



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

Minutes of the 79th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research held on February 3, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. in AICTE Head Office, New Delhi.

The 79th meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on **February 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in AICTE Head Office, New Delhi**. List of participants is at **Annexure - I**.

At the outset Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe Chairman, Empowered Committee welcomed all subject experts, and briefed them about the criteria for evaluation of Networking Resource Centres proposals. Thereafter agenda was taken up for discussion.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 78th meeting of Empowered Committee held on January 10, 2017 in UGC Head office Delhi.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No. 2: Action taken on the Minutes.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC on the minutes of the 78th meeting of the Empowered Committee.

Item No 3: Discussion with Prof. SR Gadre, National Coordinator of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship Cell and regarding the progress of the scheme.

The Committee approved the 68th list of recommended candidates and 53rd list of not recommended candidates. The Committee also approved the requests made by DSK Fellows regarding extension in joining and leave applied.

Item No. 4: Discussion with Prof. Anunay Samanta, National Coordinator, UGC-Faculty Research Promotion Schemes regarding the three schemes.

The recommendations of the National Coordinator for the Start-up Grant, Mid-career Award and Faculty Fellowship Schemes were considered and approved by the Empowered Committee.

Item No 5: Networking Resource Centres (NRC).

The representatives of seven ongoing Networking Research Centres, which submitted proposal for Phase-II in response to the notification of UGC and attended this meeting, made power-point presentation of the work done by their Centres and highlighted their proposal for Phase-II before a committee consisting of the following experts for evaluation:

1. Prof. Anil D Shahsrabudhe
2. Prof. Shridhar Gadre
3. Prof. DS Joag
4. Prof. Anunay Samanta
5. Prof. Mohan Paul Singh Ishar
6. Prof. Amarjit Singh Bhanwer

Prof. Samanta, however, rescued himself from the deliberations leading to ranking of the NRCs as his parent department was one of the Centres involved in this exercise. On the basis of performance of the Centres in the first phase and merit of the new proposal for phase-II, the ranking of the NRCs and recommendations made by the committee are tabulated below:

S. No.	Name of the Centre	Performance	Remarks
1.	UGC-NRC in Biological Science, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai	Outstanding	Recommended for Phase II
2.	UGC-NRC in Chemistry, University of Hyderabad	Outstanding	Recommended for Phase II
3.	UGC-NRC in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University, Chandigarh	Very Good	Recommended for Phase II
4.	UGC-NRC in Biological Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Very Good	Recommended for Phase II
5.	UGC-NRC in Biological Science, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	Good	Recommended for Phase II
6.	UGC-NRC in Radio Physics, University of Calcutta, Kolkatta	Good	Recommended for Phase II
7.	UGC-NRC in Physics, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Satisfactory	Not-recommended

The centres for Phase-II are approved for 5 years subject to their satisfactory performance to be evaluated every year. It was observed that most of the NRCs did not quantify their long term and short term objectives and lacked proper tracking mechanism of the participants. The committee stressed upon having a proper monitoring mechanism in place which should include tracking of the participants, acknowledgment of UGC-NRC in the research work published, track of publications made by using the resources of the centre, feedback etc. It was also decided to frame proper guidelines by UGC for better implementation of this programme.

Item No 6: Budget of BSR:

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Expenditure status under the Basic Scientific Research Programme.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on March 2, 2017, **2017** at UGC Head Office. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure- I

List of Participants who attended the 79th -meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) held on February 3, 2017 in AICTE, New Delhi

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| 1. Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe | - | Chairman, EC |
| 2. Prof. Shridhar Gadre | - | National Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 3. Prof. DS Joag | - | Assoc. Coordinator, DSKPDF |
| 4. Prof. Anunay Samanta | - | National Coordinator, FRPS |
| 5. Prof. Mohan Paul Singh Ishar | - | Special Invitee |
| 6. Prof. Amarjit Singh Bhanwer | - | Special Invitee |
| 7. Dr. Sunita Siwach | - | JS(BSR) |
| 8. Mrs. Paramjit | - | US(BSR) |
| 9. Dr. Shalini | - | EO(BSR) |