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

Minutes of the 423rd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 29th June, 2005.

The following were present:-

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| 1. | Prof. Arun Nigavekar | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. S.K. Joshi | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Sureshwar Sharma | Member |
| 4. | Dr.(Ms.) Aruna Goel | Member |
| 5. | Dr. P.N. Tandon | Member |

Prof. B.H. Briz-Kishore and Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam, Commission Members could not attend the meeting and asked permission of the Commission to be absent. Prof. V.N. Rajsekharan Pillai, Vice-Chairman, UGC, Shri B.S. Baswan, Education Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Dr. Adarsh Kishore, Secretary (Expenditure), Prof. Suranjan Das, Member of the Commission and Prof. Damodar Acharya, Chairman, AICTE (Special Invitee) could not attend the meeting.

Following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Ved Prakash

Financial Advisor

Shri Pawan Agarwal

Additional Secretaries

Dr. T.R. Kem

Dr. R.K. Chauhan

Director (Administration)

Dr. P.S. Rajput

In his opening remarks the Chairman underlined the significance of Special Assistance Programme (SAP). He observed that the programme has made great impact in improvement of both teaching and research in the field of higher education.

He informed that the Bureau has completed the review of all the departments. Further, he asked Dr. N.K. Jain, Joint Secretary, UGC to make a full presentation on SAP. Dr. Jain then made a comprehensive presentation on SAP indicating state-wise and university-wise distribution of this programme along with the achievements made by individual institutions under the scheme. While appreciating the work done by the Bureau, the members desired that the Bureau should also collect departmentwise information pertaining to number of publications and placement of students. The Chairman, UGC informed the Commission members that the UGC is collecting this information and shall bring the same before the Commission in one of the forthcoming meetings of the Commission.

Thereafter, the Chairman welcomed the Members and took permission from the Members to take up the regular agenda. But prior to that the Chairman asked the Secretary to read out two letters written by Prof. Briz-Kishore and Dr. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam asking for permission of the Commission to allow them to be absent in this meeting. Accordingly, both the letters were read out by the Secretary.

The Chairman, UGC informed the Commission on the circumstances under which the 17th May meeting was postponed. He further informed the Commission Members that the present meeting was rescheduled in consultation with the Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development and apprised the Commission of the present scenario in the UGC. Subsequently, the Chairman suggested that as some members were not present only those items which do not involve long term policy decisions be taken for discussion, to which concurrence was given by the Commission. On this basis, out of 38 items placed before the Commission, the Chairman took the permission to take up only 15 items.

SECTION-1

1.01(a): To receive the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 1st April, 2005.

The minutes of the 422nd meeting of the UGC held on 1st April, 2005 were examined and confirmed with following modifications :-

- (i) *In the minutes of agenda Item No.1.03, in the end of paragraph “the Commission noted the improvement in budget utilization but there were several heads under which greater efforts are required to achieve the target” may be added.*

Action: FA

1.01(b): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 1st April, 2005.

It was examined and noted accordingly. All the changes in the minutes stand incorporated in the action taken report.

1.02(a): To ratify the action taken on certain matters.

- (i) To report the matter regarding Constitution of the Standing Committee on Women’s Studies Scheme by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi.

The members of the Commission had certain reservations to the manner of constitution of the Standing Committee on Women’s Studies by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi and the members suggested that this may be conveyed to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Action:AS (II)

- (ii) Ratification of action taken in connection with Students' Unique Identification Numbers in universities/colleges in the Country.

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman on the action taken so far and in principle approved all the concept of the Unique Identification Numbers in universities/colleges in the country.

Action: Coordinator (NI)

- (iii) Ratification of action taken in connection with Induction and final Review Committees recommendations under Special Assistance Programme Scheme during 2004-05.

The Commission ratified the decision of the Chairman taken on the basis of recommendations of the Induction / Final Review Committees for induction / extension of this programme in the identified departments of the universities and also for releasing grant to them.

Action: JS (SAP)

1.02(b): To receive the items of information.

- (i) India-Myanmar Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) 2004 – Regarding.

The Commission noted the India-Myanmar Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) 2004 agreed by the Government of India.

Action: JS (IC)

1.03 (i): Reporting of expenditure position for the Year 2004-2005 - both for Non-plan and Plan.

The Commission noted with satisfaction, the position of receipt and expenditure for the year 2004-05 and appreciated the manner in which a comprehensive presentation of the expenditure position was made. The Commission approved the re-appropriation of funds from one head to another resulting in utilization of funds in

various heads differing from the approved RE due to differences in pace of expenditure under various heads and also due to receipt of additional funds beyond RE towards the fag-end of the year.

Action: FA

1.03 (ii): To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues.

The Commission noted the expenditure of the funds.

Action: FA

1.04: To receive the Annual Accounts of the year 2004-2005.

*The Commission approved the Annual Account 2004-2005 for onwards transmission to CAG for conduct of audit. The Commission placed on record its appreciation for compiling the accounts well within the prescribed deadline of 30th June 2005. (A copy of the Annual Accounts approved by the Commission is attached with the minutes as **Annexure-I**) (Enclosed separately).*

Action: FA

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

There was no agenda under this section.

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

There was no agenda under this section.

SECTION –4
(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC.)

- 4.01: To consider the extension of special Scheme of Visiting Faculty positions for the displaced migrant teachers of Kashmir University and its affiliated colleges.

The Commission considered and agreed to the proposal of the UGC to extend special scheme of Visiting Faculty positions for Kashmiri displaced migrant teachers for a further period of one year w.e.f. 01.04.2005 pending their absorption.

Action: JS (SU)

SECTION –5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01: To consider the revision of Xth Plan UGC Guidelines-Junior Research Fellowship in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences.

This item was deferred.

- 5.02: To consider the reports of the Expert Visiting Committee for extension of autonomous status to 6 (six) existing Autonomous Colleges of Tamilnadu State & Madhya Pradesh State affiliated to Madurai Kamraj University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Bharathiar University and Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya and conferment of Autonomous Status to 6.(six).new Colleges of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Nagaland and Jharkhand State affiliated to Vikaram University, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagaland University and Ranchi University.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the expert committee and agreed to confer Autonomous Status to the following six new colleges of Madhya Pradesh,

Andhra Pradesh, Nagaland and Jharkhand affiliated to Vikram University, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Nagaland University and Ranchi University respectively :

Jharkhand State

<i>Name of the College</i>	<i>Period recommendation by the Expert Committee academic year</i>
Ranchi University 1. St. Xavier's College, Ranchi	2005-2006 to 2010-2011

Andhra Pradesh State

<i>Name of the Colleges</i>	<i>Period recommendation by the Expert Committee academic year</i>
Acharya Nagarjuna University 2. VSR & NVR College, Tenali	2005-2006 to 2010-2011
3. Montessori Mahila Kalasala, Puunammathota, Vijaywada	2005-2006 to 2010-2011
4. J.M.J. College for Women, Tenali	2005-2006 to 2010-2011

Nagaland State

<i>Name of the College</i>	<i>Period recommendation by the Expert Committee academic year</i>
Nagaland University 5. Patkai Christian College, Dimapur	2005-2006 to 2010-2011

Madhya Pradesh State

<i>Name of the College</i>	<i>Period recommendation by the Expert Committee academic year</i>
Vikram University 6. Government Girls P.G. College, Ujjain	2005-2006 to 2010-2011

The Commission also on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee gave ex-post-facto approval for conferment of autonomous status to the following autonomous colleges of Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Bharathiar University and Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya as per Ninth Plan guidelines:-

Tamil Nadu State

<i>Name of the Colleges</i>	<i>Period of ex-post facto approval</i>
Madurai Kamaraj University 1. Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi	2002-2003 to 2004-2005

Manonmaniam Sundaranar University 2. Sri Parasakthi College for Women, Courtallam	1999-2000 to 2004-2005
Bharathiar University 3. Erode Arts College, Rangampalayam	2002-2003 to 2004-2005
4. Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women, Udamalpet	2000-2001 to 2004-2005
5. Nallamuthu Gounder Mahlingam College, Pollachi	2002-2003 to 2004- 2005

Madhya Pradesh State

Name of the College	Period of ex-post-facto approval
Devi Ahilya University 6. Government P.G. College, Dhar (MP)	2001-2002 to 2004-2005

The Commission also approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for continuation of autonomous status to the following six colleges for a further period of six years as per Tenth Plan guidelines.

Name of the Colleges	Period recommended by the Expert Committee from the academic year
Madurai Kamaraj University(TN) 1.Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi	2005-2006 to 2010-2011
Manonmaniam Sundaranar University(TN) 2.Sri Prasakthi College for Women, Courtallam	2005-2006 to 2010-2011
3. Erode Arts College, Rangampalayam	2005-2006 to 2010-2011
4.Sri G.V.G. Visalakshi College for Women, Udamalpet	2005-2006 to 2010-2011
5.Nallamuthu Gounder Mahlingam College, Pollachi	2005-2006 to 2010-2011
Devi Ahilya University, Ujjain(MP) 6. Government P.G. College, Dhar (MP)	2005-2006 to 2010-2011

Action: JS (PS/AC)

- 5.03: To consider approval for framing of guidelines on the scheme of 'Professional Courses for Women' in Universities and Colleges.

This item was deferred.

**SECTION –6
(MISCELLANEOUS)**

- 6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

No item.

- 6.02: To receive the status notes on UGC Programmes/Scheme.

No item.

- 6.03: To note the date and place of the next meeting of the Commission.

The Commission authorized the Chairman to fix the date of the next meeting of the Commission during the second week of August, 2005, keeping in view the Monsoon Session of the Parliament.

Action: Director (Admn.)

- 6.04: To consider the issue for extension of the date beyond 31.12.2004 for participation in Orientation/Refresher Courses in respect of eligible teachers for the purpose of promotion/placement under Career Advancement Scheme.

The Commission considered and approved the extension of the date beyond 31.12.2004 upto 31st December, 2005 for participation in Orientation / Refresher Courses in respect of eligible teachers for the purpose of promotion/placement under Career Advancement Scheme.

Action: JS (PS/AC)

- 6.05: To consider the recommendations of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Secondary and Higher Education on 23rd March, 2005 to discuss the guidelines prepared for bringing the reforms and transparency in the functioning of affiliating and accrediting institutions.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Department of Secondary & Higher Education on 23rd March, 2005 and discussed the note received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development for bringing the reforms and transparency in the functioning of affiliating and accrediting institutions, considering that some of the issues have long term policy implications, decided to defer this item. Further, it was suggested that the matter might be placed before the Commission in its next meeting with updated status.

Action: JS (CPP)

- 6.06: To consider the Comprehensive Development of Higher Education-Cluster of Colleges: their Administrative Structure, Financial Assistance and other incentives.

This item was deferred.

- 6.07: To consider the 150 Years of Higher Education in Indian Subcontinent-Commemoration Activities by Universities / Colleges.

This item was deferred.

- 6.08: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Ponnaiyah Ramajayam Institute of Science & Technology (PRIST), Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu) on 21st -23rd April, 2005 to assess the proposal for grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956–NOT RECOMMENDED.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and decided that the case for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Ponnaiyah

Ramajayam Institute of Science & Technology (PRIST), Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu) shall not be recommended to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Commission further decided that the deficiencies indicated by the visiting committee might be communicated to the institute.

Action: JS (CPP)

6.09: To consider the report of ICFAI University, Dehradun (Private University) submitted by the Joint Inspection Committee constituted by the UGC Chairman and State Government of Uttranchal.

The Commission considered inspection report submitted by the Joint Inspection Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC and State Government of Uttranchal and agreed to the recommendations of the Committee for the inclusion of ICFAI University, Dehradun (Private University) under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: AS (II)

6.10: To consider the UGC Guidelines for Awareness Building, Protection and Management of the Intellectual Property Rights in the University System in the Country.

The Commission accorded in principle approval for the UGC Guidelines for Awareness Building, Protection and Management of Intellectual Property Rights in the University System in the Country and authorized the Chairman to finalize the Guidelines after incorporating inputs received from various experts. The Commission also decided that during the current year, the UGC might support establishment of five (5) IPM Cells in five universities located in different regions.

Action: Coordinator (NI)

- 6.11: To consider the X Plan allocation to B.N. Mandal University, Laloo Nagar, Madhepura (Bihar).

The Commission agreed to the recommendations of the Expert Committee to provide Rs.2.36 crores as general development grant under Tenth Plan allocation to B.N. Mandal University, Laloo Nagar, Madhepura (Bihar).

Action: JS (CPP/X -Plan)

- 6.12: To consider the proposal of Integral University, Lucknow, U.P. for declaring the university eligible to receive central financial assistance under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

This item was deferred.

- 6.13: To honour the public announcement made by Hon'ble Human Resource Minister to provide Rs.50 lakhs to Home Science College, Jabalpur for construction of Women's Hostel.

The Commission considered and approved the allocation of Rs.50.00 lakhs as a special development grant to Home Science College, Jabalpur for construction of Women's Hostel to honour the announcement made by the Hon'ble Human Resource Minister.

Action: AS-I

- 6.14: To consider the Budget Estimates for 2005-2006 - both for Non-plan and Plan.

The Commission approved the budget estimates for 2005-06 and also took note of the performance budget presented along with. It noted that in the plan budget, separate provision under different heads has been made for the North Eastern Region. Further, the Commission noted that the budget estimates did not make any provision for central universities that are likely to be declared soon. Additional budget provision for the same would, therefore, be made.(A copy of the BE 2005-2006 and

the performance budget as approved is attached as Annexure-II) (Enclosed Separately)

Action: F.A./JS (CPP)

**SECTION -7
(SUPPLEMENTARY)**

7.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separately.

7.02: To consider the Self-Financing universities (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 2005.

This item was deferred.

7.03: To consider the revised Guidelines for considering proposals for declaring an institution as Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

This item was deferred.

7.04: To consider the reports of 13 departments which were not found fit for UGC support under Special Assistance Programme by the Final Review Committees.

This item was deferred.

7.05: To consider the specific scheme prepared by the Expert Committee to reward and recognize meritorious teachers who do not have M.Phil. or Ph.D.

This item was deferred.

- 7.06: To consider the guidelines formulated by Expert Committee to identify New Schemes for the benefit of SC and ST candidates i.e. (i) Research Associateship for SC/ST candidates and (ii) Post Graduate Scholarships for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates.

This item was deferred.

- 7.07 To consider the Report of the Expert Committee constituted by the UGC to assess the proposals of Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi and University of Calcutta for organising Seminars on Gandhian Studies.

This item was deferred.

- 7.08 To consider the report of the Committee appointed by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda (Bihar) for grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda (Bihar) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS (CPP)

- 7.09 To consider the issue of holding National conference on “Promotion of Inclusive Education with focus on H.E. opportunities for SC/ST”.

This item was deferred.

- 7.10 To consider the new scheme for knowledge Connectivity under PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) programme to be offered by the Rural Colleges.

This item was deferred.

7.11 To consider the establishment of New Academic Staff Colleges.

This item was deferred.

7.12 To consider the recommendations of the Review Committee constituted on the direction of Ministry of Human Resource Development to consider the appeal of the Institutions whose proposal for the Deemed University status have been rejected by the Screening Committee.

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Review Committee constituted on the direction of Ministry of Human Resource Development to consider the appeal of the Institutions whose proposals for the Deemed University status have been rejected by the Screening Committee.

The Commission further agreed that a Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC be sent to L.N.M. Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur, Rajasthan for ascertaining both the academic and the physical viability of the institute.

Action: JS (CPP)

7.13 To consider the specific request received from various Universities for granting exemptions from NET for appointment as Lecturers in respect of Maharashtra State cases and other than Maharashtra State held at University of Mumbai, Mumbai on 11th and 12th April, 2005.

This item was deferred.

7.14 To consider reference received from PMO – Finance Minister's Budget Speech regarding extending the scheme of coaching classes to

private coaching institutes having a track record of showing the results in competitive examinations.

This item was deferred.

7.15 To consider the allocation of funds under Plan Budget Heads for new activities in B.E. 2005-06.

This item was deferred.

7.16 To consider the recommendations of the Review Committee to review the performance of the Academic Staff Colleges.

This item was deferred.

- 7.17 To consider the report of the Visiting Committee appointed by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of D.Y. Patil Education Society, Kolhapur (Maharashtra) for grant of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to D.Y. Patil Education Society, Kolhapur (Maharashtra) consisting of D.Y. Patil Medical College, Kolhapur under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Action: JS (CPP)

- 7.18 To consider the allocation of special development grants of Rs.2.00 crores to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math (Deemed to be University) for the current plan period.

The Commission considered the request received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development and approved the allocation of Rs.2.00 crores as special development grants to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math (Deemed to be University) for the current plan period.

Action: JS (CPP)

Any other item :

Secretary, UGC received a communication from the Ministry of Human Resource Development F.No.18-15/2005-U.I.(A) dated June 23, 2005 regarding implementation of the report of the Task Force for Basic Scientific Research in Universities headed by Prof. M.M. Sharma. This communication was placed on the table for the kind consideration of the Commission. The Commission discussed and decided that a fresh item on the subject be brought for detailed discussion during the ensuing meet of the Commission.

(VED PRAKASH)
Secretary

(ARUN NIGAVEKAR)
Chairman