



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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**Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited S.R.M University (Private University), Plot No. 39, Rajiv Gandhi Education City, PS Rai (Post Officer), Sonapat, Haryana – 131029 on 26-27<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 to ascertain fulfilment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc. as laid down from time to time by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies**

**Part – I - Preliminary**

(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee	<b><u>UGC Expert Committee</u></b>		
	<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Designation</b>
	1.	Prof. V.K. Jain Vice-Chancellor, Doon University, Motharawala Road, Kedarpur PO, Ajabpur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.	Chairman
	2.	Prof. P.V. Sivapulliah CAS Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore – 560 012.	Member
	3.	Prof. Zaheeruddin Head, Department of electrical Engineering, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi – 110 025.	Member
	4.	Prof. Nandini Mukherjee Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Jadavpur University, Jadavpur, Kolkata.	Member
	5.	Prof. A.K. Vashisht Chairperson, University Business School, Panjab University, Chandigarh – 160 014.	Member
	6.	Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha Professor of Law, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, LB Block, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata, West Bengal.	Member
	7.	Prof. Appu Kuttan K.K. Director, Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal – 462 051, Madhya Pradesh.	Nominee of AICTE
	8.	Shri Biri Singh Sinsinwar Senior Advocate, Chairman, Bar Council of India, A-50, Nehru Nagar, Pani Pech, Jaipur, Rajasthan.	Nominee of Bar Council of India
9.	Dr. Naresh Kumar Sharma Section Officer, UGC	Co-ordinator	

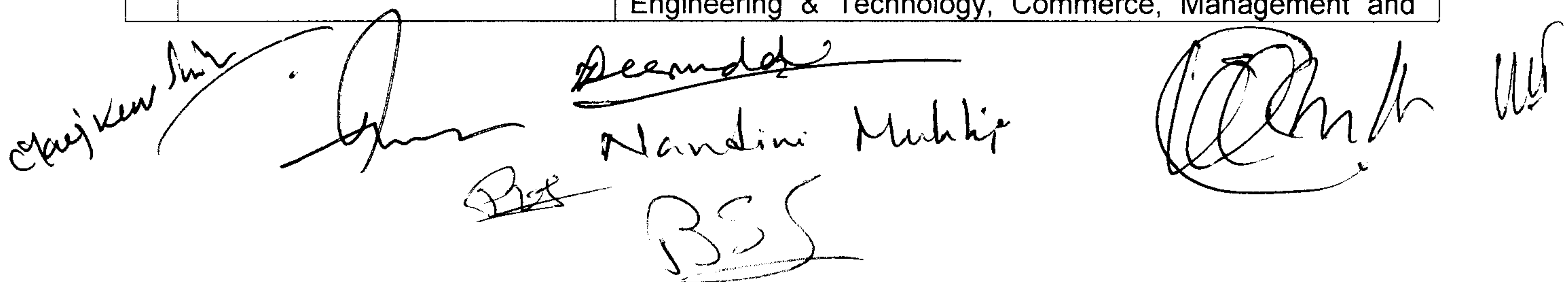
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3.	Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Dangyach Dept. Of Mechanical Engineering, Malviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, Rajasthan.	Member
4.	Dr. Narendra Kumar Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Delhi Technological University, Shahbad Daultpur, Main Bawana Road, Delhi – 110 042.	Member
5.	Dr. S.C. Singh Professor of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi – 220 005, UP.	Member
6.	Arch. Punit Sethi C – 934, Sushant Lok, Phase-I, Gurgaon, Haryana.	Member
(ii) Date(s) of the visit	26-27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014	
(ii) Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report.	All the members participated	

**Part – II - Introduction**

(i) Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	SRM University Haryana, Sonapat situated in Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Sonapat was established under the Haryana Private Universities Act, 2006 as amended by Act No.8 of 2013 started in August, 2013. The University is promoted by SRM Institute of Science & Technology Trust. The University is running UG/PG courses in the field of Engineering & Technology, Commerce, Management and
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		<p>Law. The University is also conducting Ph.D programmes in 13 fields. At present nearly 400 students and 45 Ph.D. Scholars have been enrolled. The faculty strength is 10 Professors, 09 Associate Professors and 34 Assistant Professors on full time basis and 4 Assistant Professors on part time/ad hoc basis. The total land available with the University is 47.38 acres with 1,30,000 sq. ft. existing built up area. In the phase I, the University is constructing a new building with 5 floors which will house the Engineering &amp; Technology programmes. A new hostel block for girls and boys is also being under construction.</p> <p>The University has planned for a Centre on Drug Discovery, Design &amp; Development (CD4) for Tropical Diseases (bacterial, viral &amp; parasitic diseases) with institutional/industrial and international collaborations for Research &amp; Development for which a bi-partite agreement in this direction is signed with London School of Hygiene &amp; Tropical Medicine, UK.</p>
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2013
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	SRM University Haryana is offering in the current academic year (2014-15) in UG level - B.Tech in Engineering Technology (CSE, ECE, EEE, CE, ME & Bioinformatics), B. Com, Faculty of Law (LLB, BA/LLB, BBA/LLB) and in PG level M.Tech. in Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering, MBA, MBA (Integrated) and Ph.D. on several disciplines of Science and Engineering & Technology, Management & Humanities. At present nearly 400 students and 45 Ph.D. Scholars have been enrolled. The faculty strength is 10 Professors, 09 Associate Professors and 34 Assistant Professors on full time basis and 4 Assistant Professors on part time/ad hoc basis.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	The SRMIST Trust was founded by Dr. T.R. Pachamuthu as a registered society for educational purposes under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 vide dated 28.07.2001 and established several educational institutions in the country in the field of Medical Sciences, Engineering, Management, Arts & Science.

### Part – III – Summary Report

#### A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations? (refer 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	SRM University, Haryana is established under Haryana Private Universities Act 2006 as amended by Act No. 8 of 2013 and Notification No. Leg/10/2013 dated 03.05.2013
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(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focussed on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	As per the information provided by the University, the promoter trust is focussed on educational activities.
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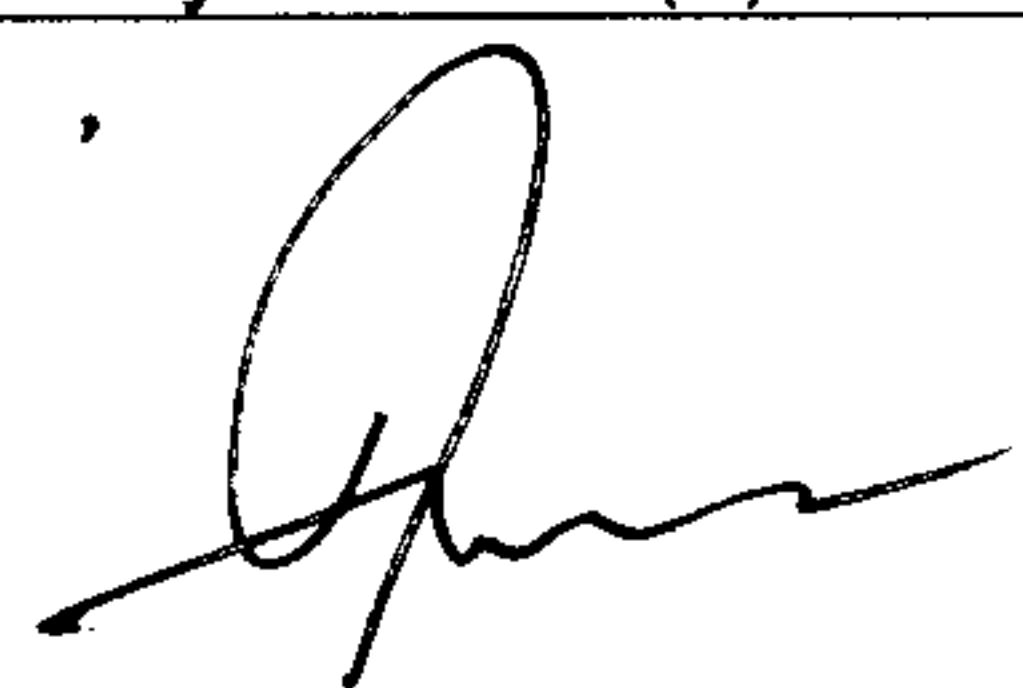
### B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres  Yes      No      Not applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	No off-campus
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres  Yes      No      Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	No off-shore campus
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India?  Yes      No      Not applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	No courses under distance mode

### C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?	The courses offered by the University are adequately diverse.
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes. As per Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	Sanctioned intake in case of Law courses is as approved by the Bar Council of India. For rest of the programmes, sanctioned intake is decided by the Governing Body on the recommendation of the Board of Management.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Law courses are approved by the Bar Council of India.

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(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For socially disadvantaged student, scholarships are being provided by the Management.</li> <li>2. 25% of the intake is reserved for Haryana domicile students as per Haryana State Private Universities Act, 2006 out of which 5% students get 100% fee concession, 10% get 50% fee concession rest 10 % get 25% fee concession.</li> <li>3. Students from J&amp;K and north-east are admitted as per Government of India norms.</li> <li>4. AC transport facilities are available from Delhi, Sonapat, Panipat and Rohtak</li> <li>5. The University is also running a Hospital within the campus.</li> <li>6. There is reservation for SC/ST candidates as per Haryana Government norms.</li> <li>7. Ramps and other facilities are being provided for the physically handicapped.</li> </ol>
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	The students are informed about the admission process and examination process through the website of the University. But the fee structure is not available in the prospectus.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	The University has constituted a Grievance Redressal Committee headed by VC. As informed by the University, only one complaint was received from a student and that too not by the Committee but by the Chancellor. The problem was sorted out thereafter.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis? (refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format)	The University is only in the second year of its operation. The present syllabus was framed by the concerned departments through Board of Studies which was later ratified and approved by the Academic Council of the University. It is too early for the University to revise its curriculum.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	A Professor of Management is at present in-charge of examination section. The examination system appears to reasonably fair and transparent.

#### D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	The University is conducting on-line and off-line entrance test in the name of SRMHCAAT at all India level. The University is conducting this examination at 32 centres across the country. The admission is granted on the basis of Merit only. In view of this, the admission process seems to be fair and transparent.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Reservation policy of the Government of Haryana is followed.

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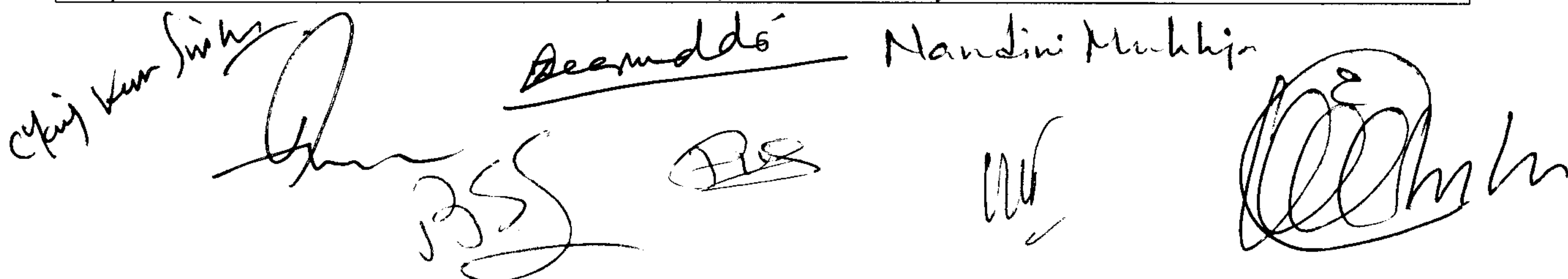
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**E. Fee Structure**

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Fee structure is displayed on the University website only. There is no mention of fee structure in the prospectus of the University.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	The University follows its own declared policy for collection of fees.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	No complaints received as yet
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Reasonable
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	The fee structure is decided by the Fee Committee which is approved by Board of Management and Governing Body.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	From the available data, there is no such indication.

**F. Faculty**

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	The University is not following UGC Pay Scales. As per the details provided by the University, the faculty is paid on consolidated basis. There is no uniformity in the payment of salary.  The University has framed service rules for the faculty and non-teaching staff but they seems to be deviating from the UGC norms.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	The faculty is well qualified and trained for the courses run by the University at present.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	The proportion of permanent faculty is adequate in respect of the programmes being offered as well the number of students on roll. The University needs to augment the faculty strength to cater to the sanctioned intake of students and teaching requirements of additional batches in the subsequent academic years


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**J. Research Profile**

<p>(i) How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilities and output?</p> <p>(please give comments separately on faculties and departments)</p>	<p>Since the University is in its early phase of evolution, the research facilities need to be upgraded in engineering as well as in natural sciences.</p>
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**K. Miscellaneous**

<p>(i) Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?</p>	<p>Non-teaching staff is adequate and qualified. Non-teaching staff is paid on consolidated basis.</p>
<p>(ii) Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?</p>	<p>The University is in the second year of its operations. The first batch is yet to pass out.</p>
<p>(iii) Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?</p>	<p>The University is neither accredited by NAAC nor are its courses accredited by NBA.</p>

**L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University**

<p>(i)</p>	<p>Strengths of the University</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The University is being promoted by SRM group which is well known in the field of education.</li> <li>2. The University has sufficient land at its disposal in Delhi-NCR area.</li> <li>3. The faculty recruited so far are well qualified.</li> <li>4. Excellent transport and medical facilities.</li> <li>5. ATM facility is available and post office facility is available within 1.5 km from the University.</li> </ol>
<p>(ii)</p>	<p>Weaknesses of the University</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No mention of fee structure in the prospectus.</li> <li>b. No separate research labs for all Engineering disciplines and natural sciences.</li> <li>c. The faculty is not paid as per UGC norms.</li> <li>d. There is no adequate representation of the faculty members from different departments in Board of Studies and other statutory bodies of the University.</li> <li>e. The hostel facilities for girls on campus is not available although the university is in the process of constructing a girls as well as boys hostel.</li> <li>f. The anti-ragging committee is not formed as per UGC guidelines which require representation from Police and civil administration, local media and NGO.</li> </ol>

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**Part – IV – Recommendations**

**A. General Observations and suggestions  
(please avoid repetitions of the point mentioned above)**


In short span of time since its inception, the University has started academic programmes in a fairly satisfactory manner. The University administration appears to be committed to develop requisite infrastructure for imparting quality education. On examination of the current research profile of the University is skewed towards engineering disciplines. For a university it is imperative to have an inter-disciplinary framework for research activities involving natural and applied sciences also. The effectiveness of the functioning of the University can be judged only after a couple of batches have passed out and the placement records are made available.

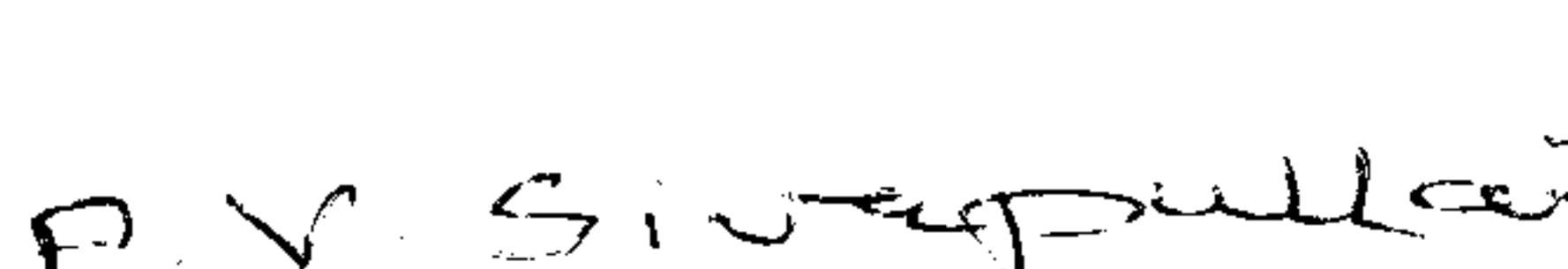
**B. Operations recommendations which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval Letter**

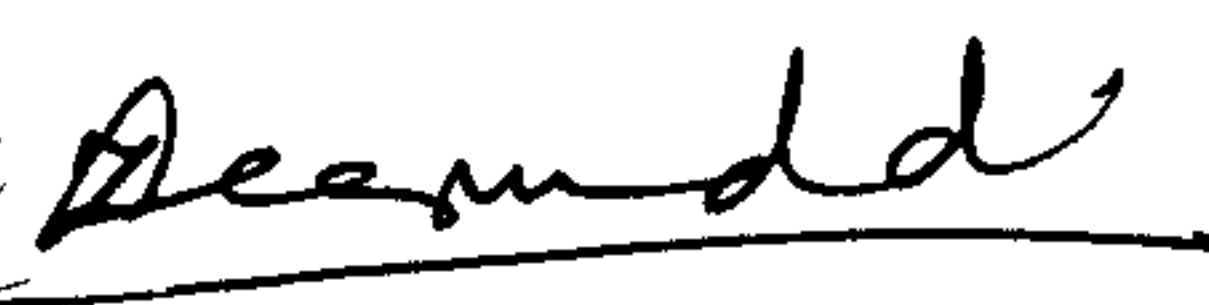
The University may be asked to submit compliance in respect of (a) to (f) stated in col. L(ii) above.


**C. Final Recommendations  
(whether the University should be granted Approval Letter/ Approval Letter subject to compliance / Should not be granted Approval Letter)**

The University is still in the stage of infancy in its growth and needs to consolidate on its strengths and take corrective measures with regard to the weaknesses within three years after which another Committee of UGC may visit the University to verify the compliance.

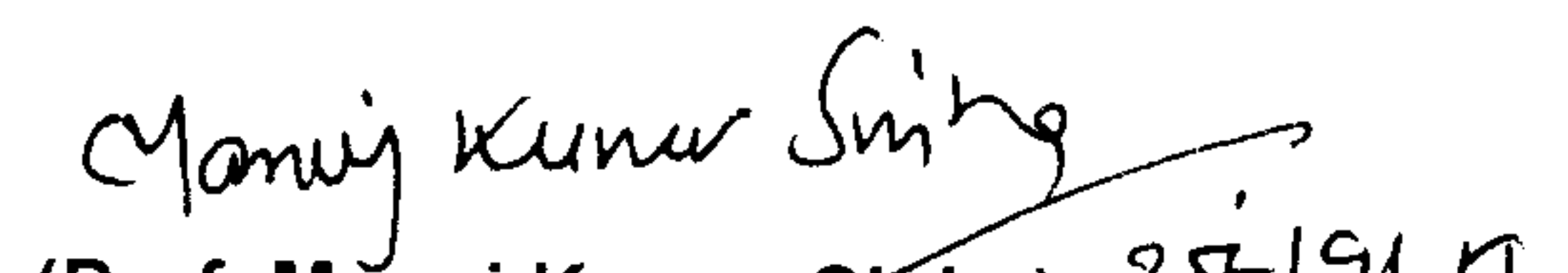
  
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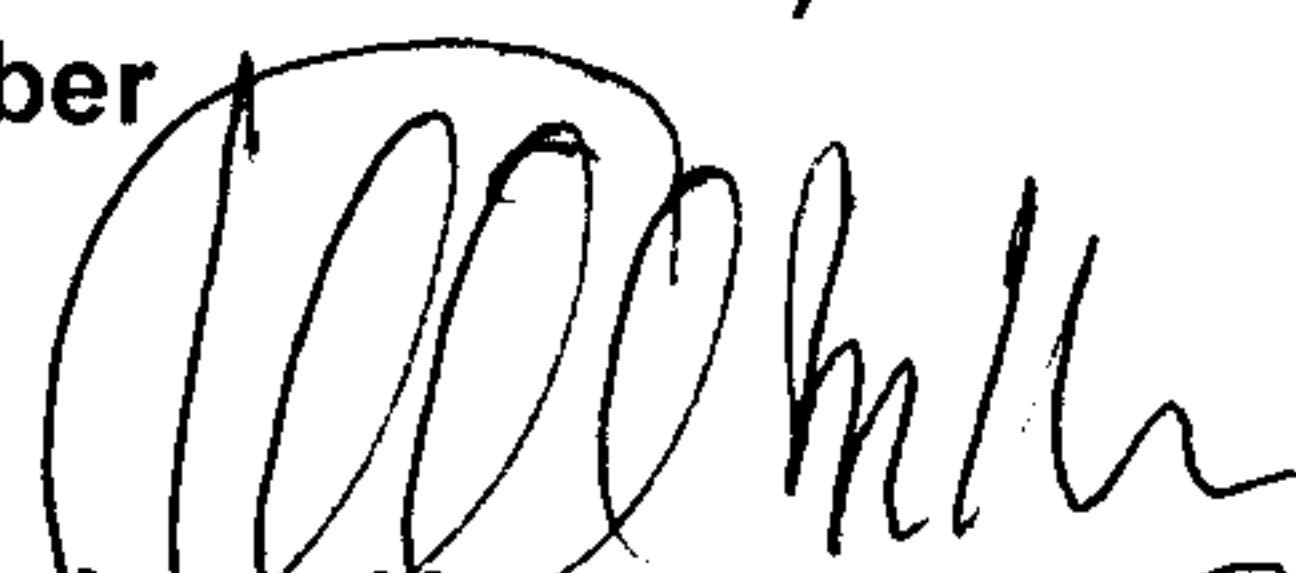
  
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27<sup>th</sup> September, 2014  
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