

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

**MINUTES OF THE 535<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018.**

The 535<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 in which the following were present:

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

Shri Pramod Kumar Das and Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar could not attend the Meeting due to their pre-occupation and were granted leave of absence.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Prof. Rajnish Jain

The Chairman welcomed newly appointed Vice-Chairman, UGC, Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan and new Commission Member, Dr. Uma Chandrashekhar Vaidya.

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## SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** (i) To confirm the minutes of the 534<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018.

**The Minutes were confirmed.**

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

- (ii) To confirm the minutes of the Agenda item (taken by circulation) on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

**The Minutes were confirmed.**

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

- 1.01(b)** (i) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 534<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018.

**Noted.**

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

- (ii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the Agenda item (taken by circulation) on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

**Noted.**

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

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

(i) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission in its 497<sup>th</sup> 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. It was also decided that :**

- (i) **The Universities be advised to submit the compliance at the earliest instead of expert committee visits to the Universities after two years.**
- (ii) **Higher Educational Institutions be advised to put all the relevant information about their institution on their website with supporting documents, photographs, videos and geotagging.**
- (iii) **Physical visits to the Universities for this purpose be minimized.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

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

**Ratified. It was decided to grant extension of autonomous status to all the 19 colleges.**

**[Action: JS(AC)]**

(iii) To report the review status of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (Deemed to be University), V.L. Mehta Road, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai (Maharashtra) as required in the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

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- 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)**

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

- 2.01 To consider Ph.D. degree directly after B.Tech. (without possessing Master Degree) for the Appointment as Assistant Professor in Indian Universities as per UGC Regulations.

**Considered and it was decided that a clarification may be issued. Also this may be reported in the Anomaly Redressal Committee.**

**[Action: AS-I]**

- 2.02 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University), Mullana, Ambala (Haryana) during 08-10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

- 2.03 To consider the recommendations of the Committee constituted to consider the suggestions given by the UGC Secretariat in respect of the proposals received for Deemed to be University status.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

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- 2.04** To consider the Categorization of SRM Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University), SRM Nagar, Kattankulathur – 603203, Kancheepuram Dist., Tamil Nadu under Category – I of the University Grants Commission [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

- 2.05** To consider extending the date of participation in Orientation/Refresher Course in respect of Teachers/Assistant Registrar/Assistant University Librarian/College Librarian/Deputy Librarian/Assistant Director of Physical Education/College Director of Physical Education upto 31.12.2018 for the purpose of career advancement.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: AS-I]**

- 2.06** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Institute of Armament Technology (Deemed to be University), Girinagar, Pune – 411025 (Maharashtra) during 23-24<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

- 2.07** To consider the issue for creation of non-teaching positions in central / UGC funded Deemed to be universities on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee.

**Considered and approved.**

[Action: JS(CU)]

- 2.08** To consider for establishment of Special Cells for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in newly centrally funded universities.

**Considered and approved.**

[Action: JS(CU)]

- 2.09** To consider the representations from HEIs and State Governments requesting to extend the deadline for completing the admission process for the academic session beyond 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018.

**The Commission considered the requests received from the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to extend the cut-off date of 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 for completing the admission process in the current academic year 2018-19. The Commission also noted that the recommendations of the Expert Committees, based on the representations submitted by the HEIs, have been placed in today's meeting for its approval and was of the view that it will not be possible for the HEIs to complete the admission process by 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 for the programmes which will get recognition today i.e. 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.**

**Considering the facts mentioned above, the Commission decided to extend the cut-off date for admission in the recognized programmes to be offered by the HEIs under ODL mode for the year 2018-19 and onwards to October 20, 2018. The HEIs shall complete the admission process by 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 and no admission shall be made after this.**

[Action: JS(DEB)]

- 2.10 To consider the response received from Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Mukundnagar, Gultekdi, Pune-411037, Maharashtra in respect of the show cause notice issued by UGC.

**The Commission considered the reply to show cause notice submitted by the Deemed to be University and resolved NOT to recommend the case of Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) to MHRD for continuation of Deemed to be University status. Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth may be asked to get affiliated with a University within one year i.e. till next academic session. However, the presently admitted students will continue to get their degree from Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University). From next academic session, the students should be admitted only after the Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth gets affiliation from a University.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

- 2.11 To consider the recommendations of the UGC Standing Committee constituted to consider the proposals received from Institutions Deemed to be Universities for starting new course/ programme/ department/ school/ centre.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

- 2.12 To consider the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the De-novo aspect of the proposal submitted by Society for the Study, Survey and Conservation of Nature, Parnkuti, Anantpur, University Road, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh for Deemed to University status in the name of Keshav Vishwavidyapeeth under de-novo category (yet to be established) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**The Commission considered and accepted the recommendations of the Committee to reject the proposal under de-novo category.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

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2.13 To consider draft UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2018.

**Deferred.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I)]**

2.14 To consider and approve the recommendations made by the Expert Committee based on the reports of the visiting Expert Committee, those visited Deemed to be Universities/Private Universities for offering programmes/courses through ODL Mode from the academic session 2018-19 and onwards.

**The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee whose recommendations are based on the reports of the Visiting Expert Committees and decided the following. In addition, for the recognized programmes like MBA, MCA, Travel and Tourism, an undertaking in the prescribed format as per the letter from the AICTE shall be taken before the issuance of the Commission decision.**

**(1) Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan : The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee i.e. approval of two programmes as mentioned in the recommendations sheet to be offered by HEI at Head Quarters and approved off-campus at Delhi, Mumbai, Guruvayur, Allahabad, Lucknow, Jaipur, Jammu, Garli (HP), Bhopal, Puri and Sringeri. The NAAC condition was exempted on the basis of NAAC letter No. NAAC/F No. 22-5/GH/DO/2016 dated 22nd August, 2016 wherein it was mentioned that “UGC and NAAC may set up a separate set of norms for grants and accreditation purposes for Sanskrit Universities/Institutions”.**

**(2) Jain University : The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee i.e. approval of twelve**



programmes alongwith other details as mentioned in the recommendations sheet.

- (3) **SRM Institute of Science & Technology** : The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee, recommending five programmes with overall recommendations that ‘not eligible due to non-compliance to the NAAC requirement’. The Commission also noted clarifications through e-mail from NAAC stating that the SRM Institute of Science and Technology was having NAAC at the time of submission of ODL application to the UGC and also at present having NAAC CGPA of 3.55 valid till 15.8.2023.

In view of the above, the Commission decided that the recommendations of the Expert Committee on programme-wise recognition shall be communicated.

- (4) **Jagadguru Shri Shivarathreeswara University**  
(5) **Jain Vishwa Bharati Institute**  
(6) **Dayalbagh Educational Institute**  
(7) **Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth**

For all the four HEIs mentioned at Sl. No. (4), (5), (6), and (7) above, the Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and observed that recommendations of the Committee vis-a-vis the recommendations of the Visiting Expert Committee and the facts mentioned in the report need re-confirmation and accordingly decided that the HEI shall be called for interface meeting with the same Expert Committee which considered the report of Visiting Expert Committee. The decision, based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee and with the approval of the Chairman, UGC, shall be communicated. The decision so taken shall be reported in the forthcoming meeting of the Commission.

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**(8) Sikkim Manipal University**

**(9) Jamia Hamdard**

**(10) MATS University**

**For all the three HEIs mentioned at Sl. No. (8), (9) and (10) above, the Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee i.e. not to recognize any programme based on the reasons mentioned in the respective recommendation sheet.**

**For the programmes found deficient in case of HEIs mentioned at Sl.No. (1) to (10), as applicable, the HEIs will get 30 days' time to submit representations as per provision contained in the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its Amendments and Commission's decision in its 534th meeting held on 2nd August, 2018.**

**[Action: JS(DEB)]**

**2.15**

To consider and approve recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee on representations and recognition in first stage in respect of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) for recognition of programmes to be offered through Open and Distance (ODL) Mode from 2018-19 onwards.

**The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committees for recognition of programmes to be offered by the HEIs under ODL mode from the year 2018-19 and onwards. The decision of the Commission on special cases, as referred in the Agenda, are given below:-**

- a) M.G. Chitrakoot Vishwavidyalaya: The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee; i.e. the recognition of the programmes to be communicated first and the University should be visited for verifying the existence of labs and other facilities within 2018-19.**

- b) Madras University:** The Commission considered and approved the recommendations, related to nomenclature of two programmes, of the Interface Expert Committee.
- c) U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University:** The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee.
- d) Swami Vivekanand Subharti University:** The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee related to six M.A. programmes.
- e) Pt. Sundarlal Sharma Open University:** The Commission considered the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee. It was observed that the Expert Committee has recommended Master of Science/M.A.(Mathematics). The M.Sc. (Mathematics) and M.A. (Mathematics) are two independent programmes and faculty requirement as per the Regulations is six (three per programme) faculty members. In the assessment sheet, against M.Sc. (Mathematics), three faculty members have been indicated and accordingly this programme is approved.
- f) Lalit Narayan Mithila University:** The Commission considered the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee and approved the programmes of M.Sc. (Botany), M.Sc. (Zoology), M.Sc.(Physics), M.Sc.(Chemistry) and M.Sc.(Mathematics).
- g) University of Kalyani:** The Commission considered the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee and approved M.A.(Education) and M.A. (Geography) programmes.
- h) Guru Jambheshwar University:** The Commission considered the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee and observed that out of six programmes, four programmes have been rejected on the basis

of inadequate faculty and two programmes on the basis of inadequate faculty and SLM.

The Commission noted that the Registrar of the University has sent an email informing the selection/appointment of the faculty program-wise (a copy of each of the appointment letter has also been submitted). In view of this, the programmes which were found deficient only on account of inadequate faculty should be recognized and other programmes will remain not-recognised. The MCA (five year integrated) programme should also comply to integrated programme related provisions mentioned in the UGC Notification of Specification of Degrees, 2014.

- i) **Indira Gandhi National Open University:** The Commission considered the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee. The Commission observed that Indian Nursing Council has accorded permission to IGNOU for offering Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing programme for in-services Nurses. As per INC, Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing is a programme for Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery qualified Nurses for upgrading Diploma to a Graduate Level.

The Commission noted that UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 prohibits Degree Nursing programme at UG and PG levels. In view of this, Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing programme shall not be recognized.

The Commission also observed that IGNOU is a Central University established by an Act of Parliament for imparting education under ODL mode and till 2012-13, erstwhile Distance Education Council under IGNOU was the Regulator of the Distance Education. IGNOU has been contributing in various areas of National Importance and relevance by providing quality distance education with an outreach across the Country. Considering all these factors, the Commission suggested that MHRD may

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be requested to issue a direction thereby keeping IGNOU outside the ambit of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

**Rest of the recommendations of the expert committee were approved.**

- j) SNTD Women's University:** The Commission considered the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee and noted that seven programmes indicated as 'Withdrawn' in the absence of two full time dedicated faculties per programme. The Commission also noted the Office Order dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 of SNTD Women's University thereby informing the faculty appointment, one faculty per programme for the 15 (fifteen) programmes. After detailed deliberations, the Commission decided that the programmes shown as 'withdrawn' programme shall be treated as 'withdrawn' only.
- k) Maulana Azad National Urdu University:** The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee.
- l) Kashmir University & Mumbai University:** The Commission considered the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee and directed that necessary action as per the relevant provision of the Second Amendment shall be taken. The HEIs without NAAC, who have not applied for NAAC within three months as per the Second Amendment ODL Regulations, 2018; extended later on till 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 in view of the closure of the NAAC window for 67 days in the window of three months, shall not be considered eligible.
- m) C.V. Raman University:** The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Interface Expert Committee; i.e. the recognition of the programmes to be communicated first and the University should be visited for physical verification of infrastructure and facilities at the earliest.

[Action: JS(DEB)]

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## SECTION-3

### (REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There was no item)

## SECTION-4

### (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To accord further accreditation to Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune for conducting SET on behalf of the States of Maharashtra & Goa.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(NET)]**

- 4.02** To consider for extension of time upto 31.03.2019 for utilisation of funds released under OBC expansion scheme to University of Delhi and its affiliated Colleges to complete the ongoing building projects.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(CU)]**

## SECTION-5

### (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To restore the Plan grant to Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya (GKV), Haridwar which was stopped due to Tandon Committee report.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(DU)]**

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## SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

**6.01** To consider certain establishment matters of UGC

**Recorded Separately.**

**(Rajnish Jain)**  
**Secretary**

**(Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh)**  
**Chairman**