended institutions be examined and ranked considering their ranking in the latest QS India or NIRF rankings. In case there is any vacant slot after considering all the ranked institutions, the same be used for 'yet to be established (greenfield) institution.**

**Accordingly, it was resolved to recommend the following institutions for issue of Letter of Intent(IoE):**

S No	Institute	India Rankings (QS 2019)	India Ranking NIRF		UGC recommendation
			2019	2018	
4	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	40	8	8	Recommended for issue of Letter of Intent (LoI)
5	Vellore Instt. of Technology, Vellore, Tami Nadu	44	19	16	
6	Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi	51-55	18	23	
7	Kalinga Instt. of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar	61-65	31	42	
8	O.P Jindal University, Haryana	66-70	-	-	
9	Shiv Nadar University, Uttar Pradesh	-	52	48	
10	Bharti Institute, Haryana (Satya Bharti Foundation)	Greenfield (yet to be established)			Recommended for issue of Letter of Intent (LoI) in the vacant slot
11	Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, Karnataka	Not ranked, not considered			
12	Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana				
13	KREA University (IFMR), Sri City, Andhra Pradesh				
14	IIHS (Indian Institute for Human Settlements), Bengaluru, Karnataka				
15	Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar, Gujarat				

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It was further resolved that in the case of private institutions proposed as Institutions of Eminence, as per regulations, there will be no financial support, but they will be entitled for more autonomy as a special category Deemed to be University. Further, the greenfield institution has been recommended to attract liberal funding from the private sector and has an added advantage of imbibing new/emerging trends in higher education even to begin with. The Greenfield Institutions would get 3 years' period to establish and operationalize the institution, and thereafter, EEC will consider giving IoE status to such institutions.

[Action: JS(IoE)]

All the other Agenda Items were deferred and will be placed in the next Meeting of the Commission.

(Prof. Rajnish Jain)  
Secretary

(Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh)  
Chairman