

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG  
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**MINUTES OF THE 540<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019.**

The 540<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh      | Chairman      |
| 2. Dr. Bhushan Keshav Patwardhan  | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Shri R. Subrahmanyam           | Member        |
| 4. Shri Pramod Kumar Das          | Member        |
| 5. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar        | Member        |
| 6. Prof. Ramesh Chander Kuhad     | Member        |
| 7. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy             | Member        |
| 8. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav       | Member        |
| 9. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari    | Member        |
| 10. Dr. Uma Chandrashekhar Vaidya | Member        |
| 11. Dr. Kiran Hazarika            | Member        |
| 12. Prof. Nagesh Thakur           | Member        |

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Prof. Rajnish Jain

The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed member Prof. Nagesh Thakur and other members.

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### SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 539<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

**The Minutes were confirmed.**

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

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 539<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

**Noted.**

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

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

- (i) To ratify the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC to continue the existing schemes till 31-03-2020.

**The Commission ratified the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC including allocated grant-in-aid to Kaushal Kendras beyond 2019 till 31.03.2020. It was also resolved that all major schemes to be externally reviewed.**

**[Action: AS-I]**

- (ii) To report action taken by UGC on certain matters related to ODL Education Programmes.

**The Commission noted the following actions:**

- 1. MHRD's decision not to approve the proposed amendment in ODL and Online Regulations related to NAAC score applicability in Special Category States (North East and Hilly areas).**
- 2. MHRD decision that "*There should be no fresh applications for July, 2019 session since majority of the eligible institutions have already got permission for academic year 2019.*"**

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3. **Nomination of Prof. B.P. Sabale, Member, Ex-Vice Chancellor, YCMOU as a Member of Working Group in place of JS (DL), MHRD.**
4. **Completion of appeal process in case of YCMOU.**
5. **Uploading of list of 20 Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) under Category – I as per UGC (Categorization of Universities (Only) for grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 entitled to offer programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode on UGC website.**
6. **Updated recognition status of the HEIs to offer ODL programmes for the academic session 2018-19.**
7. **Programmes prohibited in ODL mode-agricultural degree programmes and hotel administration/management programmes from the academic session 2019-20.**

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

- (iii) To report the inclusion of 171 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.01.2019 to 31.03.2019 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: CPP-I/C]**

- (iv) 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.

**Considered and approved.**

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

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

**Noted.**

**[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)**

### SECTION-2

#### (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

**2.01** To consider the recommendations of the UGC Committee constituted to look into all aspects of the off-campus and courses started by Institutions Deemed to be Universities – Reference Ministry of HRD letter No. F. 10-20/2018-U3(A) dated 01.02.2019.

**Considered and approved.**

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

**2.02** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Deemed to be University, Bangalore, Karnataka during 11-12<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.03** To consider Senior Academicians/Officers as Visiting Faculty in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

**The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Committee for paying honorarium of Rs. 5000/- per lecture of one hour duration to the Senior Academicians/Officers alongwith the conditions recommended by the Committee. The Commission however felt that this type of faculty may be designated as “Distinguished Visiting Faculty” and travel and other expenses may also be paid in addition to the honorarium.**

**[Action: AS-I]**

- 2.04** To approve a process for constitution of a panel for nominating UGC representative in the Board of Management and Finance Committee of self-financing Deemed to be Universities or Institutions Deemed to be Universities receiving grants less than 50% of the average expenditure of three previous years.

**The Commission considered and resolved that UGC will draw out a panel of names from the list of experts suggested by Search Committee constituted by MHRD under 2016 Regulations. UGC will also seek names of experts from Commission Members for inclusion in the panel. It was also resolved to expand the list by including experts from the list of NBA and NAAC assessors and other sources.**

**The Chairman was authorised to nominate UGC representatives in the Boards of Management and Finance Committees.**

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

- 2.05** To consider the report of the Committee constituted by the UGC for examination of the Comments/ATR on the report of the expert committees on

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the teaching, research, financial and infrastructural audit of the universities and suggesting course of action thereon.

**Considered and approved.**

[Action: JS(CU)]

**2.06**

To consider Rationalization of UGC schemes.

**The Commission considered and resolved as under:**

- (i) All the schemes of UGC shall continue till 31.03.2020 for clearing the committed liabilities.
- (ii) For selected new schemes, proposals may be invited as per the new guidelines framed for the purpose with the approval of the Chairman, UGC.
- (iii) All the existing schemes of UGC shall be got evaluated by December, 2019 with regard to their outcome.
- (iv) All the grants given to the universities/colleges be reviewed to ensure that the utilization of funds has been made as per the UGC guidelines.
- (v) It was also resolved to have UGC schemes broadly in 5 categories i.e. (i) Grants to Universities; (ii) Grants to the Colleges; (iii) Grants to teachers; (iv) Grants to Students/Scholars; and (v) schemes for recognition of HEIs for special status. However, schemes to be operated within these 5 categories may be mapped with the schemes to be operated in EQUIP programme.

[Action: AS-I]

**2.07**

To consider and approve the recommendations of Joint meeting of the DEB Working Group and the Online Regulation Drafting Committee.

**The Commission considered and approved the minutes of Joint meeting of the DEB Working Group and the Online Regulation Drafting Committee**

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held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 excluding the recommendation at c. Any other item regarding integration of ODL and Online Regulations.

The Commission while considering the facts that the eligibility to offer Online programmes as per UGC Online Regulations have both, NAAC and NIRF benchmarks, decided that HEIs shall be invited for Interface Meetings in UGC, Delhi for assessing their proposals. No visit shall be conducted for assessment of the proposal. The visit shall be conducted only when complaint with documentary evidence is received and/or non-compliance to the Regulations is observed.

**Action: JS(DEB)]**

- 2.08** To consider application format for (i) applying for Deemed to be University status (ii) applying for off-campus/ off-shore campus/ new courses by existing Deemed to be Universities and (iii) submission of information on the performance and academic outcomes of existing Deemed to be Universities.

The Commission was apprised that online formats are being finalized in consultation with MHRD which will be shared with the Members of the Commission. Format for Expert Committee visit will also be developed according to new Regulations.

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

- 2.09** To consider SAP grant to institutions upto 31.03.2020.

**Considered and approved. It was further resolved to extend similar schemes such as UPE, CPE etc. up to 31.03.2020.**

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

- 2.10** To consider and approve the panel of Experts for constitution of Expert Committees to visit Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) for ensuring the

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compliance to relevant provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its subsequent amendments.

**The Commission approved the panel of experts having 71 names as Chairman and 331 names as expert members to visit HEIs for ensuring the compliance to provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments. The Commission also decided the following:**

- 1. Besides the list approved, Chairman, UGC is authorised to nominate other experts.**
- 2. The panel of experts shall be used for implementing both, ODL and Online Regulations.**
- 3. The expertise of the experts in the approved list shall also be used for all the meetings such as Screening Committee, Interface Committee, Representation Committee etc. as per the provisions of UGC (ODL) and Online Regulations.**
- 4. JS (DEB) shall write to Commission Members thereby requesting them to forward name of the experts whose expertise can be utilized in the field of ODL and Online Education, to the UGC.**

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

**2.11** To re-look into the regulations relating to the grievances of the students in HEIs.

**The Commission considered the regulations and suggested the following modifications:**

- (i) Appointment of Ombudsperson shall be State-wise for State Universities and Region-wise for Central and Institutions Deemed to be Universities, instead of having Ombudsperson for each university.**
- (ii) The appointing authority for Ombudsperson for the State Universities shall be the concerned State Government and in case of Central and Institutions Deemed to be Universities the appointing authority shall be the Central Government.**
- (iii) The composition of the Search Committee for appointment of Ombudsperson shall also be revised accordingly.**



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**The Commission discussed at length other provisions of the regulations and resolved to revise the regulations in the light of views expressed by the members. The Chairman, UGC was authorised to finalize the regulations.**

[Action: AS- I]

2.12 To consider certain new initiatives by UGC

**The Commission appreciated the ideas proposed under new initiatives by the UGC and resolved that these initiatives be taken up by UGC in a fast track mode.**

**It was also resolved to develop UGC guidelines for ‘Eco-friendly and sustainable campus development’ and ‘Inculcation of human values and professional ethics’.**

[Action: AS- I]

2.13 To consider Legal opinion given by Sh. Vikramjit Banerjee, Additional Solicitor General of India regarding affiliation granted by Smt. Nathibal Damodar Thackersey Women's University (State University) Mumbai to Satyam Fashion Institute, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh and similar other institutes. **(Deferred item No. 2.09 of 539<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2019).**

**Considered and approved.**

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

2.14 To consider the revised guidelines for Human Resource Development Centres (HRDCs) with regard to appointments on the posts of the Academic Staff i.e. Director cum Professor, Deputy Director cum Associate Professor, Assistant Professor cum Assistant Professor etc. along with issues related to their service conditions.

**Considered and approved.**

[Action: JS(HRDC)]

## SECTION-3

## (REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

**3.01** To consider the reference received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development regarding keeping IGNOU outside the ambit of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017.

The Commission considered an email dated 08.04.2019 received from the Deputy Educational Advisor, MHRD thereby requesting UGC [1] to place the amendment in UGC (ODL) Regulations related to ‘keeping IGNOU outside the ambit of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017’ in the Commission Meeting scheduled on 09.04.2019, [2] for amending the sub-regulation (1) (3) and sub-regulation (2) (j) of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 by way of inserting the words “other than Indira Gandhi National Open University” suitably as follows:

(a) **Sub-Regulation (1)(3) of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017:** *These regulations shall apply to a University referred to under clause (f) of section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 other than Indira Gandhi National Open University, an Institution Deemed to be University under section 3 of the said Act, for all degree programmes of learning at the undergraduate and post-graduate level, other than programmes in engineering, medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any other regulatory body.*

(b) **Sub-Regulation (2)(j) of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017:** *“Higher Educational Institution” means a university covered under clause (f) of section 2 other than Indira Gandhi National Open University and an institution deemed to be a university covered under section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.*

The Commission approved the above amendments in UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and decided that the decision of the Commission may be communicated to the MHRD for taking further course of action in the matter at their end.

[Action : JS (DEB)]

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## SECTION-4

### (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the transfer of land to Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences (IUC-YS), Bengaluru - Report of the Site Selection Committee.

**The Commission considered and resolved that the matter be referred back for clarification regarding the availability of proper approach to the proposed site. The land use of the proposed land may also be ascertained for its suitability for educational purposes.**

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

- 4.02** To consider revival of promotion policy for Staff of CEC (IUC) and Media Centres.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 4.03** To consider creation of various posts in Inter-University Centre for Teacher Education (IUC-TE), BHU, Varanasi.

**Deferred.**

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

- 4.04** To consider the road map for developing and revision of Curriculum on Learning Outcomes based Approach for undergraduate Programme in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: AS-II]**

- 4.05** To consider the Curriculum on Life Skills (Jeevan Kaushal)

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: AS-II]**

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**4.06** To consider, “Evaluation Reforms in Higher Education Institutions in India”.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: AS-II]**

## **SECTION-5**

**(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

## **SECTION-6**

**(MISCELLANEOUS)**

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

**Recorded Separately**

**(Prof. Rajnish Jain)**  
**Secretary**

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