

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

**MINUTES OF THE 532ND MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 24TH MAY, 2018.**

The 532nd Meeting of the Commission was held on 24th May, 2018 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. R. Subrahmanyam | 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

Prof. Rajnish Jain

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SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** (i) To confirm the minutes of the 530th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 20th March, 2018.

The Minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- (ii) To confirm the minutes of the 531st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 11th May, 2018.

The Minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)** (i) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 530th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 20th March, 2018.

Ratified.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- (ii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 531st meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 11th May, 2018.

Ratified.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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

- (i) To ratify the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC for establishment of the Department of National Security Studies and up-gradation of existing Department of Defence Studies to the Department of National Security Studies in four Central Universities i.e. University of Allahabad, Central

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University of Gujarat, Manipur University and Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh and creation of teaching positions under Department of National Security Studies.

Ratified.

Proposal of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi may also be considered along with existing cases.

[Action: JS(CU)]

- (ii) To report the inclusion of 159 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.03.2018 to 30.04.2018 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

The Commission suggested that:

- (i) **A column on total number of Colleges in each State to be added.**
- (ii) **Online submission and processing of cases for 2(f) and 12(B) may be initiated.**
- (iii) **Simplification of the process without dilution of the standard norms, be done.**

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

- (iii) 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.

Ratified.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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- (iv) To consider and ratify the decisions of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

The Commission considered and resolved as under:

- (i) **The case of St. Stephen's College, New Delhi was considered and it was decided that legal opinion on this issue be obtained to examine to resolve the conflict between the UGC Act, University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018 and the Section 9A of the Delhi University Act. Further action may be taken after receipt of legal opinion.**
- (ii) **Colleges be asked to submit compliance on the discrepancies pointed out by the UGC Expert Committee.**
- (iii) **Rest of the fresh cases (06) approved.**
- (iv) **All the extension cases (18), except Dr. SNS Rajalakshmi College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, approved.**

[Action: JS(AC)]

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 Fact Finding Committee constituted to look into the issues raised in the sting operation by News 24 Channel against Sunrise University (Private University), Alwar, Rajasthan as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the UGC Fact Finding Committee and resolved as under:

- **Show Cause Notice be issued to Sunrise University (Private University), Alwar, Rajasthan.**
- **State Government of Rajasthan be requested for immediate action including criminal measures/proceedings for having acted in a fraudulent manner and giving of fake degrees.**
- **Advice from legal expert be obtained on further course of action.**

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.02 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Gultekadi, Pune-411037 (Maharashtra) during 29-30th March, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

The Commission considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and resolved NOT to recommend to MHRD. Further, a Show Cause Notice be served to the Institution regarding withdrawal of the Deemed to be University status and seek reply within one month. Additionally, the Deemed to be University also be asked to submit point-wise reply in respect of the observations of the UGC Expert Committee alongwith the reply to the Show Cause Notice.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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2.03 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Sector 12, Chandigarh – 160012 during 20-22nd March, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

The Commission considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and resolved NOT to recommend to MHRD. The Commission decided to advise the Institution to immediately apply for NBA accreditation. It was further observed that the Institution must have NBA accreditation for its half of the courses. On submission of the compliance of the NBA accreditation, the matter may be placed before the Commission.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.04 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Karpagam Academy of Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Pollachi Main Road, Eachanari Post, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) during 24-25th March, 2018 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 of 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 recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Commission to look into all aspects of the off-campus of the Institutions Deemed to be Universities – Recommendations about the off-campus of Birla Institute of Technology (Deemed to be University), Mesra, Ranchi (Jharkhand).

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Considered and resolved that Inspection of all Campuses be done by Expert Committee at the earliest. Further, Institution be advised to get approval for its (Patna and Deoghar) off-campus and also obtain NAAC accreditation before accepting admissions.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.06

To consider the recommendations of the UGC Committee constituted by the Commission to look into the issues related to creation of a Separate Society and transfer of assets by Institutions Deemed to be Universities.

The Commission considered and accepted the report of the Committee and resolved that as these Institutions Deemed to be Universities were created prior to UGC Regulations 2010 they do not come under the purview of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016. Therefore, all such cases which were declared Deemed to be Universities before UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2010, may be granted exemption from the provision of creation of separate society/trust.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.07

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Kalasalingam Academy of Research and Education (Deemed to be University), Anand nagar, Krishnankoil – 626126, Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu during 28-29th April, 2018 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 of 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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2.08 To consider the Categorization of Institutions Deemed to be Universities under University Grants Commission [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

The Commission considered and approved grant of Graded Autonomy to (09) Institutions Deemed to be Universities. Further, it was decided that letter of Graded Autonomy to IARI, New Delhi be issued after the issue of separate society is resolved and in case of BITS, Pilani letter be issued after the matter relating to off-campus is resolved.

The Commission further considered the reply submitted by the Sumandeep Vidyapeeth and decided to approve the same for Graded Autonomy.

The Commission also suggested to invite all the Universities, which have been awarded autonomy under Category I and II so far, to make a presentation about how they would propose to use the autonomy and their action plan for the next five years.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.09 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.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CU)]

2.10 To consider creation of teaching positions in central/deemed to be universities.

Considered and approved.

Further, it was suggested that the process of rationalization for creation of new positions and starting of the new courses should be done by inviting proposals well in advance.

[Action: JS(CU)]

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- 2.11 To consider the UGC Notification on Refund of Fees and Non-Retention of Original Certificates.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

- 2.12 To decide a panel of experts to review the functioning of Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (Deemed to be University), Choglamsar, Leh (Ladakh), Jammu & Kashmir.

The Commission considered and resolved to authorize the Chairman, UGC to form a panel of Experts in the present case and also for all such cases in future.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.13 To consider the Report of the UGC Committee on rationalization of cadre structure and designations, pay & allowances and rationalization of pay scales of non-teaching employees of Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar on conversion into a Central University.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CU)]

- 2.14 To consider the proposal of JNU for “Establishment of Pashto Chair”.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CU)]

- 2.15 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Sri Devaraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University),

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Tamaka, Kolar, Karnataka during 16-18th April, 2018 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 of 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)]

2.16 To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee to finalise the guidelines of the “Malviya Commonwealth Chair for Cross Border Teacher Education” at BHU.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CU)]

2.17 To consider amendment in the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2016.

The Commission considered and decided to partially amend these Regulations while incorporating the following provisions to the clause 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2016 for the purpose of admission into M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme:

- **A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 50% to 45% be allowed in the entrance examination only for the candidates belonging to SC/ST category. (5.4.1)**
- **These shall be a weightage of 70% to the written test, and 30% to the performance in the interview/viva-voce. (5.4.2)**
- **These provisions will be applicable prospectively from the date of notification in the official Gazette.**

[Action: JS(AS-I)]

2.18 To consider and approve draft UGC (Online Courses) Regulations, 2018.

Considered and approved with some modifications.

[Action: JS(DEB)]

2.19 To consider the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Commission to look into all aspects of the off-campus of the Institutions Deemed to be Universities – Recommendations about the off-campus/courses started by Institutions Deemed to be Universities.

The Commission considered and decided that off-campus which are not visited by Expert Committees must be visited at the earliest by the Expert Committees constituted by the Chairman, UGC.

The reports of the Expert Committees be considered by the Commission and forwarded to MHRD for approval.

The Commission also resolved that Institutions running approved course by respective statutory bodies should be allowed to continue.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There was no item)

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SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

4.01 To consider establishment of an Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences.

The Commission considered and approved.

It was also resolved that the Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences may be located in Bengaluru on the 10 acres of land to be donated by Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Bengaluru.

[Action: JS (IUC)]

4.02 To consider the UGC List of Journals.

Considered and approved.

Further, it was resolved that a Grievance Redressal mechanism be developed. It was suggested that Representatives from Councils, Academies and other institutions, such as ICSSR, ICHR, ICPR, ICMR, NCERT, IGNSAA, IIPA, etc., be invited during Standing Committee meetings as special invitees as and when required to resolve the issues judiciously.

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

4.03 To consider the Quality Improvement Programmes in non- technical higher education.

The Commission deliberated over the various Quality Improvement Programmes initiated by UGC for Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). After due discussions, the Commission approved the draft guidelines for preparing 'Learning Outcomes based Curriculum for Under Graduate Education.' These draft guidelines can act as template for HEIs to initiate

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revision in curriculum defining minimum levels of learning outcomes for various undergraduate and post-graduate programmes.

The Commission also approved the UGC Mandate for improving quality of Education in Higher Educational Institutions containing (5) objectives to be achieved by every HEI by 2022 and a set of (10) initiatives for achieving them:

1. Improve the graduate outcomes for the students, so that at least 50% of them secure access to employment/self-employment or engage themselves in pursuit of higher education.
2. Promote link of the students with the society/industry such that at least 2/3rd of the students engage in socially productive activities during their period of study in the institutions.
3. Train the students in essential professional skills such as team work, communication skills, leadership skills, time management skills etc; and Inculcate the spirit of innovation/entrepreneurship and critical thinking among the students and promote avenues for display of these talents.
4. Ensure that teacher vacancies at any point of time does not exceed 10% of the sanctioned strength; and 100% of the teachers are oriented about the latest and emerging trends in their respective domains of knowledge, and the pedagogies that translate their knowledge to the students.
5. Every institution shall get NAAC accreditation with a minimum score of 2.5 by 2022.

The following initiatives shall be undertaken by every HEI in pursuit of the above objectives:

1. Induction programme for students
2. Learning outcome-based curriculum framework - revision of curriculum in regular intervals
3. Use ICT based learning tools for effective teaching-learning process
4. Soft skills for students
5. Social and industry connect for every institution: Each University shall adopt at least 5 villages and each College shall adopt at least 1 village, for exchange of knowledge and for the overall social/economic betterment of the village communities.
6. Examination reforms - test the concept, and application; student participation in Exit examinations

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7. Tracking of the career progression of students after completion of course
8. Induction training for all new teachers, and annual refresher training for all teachers and mandatory leadership/management training for all educational administrators
9. Promoting quality research by faculty and creation of new knowledge.
10. Mentoring of non-accredited institutions, so that every institution can get accreditation by 2022.

All the Universities may be asked to prepare Action Plans for implementation of the above initiatives and achievements of the stated objectives and submit the same to UGC before July 2018.

[Action: AS-II]

- 4.04 To consider the proposal of NISG for providing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for e-Governance Project of UGC.

Considered and approved.

[Action: (AS-I)]

- 4.05 To consider the recommendations of the Search Committee for the post of Director, National Assessment and Accreditation, Bengaluru.

The recommendations of the Search Committee were approved.

[Action: JS(IUC)]

- 4.06 To consider the recommendations of the Search Committee for the post of Director, INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The recommendations of the Search Committee were approved.

It was resolved to re-advertise the post at the earliest. Further, it was resolved that the term of present Director be extended for six months or till the joining of the new Director, whichever is earlier.

[Action: JS(IUC)]

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SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the Extension of time for Utilization of XII plan General Development Assistance scheme beyond 30.09.2017.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (SU-II)]

- 5.02** To consider continuation of grant-in-aid under the UGC NSQF schemes *viz* Community Colleges, B.Voc degree programme and DDU KAUSHAL.

Considered and approved the revised guidelines for vocational schemes by integrating all the existing schemes and following common standards. It was also decided to set a target of skilling 1.5 lakh students during the academic year 2018-19 in non-technical HEIs.

[Action: JS (NSQF)]

SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

- 6.01** To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separately.

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SECRETARY**

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CHAIRMAN**