

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

**MINUTES OF THE 528TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 9TH JANUARY, 2018.**

The 528th Meeting of the Commission was held on 9th January, 2018 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh | Chairman |
| 2. Shri Pramod Kumar Das | Member |
| 3. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy | Member |
| 4. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chander Kuhad | Member |
| 5. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy | Member |
| 6. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar | Member |
| 7. Dr. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav | Member |

Shri Kewal Kumar Sharma 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

Shri P.K. Thakur (officiating)

At the outset, the new Chairman, Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh was welcomed by the Secretary and the Members of the Commission. The Commission also placed on record a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the contributions made by Prof. V.S. Chauhan as Member of the Commission for two consecutive terms and as Chairman for 9 months.

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AGENDA

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 527th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 22nd December, 2017.

The Minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 527th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 22nd December, 2017.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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

- (i) To report the inclusion of 187 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.09.2017 to 31.12.2017 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Noted.

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

**SECTION-2
(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

- 2.01** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Maduravoyal, Chennai, Tamil Nadu during 02-04th November, 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 Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed to be University), Karad, Dt. Satara (Maharashtra) 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)]

- 2.03** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited D.Y. Patil Education Society (Deemed to be University), Kasaba Bawada, Kolhapur (Maharashtra) during 16-18th November, 2017 to review its functioning as

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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)]

2.04

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Institute of Homi Bhabha National Institute (Deemed to be University), Anushaktinagar, Mumbai 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 Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Kumaracoil, Thuckalay, Kanyakumari Dt., Tamil Nadu during 24-26th November, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

In view of the suggestions of the UGC Expert Committee, the Commission decided to give them time of 6 months for compliance and then the proposal will be reconsidered.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.06

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Karunya Institute of Technology and Science (Deemed to be University), Karunya Nagar, Coimbatore-641114, Tamil Nadu during 09-11th November, 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 report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited National Brain Research Centre (Deemed to be University), Manesar, Haryana during 27-28th November, 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)]

2.08

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (Deemed to be University), B-21, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi during 15-17th November, 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

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months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.09

To consider and approve UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations.

The Commission considered and approved the draft UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018 with the following modifications:

Clause 3.1 & 3.2: The word “courses” is replaced by “courses/programmes”.

Clause 6: Wherever NAAC/NBA score is mentioned, the following terms should also be added:

“or a corresponding accreditation Grade/score from a UGC empanelled accreditation agency”.

Clause 6.3: The following should be added:

“Accreditation status must be valid at the time of application”.

Clause 6.4: The clause is revised as follows:

“Colleges accredited with (i) 3.51 and above in a 4 point scale of NAAC at the time of application, and (ii) colleges which have a NAAC score of 3.26 and above in two consecutive cycles and also get a similar grade in the third cycle, shall be conferred with the autonomous status without onsite visit by the UGC Expert Committee provided it also adheres to University Grants Commission’s Regulations like (a) curbing the menace of ragging in Higher Education Institutions Regulations 2012; (b) UGC (Promotion of Equity in

Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations 2012; (c) UGC (Grievance Redressal) Regulations 2012, etc. in letter and spirit. The application of such colleges shall be considered as report of the Expert Committee to be presented before the Commission for consideration”.

Clause 7.10: The clause is revised as “Till the extension of autonomous status is awarded by the UGC, the College shall continue to avail the autonomous status. The UGC shall also consider the interim period while granting extension of autonomous status to the College”.

Clause 13.2: “Grievance Appeal Committee” may be read as “Grievance Redressal Committee”.

The Commission also approved that the scheme Guidelines may be modified in conformity with the provisions of the draft Regulations. The scheme on Autonomous Colleges shall continue to be governed by the Guidelines till the Regulations are notified.

[Action: JS(AC)]

2.10

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), No. 12, Vembuliamman Koil Street, West K.K. Nagar, Chennai-600078 (Tamil Nadu) during 20-22nd November, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

The Commission considered the recommendations/suggestions of the UGC Expert Committee and decided to forward these recommendations/suggestions to the Deemed to be University for comments within 15 days. Based on the comments from the Institution, the Commission will reconsider the same.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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- 2.11 To consider the request received from Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu to extend the Deemed to be University status given in the Ministry of HRD Notification – Letter forwarded by the Ministry of HRD vide No. F. 9-25/2000-U3(A)Pt.III dated 13.12.2017.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.12 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.

The Commission decided to revisit this in the next meeting.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.13 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Shri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (Deemed to be University), Prasanthi Nilayam Dt. Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) during 15-17th 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)]

- 2.14** To consider the approval of courses and manpower for establishment/strengthening of School of Education/Faculty of Education in Central Universities/Deemed to be Universities. (**Deferred item no. 2.20 of 527th Meeting of the Commission dated 22.12.2017**).

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CU)]

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by UGC to finalise the following guidelines

(i) COACHING SCHEMES FOR SC/ST/OBC (NON-CREAMY LAYER) & MINORITY COMMUNITY STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

- a) Remedial Coaching for SC, ST, OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) & Minority Community Students.
- b) Coaching Classes for Entry into Services for SC,ST,OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) & Minority Community Students.
- c) Coaching for NET/SET for SC, ST, OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) & Minority Community Students.

(ii) SCHEME OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CENTRE FOR UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

(iii) PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SCHEME IN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

- a). Higher Education for Persons with Special Needs (HEPSN)
- b). Visually- Challenged Teachers
- c). Teacher Preparation in Special Education Scheme (TEPSE)

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- (iv) **ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRES IN UNIVERSITIES FOR STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSIONS AND INCLUSIVE POLICY.** (Deferred item no. 4.06 of 527th Meetings of the Commission dated 22.12.2017).

The Commission considered and approved with the suggestion that the financial assistance need to be increased.

[Action: JS(SCT)]

- 4.02** To consider University Grants Commission (Recognition and Monitoring of Assessment and Accreditation Agencies) Regulations, 2017. (Deferred item nos. 4.04, 4.07, 4.03 & 4.02 of 524th, 525th, 526th & 527th Meetings of the Commission dated 24.08.2017, 04.09.2017, 29.09.2017 & 22.12.2017 respectively).

The Commission considered and approved the University Grants Commission (Recognition and Monitoring of Assessment and Accreditation Agencies) Regulations, 2017 with the following modifications :

- (i) **The Regulations shall be titled as University Grants Commission (Recognition and Monitoring of Assessment and Accreditation Agencies) Regulations, 2018.**
- (ii) **Clause 5.2 (1) Every application for registration as an AAA ---- through a public notification.**

Provided further, that agencies set up by or under any law for the time being in force such as NAAC, NBA are outside the ambit of these Regulations.

Shall be modified as :

Clause 5.2 (1) Every application for registration as an AAA ---- through a public notification.

Provided further, that agencies set up by or under any law for the time being in force such as NAAC, NBA stand recognized for the purposes of these Regulations.

(iii) **Clause 9 Allocation of an accrediting agency for accreditation.**

It will be the prerogative of the HEI to opt for AAA empanelled by the UGC for assessment and accreditation.

Shall be modified as :

Clause 9 Allocation of an accrediting agency for accreditation.

HEI will give options in respect of AAA at the time of submission of application. However, AAC shall decide any AAA for a HEI considering all the relevant factors and the decision of AAC will be binding on the HEI.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)

4.03

To consider and approve the modified University Grants Commission (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations.2018.

The Commission considered and approved modified University Grants Commission (Categorisation of Universities (Only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 with the following modifications:

(i) **Clause 3 (ii) (a) It has been accredited by NAAC with a score of 3.26 and above upto 3.5 ; or**

Shall be modified as :

Clause 3 (ii) (a) It has been accredited by NAAC with a score of 3.26 and above upto 3.50 ; or

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- (ii) The following clause shall be added at Regulation 8 with the title 'Graded Autonomy Regulations vis-à-vis other Regulations'

The provisions mentioned in the clause 4 and 5 of the Regulations i.e. dimensions of autonomy for Category-I Universities and Category-II Universities respectively, shall prevail in case of any inconsistent/conflicting provisions in the other UGC Regulations.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01 To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separtely.

Any other items:

- (i) In respect of visit of Deemed to be Universities by Expert Committee of UGC, it was decided to constitute a small committee to look into the various issues and suggest a revised format/ template to capture relevant information in a more scientific/objective manner.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- (ii) One of the members suggested to expedite the cases of anomalies arising out of CAS promotion.

[Action: AS-I]

(P.K. THAKUR)
SECRETARY

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CHAIRMAN