

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

**MINUTES OF THE 534<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2018.**

The 534<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh   | Chairman |
| 2. Shri R. Subrahmanyam        | Member   |
| 3. Prof. G. Gopal Reddy        | Member   |
| 4. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar     | Member   |
| 5. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav    | Member   |
| 6. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari | Member   |
| 7. Dr. Kiran Hazarika          | Member   |

Shri Pramod Kumar Das, Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chander Kuhad and Dr. Uma Chandrashekhar Vaidya 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, UGC welcomed the new Commission Member, Dr. Kiran Hazarika.

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### SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** (i) To confirm the minutes of the 532<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

**The Minutes were confirmed.**

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

- (ii) To confirm the minutes of the 533<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

**The Minutes were confirmed.**

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

- 1.01(b)** (i) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 532<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

**Noted.**

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

- (ii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 533<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

**Noted.**

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

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

- (i) To report the review status of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Deemed to be University), Mumbai, Maharashtra as required in the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

**Ratified.**

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

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- (ii) To ratify the Annual Accounts of UGC for the year 2017-18.

**Ratified.**

[Action : Financial Advisor]

- (iii) To report the inclusion of 136 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.05.2018 to 30.06.2018 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Ratified.**

[Action JS (CPP-I/C)]

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

**Ratified.**

[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 amendment in Clause 4.3 and 5.2 of the University Grants Commission [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018 – Reference – Ministry of HRD letter No. F. 15-1/2018-U3(A) dated 05.06.2018.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.02** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Nehru Gram Bharati (NGB) [Deemed to be University], Kotwa-Jamunipur, Dubwali, Dt. Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh during 04-05<sup>th</sup> May, 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 the case of Nehru Gram Bharati to MHRD for continuation of Deemed to be University status. Nehru Gram Bharati 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 Nehru Gram Bharati (Deemed to be University). From next academic session, the students should be admitted only after the Nehru Gram Bharati gets affiliation.**

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

- 2.03** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal for Deemed to University status under de-novo category to Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi alongwith its five regional campuses at Jammu (J&K), Amravati (Maharashtra), Aizawl (Mizoram),

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Kottayam (Kerala) and Dhenkanal (Odisha) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**The Commission considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and resolved to recommend to MHRD for the status under de-novo category to Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi.**

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

2.04

To consider the request of the B.H.U. to extend the Pay Scale of PB-3 Rs.15600-39100 + GP 6600 (under 6<sup>th</sup> CPC) as notified by M/Finance under schedule Part-B 'XIX' to the cadre & Nursing Superintendent in B.H.U. regarding.

**The Commission considered the agenda as well as the observations of Additional Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance and resolved to send a detailed proposal to Ministry of HRD for onward submission to the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance for approval.**

[Action: JS (JCRC)]

2.05

To consider the response received from Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) [Deemed to be University], No. 12, Vembuliamman Koil Street, West K.K. Nagar, Chennai-600078 (Tamil Nadu) in respect of the show cause notice issued by UGC.

**The Commission considered and resolved to revisit Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER) to validate the reply to show cause notice by another Expert Committee. However, some of the members from the earlier Committee may also be included in this Committee. The**

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**Committee should also look into fee/capitation fee and availability of faculty with medical background.**

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

- 2.06** To consider the response received from Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (Deemed to be University), Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Sardarshahr, Dt. Churu, Rajasthan - 331403 in respect of the show cause notice issued by UGC.

**The Commission considered and resolved that UGC Expert Committee Report, Reply to Show Cause Notice, Affidavit, Academic Outcomes etc. be reviewed holistically by a Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC. Further action be taken on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee.**

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

- 2.07** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) (Deemed to be University), Kundli, Sonapat (Haryana) during 12-13<sup>th</sup> July, 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 to recommend to MHRD for Deemed to be University status to National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) (Deemed to be University), Kundli, Sonapat (Haryana) for 2 years till 2020. The Institution Deemed to be University may be asked to get NAAC accreditation within two years and submit compliance to UGC during this period.**

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

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**2.08** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, Karnataka during 04-05<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 to assess the proposal for Deemed to University status under de-novo category under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**Considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and resolved to recommend to MHRD for giving Letter of Intent (LoI) to All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, Karnataka under de-novo category. The Institution may be asked to fulfill requirements mentioned in the Report of UGC Expert Committee.**

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

**2.09** To consider the Categorization of Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (Deemed to be University), Bangalore (Karnataka) 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/DU)]**

**2.10** To continue Travel Grant Scheme for college teachers/college Librarians/Vice Chancellors/Commission Members and UGC Officers.

**Considered and approved.**

**Further, it was resolved that under the scheme :**

- (i) The Vice-Chancellors be allowed to travel in the ‘Class’ as per their entitlement;**
- (ii) The UGC Commission Members be allowed to travel by Business Class/Executive Class.**

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

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- 2.11** To consider the response received from Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), NH-47, Sankari Main Road, Ariyanoor, Salem, Tamil Nadu - 636308 in respect of the show cause notice issued by UGC.

**The Commission considered and resolved that UGC Expert Committee Report, Reply to Show Cause Notice, Affidavit, Academic Outcomes etc. be reviewed holistically by a Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC. Further action be taken on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee.**

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

- 2.12** To consider the appeal against rejection of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programme/withdrawal of recognition.

**The Commission considered and approved the following:**

- 1. The HEIs shall be given 30 days' time to make representations in case of programmes where rejections along with grounds for rejections have been communicated.**
- 2. There shall be an Expert Committee, to be constituted by the Chairman, UGC, for examining the representations received. The Committee, if needed, may call the HEIs for hearing.**
- 3. There shall be a Standing Appellate Committee to be nominated by Chairman, UGC. The composition and terms of references of the Standing Appellate Committee and the appeals disposal process shall be decided by the Chairman, UGC.**
- 4. The fee for appeal shall be Rupees ten thousand per programme.**
- 5. The Chairman, UGC is authorised to take decisions based on the recommendations of the Committee as mentioned at Sl.No.2 and 3 above. The decisions so taken shall be communicated to the HEIs and shall be reported to the Commission in its forthcoming meeting.**

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



2.13

To consider and approve recommendations of the Interface Committees for recognition of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) along with Learning Support Centres/Study Centres and programmes to be offered through ODL mode from 2018-19 onwards.

**A. The Commission considered and approved the Recommendations of the Interface Committees for recognition of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) alongwith learning support centres/study centres, period of recognition, programmes to be offered through ODL mode from the year 2018-19 onwards and it was decided to communicate recognition or otherwise, with the following decisions:-**

- 1. MBA/MCA/B.Ed/M.Ed/B.Ed (Special Education)/M.Ed (Special Education)/Hotel Management Programmes in ODL mode shall not be accorded recognition without prior approval of the respective Regulatory Authority; valid for the year 2018-19 & onwards.**
- 2. HEIs without NAAC, who have not applied for NAAC within 3 months as per 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment of ODL Regulations 2017, shall not be accorded recognition.**
- 3. Programmes of Private Universities not running same/ similar programmes in regular mode for last 5 years shall not be accorded recognition.**
- 4. In case of Tamil University, UGC shall get confirmation on the recommendations (programmes in regular mode and availability of complete SLM for each programme duly approved by its statutory authorities) of the Interface Committee and take appropriate decision with the approval of the Chairman.**

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5. In case of programmes with invalid nomenclature as per UGC specification of degrees, UGC may convey the approval with correct nomenclature.
  6. In view of the above decisions, changes in the recommendations of the Interface Committees shall be carried out with the approval of the Chairman, UGC and shall be reported to the Commission in the forthcoming meeting.
  7. HEIs shall be given 30 days' time period to submit representations along with documentary evidence in respect of reason(s) indicated in the Commission's decision communicating programme-wise deficiencies and shall be processed as per the relevant provisions of the UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.
  8. The Commission decided that only for the current academic year 2018-19, the HEIs shall complete admission process by 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 and no admission shall be made after this.
- B. The Commission noted the quality provisions in the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments so as to ensure quality of open and distance learning education in the country. The Commission observed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment(ODL) regulations in relations to principal (ODL) regulations have created an anomalous situation where the universities without even having NAAC accreditation and also some universities having low NAAC score have become eligible, whereas universities having NAAC score even upto 3.24 are not eligible. The Commission also took note of the similar concern raised in writing by Prof. (Mrs.) Sushma Yadav, Commission Member, & Prof. I.M. Kapahy, Former Commission Member, while doing first stage screening of the ODL proposals received, on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018. In addition, the commission also observed that, as per the NAAC data available, at present only 61 universities have**

CGPA 3.26 and above, out of 865 UGC recognised universities. This defeats the very purpose of enhancing accessibility, thereby enhancing gross enrolment ratio. However, expansion shall have both the components i.e. qualitative and quantitative.

The Commission deliberated above in length along with the quality assurance provisions of the UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, the impact of NAAC accreditation and decided the following:

1. The imposition of NAAC as an eligibility condition, right in the beginning shall not be there and shall be enforced in a time bound manner. HEIs shall be assessed based on the all other provisions stipulated by the UGC(ODL) Regulation, 2017 and its amendments.
2. Accordingly UGC (ODL) Second Amendment Regulations, 2018 shall be amended and in regulation 3, in sub-regulation 1, for clause (viii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(viii) The Higher Educational Institution has completed five years of existence.

Provided that the HEI shall submit an undertaking to the effect that it will attain a NAAC score of 3.26 on a 4-point scale till the end of academic session 2019-20, failing which, the Commission shall not accord any approval to the Open & Distance Learning Programmes of the HEI.

Provided further, that this clause shall not be applicable to Open Universities till the time they become eligible for NAAC accreditation

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and it shall be mandatory for Open Universities to get NAAC within one year of their becoming eligible for the same.

Provided further, that an institution Deemed to be a University so declared by the Central Government shall offer the Open and Distance Learning courses or programmes as per the extent Deemed to be a University Regulations and other relevant Regulations notified by the University Grants Commission from time to time.

Provided further, that the Higher Educational Institutions which are Deemed to be a Universities shall be permitted to impart Open and Distance Learning Education subject to University Grants Commission specifically allowing the Deemed to be a University to conduct Open and Distance Learning Courses for specific programmes and after off-campus centres, study centres are individually inspected and found adequate by the University Grants Commission and the approval will be course or programme specific.”

3. The Commission also decided to amend relevant provision in point 6 of Annexure X of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017; provisions related to Restricting total capacity of ODL programme to that of capacity in similar conventional programme and also total capacity in main campus; as per the following:
  - (i) There shall not be any restrictions on the intake in ODL programme at the learner support centre/study centre and in Main Campus.
  - (ii) The ratio of qualified counsellor to number of students shall be 1:100.
  - (iii) Rest of the contents of point 6 will remain as it is.
  - (iv) Accordingly, point 6 shall be modified.

4. The Commission, in view of the decision as at S.No. 2 above and to maintain parity in the Distance Education, decided that similar amendment shall be carried out in UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018 and accordingly in regulation 4, in sub-regulation (1), for clause (ii) and (iii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

*“(ii) The Higher Educational Institution shall submit an undertaking to the effect that it will attain a NAAC score of 3.26 on a 4-point scale and should be in the Top-100 in overall category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework(NIRF) for at least one year during the previous 3 years, till the end of academic session 2019-20, failing which, the Commission shall not accord any approval to the Online Programmes of the HEI.”*

**Provided further, that this clause shall not be applicable to Open Universities till NAAC or similar accreditation system and NIRF are made available for such Open Universities.**

[Action: JS(DEB)]

2.14

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Airport Road, Pratap Nagar, Udaipur, Rajasthan - 313001 during 18-19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

**Considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and resolved to recommend to MHRD for continuation of status of Deemed to be University to Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur, Rajasthan.**

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

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- 2.15** To consider the request of Dr. Hari Singh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar for grant of the minimum of the scale of pay plus DA as per 7<sup>th</sup> CPC to the daily wage employees of the Vishwavidyalaya.

**Considered and approved.**

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

## **SECTION-3 (REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

**(There was no item)**

## **SECTION-4 (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)**

- 4.01** To consider the guide to Induction Programme for non- technical higher education.

**Considered and approved with following modifications:**

- (i) Issues and requirements of SC/ST/OBC students should be assessed and addressed.**
- (ii) Requirements of newly admitted students with regards to linguistics and quantitative course(s) should be assessed, and bridge/preparatory courses may be offered for weak students in such subjects.**

**[Action: AS-II]**

- 4.02** To approve the updated Guidelines of State Eligibility Test (SET).

**Considered and approved.**

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

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**4.03** To consider the recommendations of the Search Committee regarding the appointment of Director, IUAC, New Delhi.

**Considered and approved. Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey may be appointed as Director, Inter University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi.**

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

## SECTION-5

### (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

**5.01** To consider extension of utilization of Block Grants to state Universities upto 31.03.2019 against the XII Plan allocation.

**Considered and approved.**

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

**5.02** To consider granting of ex-post-facto approval in extension of fellowship in respect of the Kashmiri Migrant Teacher Dr. Nirojini Bhan Bhat from the period 01.04.2006 to 31.03.2018 working as visiting faculty in University of Jammu (Jammu).

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: AS-I]**

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## SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

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

**Recorded Separately.**

**(Prof. Rajnish Jain)**  
**SECRETARY**

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