



**Annexure-II**

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Shiv Nadar University (Private University), Rajiv Gandhi Salai (OMR), Kelavakkam – 603110, Chengalpattu Dt., Tamil Nadu during 29-31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021 to ascertain fulfilment of norms & standards as prescribed by the UGC and other Statutory Council(s)**

**Part – I - Preliminary**

<b>(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee</b>			
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The AICTE vide letter No. F. 3-285/AICTE(UB)/Nomination-Pvt. Uni./SNU/2021/245 constituted the following Expert Committee:-

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(ii)	Dates of the visit	08 and 09 April 2022
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	All the members attended the visit.

## Part – II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	<p>Shiv Nadar University, Chennai is promoted by the SSN Trust, Delhi. The University has been established by an Act (No. 41 of 2018) of the State Legislature of Tamil Nadu as a Private University, followed by a Government of Tamil Nadu Notification No. 74-G.O. Ms. No. 26 dated 08<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</p> <p>The University is situated on the outskirts of Chennai city on 108.69 acres of contiguous land. The University started functioning from the academic year 2021-22.</p> <p>The University is offering four undergraduate programs, 2 in Computer Science and Engineering, and 2 in Commerce. The total number of student enrolled at present is 336 against the intake of 360. There are 19 permanent teachers apart from 5 adjunct faculty members. All the permanent teachers are Ph.D. degree holders. The number of non-teaching staff is 24.</p> <p>Ph.D. programme is offered in CSE, Civil engineering, Physics, Mathematics and Commerce.</p>
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	February 8, 2021
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	<p>The brief description of the University is given in Part-II (i) above. The details of faculties/programmes are as under:-</p> <p>(i) School of Engineering and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. B.Tech – Artificial Intelligence and Data Science</li><li>b. B.Tech – Computer Science Engineering (IoT)</li></ul> <p>(ii) School of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. B.Com/B.Com (Hons.)</li><li>b. B.Com (Professional Accounting)</li></ul> <p>School of Science &amp; Humanities is supporting faculty.</p>

(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	SSN Trust has over 25 years of experience managing educational institutions. The trust is running educational institutions in Chennai. The promoters are educationists and entrepreneurs.
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**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)	Yes, the University has been established by a separate State Act 'The Shiv Nadar University Act, 2018' (Tamil Nadu Act No. 41 of 2018) duly passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly & TN Govt. gazette notification No. 74 - G.O. Ms. No. 26, Higher Education (K2), 8th February 2021, No. II (2)/HE/79(i)/2021.
(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?	The primary focus of the promoting trust is education.

**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)	The University has not established any off-campus centre.
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres  Yes      No      Not applicable  (refer 2.5 of the format)	The University has not established any off-shore campus centre.
(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 course under distance mode is offered by the University.




### C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?	The University is offering only four UG programmes at present.
(ii)	Is the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	All the degrees awarded by the University are specified by the UGC under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	The sanctioned intake is approved by the Executive Council. Approval of Statutory Council is not required.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Not applicable
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	The University is providing financial assistanceship and fee waiver to 10 students.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	The students are informed through website, brochures, virtual open house, university information centre, e-mails.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Grievance Redressal Cell is in place. The system is working well.  Anti-Ragging Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Mentoring System and Faculty Advisors also available.
(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)	Yes. The curriculum is proposed by the Board of Studies and approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council.  The curriculum is prepared after due deliberations amongst academicians and industry experts. No revision yet as only one batch is admitted in the year 2021-22.  The programmes are started with due approval from Board of Studies, Academic Council and Executive Council.

(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	<p>Continuous evaluation is followed. For theory subjects, the division of marks is 20% for continuous assessment, 30% for mid semester and 50 % for end semester examinations. For practical courses and project work. 50% each is earmarked for continuous assessment and end semester examination.</p> <p>Tests, assignments, quizzes, case studies are part of evaluation system.</p> <p>The evaluation exercise is conducted under CoE. The evaluation is internal.</p> <p>Question papers are set internally and to achieve programme objectives.</p> <p>The examination system is regular, fair and transparent.</p>
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#### D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Yes. The admission policy is fair transparent. Weightage is given to marks in qualifying exam (80), entrance exam (10) and personal interview (10).
(ii)	Does any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Reservation policy is as per the Act. 35% seats are reserved for the students from Tamil Nadu. Reservation policy of the Tamil Nadu Government is implemented for these students.

#### E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	The students are informed through website and prospectus.
(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 a declared, transparent fee policy and no additional fee is collected over and above that displayed on the website and stated publicly.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	All payments are received either through demand draft or through online payment, and receipts are issued for all payments made.

(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	The fee charged by the University seems to be reasonable keeping in view the infrastructure, quality of teaching & and learning and expenditure incurred.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	The fee structure is decided by a duly constituted Fee Committee and approved by the Executive Council of the university. It takes into account the expenditure incurred on providing academic and infrastructure facilities.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No such indication

#### F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	The basic pay is paid as per 07 <sup>th</sup> CPC. However, other allowances are as per Tamil Nadu Government norms. Flexi component is available in other allowances. HR Policy has been prepared, however, it is yet to be approved by the Executive Council.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	All the teachers are qualified as per norms and are trained for the programmes being offered. The teaches are with Ph.D from reputed institutions.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	There are 19 permanent teachers and 05 adjunct faculty members.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	The recruitment is made following due process and explicitly framed policy norms.

#### G. Infrastructure

(i)	<p>Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Land and Buildings</li> <li>➤ Class Rooms</li> <li>➤ Laboratories and equipment</li> <li>➤ Library</li> <li>➤ Sports facilities</li> <li>➤ Residential accommodation including hostels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Land and Buildings - Adequate</li> <li>➤ Class Rooms – Adequate for the programmes offered</li> <li>➤ Laboratories and equipment – Adequate for the programmes offered</li> <li>➤ Library – Adequate for the programmes offered</li> <li>➤ Sports facilities – Excellent facilities available</li> <li>➤ Residential accommodation including hostels – Available</li> </ul>
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## H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	The University is promoted by SSN Trust which is running educational institutions. The trust is providing adequate funds to the University. The promoters are educationists and entrepreneurs.
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## I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	Yes, the various bodies and authorities responsible for the governance of the university have been duly constituted and are working regularly and properly.
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## J. Research Profile

(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilities and output?  (Please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	During the first year, the faculty members have 20 publications to their credit. Apart from this, the faculty members have obtained 04 sponsored research projects. The Committee is satisfied with the progress made so far. The University is providing necessary facilities to the teachers in this regard.
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## K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Adequate non-teaching staff is available. They are paid as per University norms.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes, academic results for the first semester show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation suitable for the issue of academic degrees.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Not yet eligible for accreditation having started academic programmes only from the academic year 2021-22.



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

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Pro-active and supportive management with brand Legacy</li><li>➤ Availability of sufficient land for future expansion</li><li>➤ Excellent infrastructure</li><li>➤ Well Qualified Faculty</li><li>➤ Clean &amp; Green Campus</li><li>➤ Governance system and Statutory Committees are in place</li></ul>
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Very few programmes</li></ul>

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## Part – IV – Recommendations

### **A. Observations of the Committee**

The Committee visited the administrative area, academic departments, library, labs, auditorium, hostels, guest house, staff residences, indoor & outdoor sports complex, canteens, health center and other central facilities available with the University. The Committee interacted with the teachers, students, parents and non-teaching staff. Various available documents were verified. After on the spot visit, interaction with stakeholders and verification of available documents, the observations of the Committee are as under:-

1. Shiv Nadar University, Kelavakkam, Chengalpattu Dt., Tamil Nadu is established by an Act (No. 41 of 2018) of the State Legislature of Tamil Nadu. The date of establishment of the University as approved by the State Government is 08.02.2021. The University started its academic operations from the academic year 2021-22.
2. The University is promoted by SSN Trust. The trust is running educational institutions in Chennai. The promoters are well known entrepreneurs and are providing necessary financial and other support to the University.
3. The University is located on the outskirts of the Chennai city of Tamil Nadu on 108.69 acres of contiguous land. The infrastructure includes administrative area, academic departments, library, labs, shared hostels for boys & girls, guest house, shared staff residences, auditorium, medical room, student lounge, STP, etc. The campus is clean, green and environment friendly. All the buildings are aesthetically designed and disabled friendly. The class rooms are airy, well ventilated and fitted with ICT facilities. Excellent indoor and outdoor sports facilities are available which are also shared with a sister institution. The hostels are well maintained. The campus is wi-fi enabled. The overall infrastructure is excellent and well maintained.
4. The University is offering only 04 UG programmes in the field of Engineering & Technology and Commerce. The total enrolment is 336 against the intake of 360. Eleven research scholars are enrolled for Ph.D.
5. Good library and lab facilities are available for the programmes being offered. Necessary teaching learning equipment and reading material is available.
6. There are 19 permanent teachers and 05 adjunct faculty members. The faculty is adequate for the students enrolled at present. All the permanent teachers are qualified as per norms and have Ph.D. degree from reputed institutions. The permanent faculty is paid basic as per 07<sup>th</sup> CPC and allowances as per the Tamil Nadu State Government norms. The HR policy and faculty recruitment policy are documented. Required non-teaching staff is also appointed. Facilities provided to the teachers are - Independent cubicle/ room, Laptop/desktop, Internet facility, Printers, Scanners, Medical Insurance, transportation, residences, performance incentives, support for professional development, research incentives, LTA, etc.
7. Various statutory bodies as required in the Act have been constituted. Meetings are conducted. Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and Controller of Examination have been appointed. IQAC, Grievance Redressal Committee, SC/ST Committee, Research Committee, Anti-Ragging Committee, NEP Committee also constituted.

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8. The curriculum is finalized after due consultation from academic and industry experts. The curriculum is flexible with micro specialisations. The course outcomes are well defined so far.
9. The Committee appreciated the fact that during the first year, the faculty members have 20 publications to their credit. Apart from this, the faculty members have obtained 04 sponsored research projects. The Committee is satisfied with the progress made so far. The University is providing necessary facilities to the teachers such as seed money in this regard.
10. Transparent admission policy is adopted with weightage given to marks in qualifying exam, entrance exam and personal interview. 30% seats are reserved for the students from the State and State Government reservation policy is followed for them. Fee structure is decided by Fee Committee.
11. Although only one semester examinations are conducted, the Committee find the examination system fair and transparent. Continuous evaluation is followed. For theory subjects, the division of marks is 20% for continuous assessment, 30% for mid semester and 50 % for end semester examinations. For practical courses and project work. 50% each is earmarked for continuous assessment and end semester examination. Tests, assignments, quizzes, case studies are part of evaluation system. The evaluation exercise is conducted under CoE. The evaluation is internal. Question papers are set internally. However, it would be better if external experts are involved in paper setting and evaluation.
12. Facilities for students available are - Scholarships, assistanceship, hostels, transport, canteen/cafeteria, medical room, seed money for projects, Indoor & outdoor sports facilities, lounge, wi-fi, various student clubs, NSS, YRC, etc.
13. The Committee interacted with the management, teachers, students, non-teaching staff and parents. The teachers were satisfied with the facilities and support provided by the management. The students as well as parents were appreciative of the quality of infrastructure and teaching learning. The non-teaching staff was happy with the management.
14. The University has necessary financial and other support from the promoters. Necessary endowment fund is available.

**B. Suggestions of the Committee which require satisfactory compliance by the University**

1. External experts may be involved in paper setting and evaluation.
2. More e-resources needs to be procured and be shared with the students.
3. The University may plan separation of hostels, staff quarters and canteen facilities in future.
4. Awareness amongst students may be created for various scholarships.
4. Remedial classes needs to be organized and mentoring to be strengthened.

**C. Final Recommendations**

After on the spot visit of the infrastructure and other facilities, interaction with the stakeholders and verification of the available documents, the Committee is of the view that in a short span of time since its inception, Shiv Nadar University has started academic programmes in a satisfactory manner. The University has necessary infrastructure (which is excellent) and other facilities available for the programmes offered and the administration is in the process of developing new infrastructure for the proposed programmes. The University is still in the stage of infancy in its growth and the consolidation process is on. The Committee is satisfied with the progress made by the University so far.

 <b>(Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak)</b> Chairman	 <b>(Dr. Abhay Wagh)</b> AICTE nominee & Chairman, AICTE Committee
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**09<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**  
**Chennai, TN.**

