

**UNIVERSITYGRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

Minutes of the 447th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 21st May, 2008.

The 447th Meeting was held on **21st May, 2008 at 10.00 A.M.** in which the following were present:-

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat	Chairman
2. Prof. Mool Chand Sharma	Vice Chairperson
3. Shri R.P. Agrawal	Member
4. Prof. Shivajirao Shripatrao Kadam	Member
5. Prof. K. Ramamurthy Naidu	Member
6. Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Rai	Member
7. Prof. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.	Member
8. Prof. Jalees Ahmed Khan Tareen	Member
9. Prof. D. Singh Chauhan	Member
10. Prof. Achyutananda Samanta	Member

Dr. Sanjiv Mishra and Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Members could not attend the meeting. They were granted leave of absence.

Prof. R.A. Yadav, Chairman, AICTE attended the meeting as Special Invitee.

Shri S.K. Ray, JS &FA, MHRD attended the meeting as a representative of Secretary (Expenditure).

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Dr. R. K. Chauhan

Additional Secretary

Dr. (Mrs.) Niloufer.A. Kazmi

Director (Admn.)

Dr. K. Gunasekaran

Joint Secretary (Finance)

Dr. C.S. Meena

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a): To confirm the minutes of the 446th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 17th April, 2008.

The Minutes of the 446th meeting of the Commission held on 17th April, 2008 were examined and confirmed.

- 1.01(b)(i): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 445th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 27th March, 2008.

This was noted.

- 1.01(b)(ii): To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 446th Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 17th April, 2008.

This was noted.

- 1.02(a): To ratify the action taken on certain matters.
- (i) To report the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC regarding courses run under distance mode by JRN Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Deemed University, Udaipur, Rajasthan.

The Commission ratified the action taken by the Chairman, UGC.

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

There was no item.

- 1.03: To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues.

This was noted.

During the discussions that followed it was agreed that (1) on account grant may be provided to the Institutions so that they could use them for Developmental

purpose and expansion of intake capacity till such time the allocation for Oversight Committee is received. The grants sanctioned/released under an approved scheme of the UGC may be utilized by the University for Implementation of other approved schemes of UGC. This can be done till the funds for the other implemented subsequent schemes are received, which may be recouped immediately after receipt of funds. (2) The Annual Audited Report for the year 2007-08 may be placed before the Finance Committee and the Commission and forwarded to Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) for audit on or before 30th June, 2008.

Action : FA

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

There was no item under this section.

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

There was no item under this section.

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

There was no item under this section.

**SECTION-5
(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

The letter No.16/JS&FA(HRD)/2008 dated 21st May, 2008 along with letter No. 9(2)/E-Coord./2008 dated 19th May, 2005 from the Deputy Secretary (E.Coord.), Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, sent by Shri S.K. Ray, JS & FA, MHRD with

regard to the comments given by Ministry of Finance in respect of Item No.5.01, 5.02, 5.04 and 5.05, was circulated among the members and the same was considered at the time of consideration of the respective item.

5.01: To consider the Report of UGC Expert Committee to prepare Model DPR for 374 New Colleges to be set up in Educationally Backward Districts (Low GER Districts) in the country.

(Deferred Item No. 5.01 of 17th April, 2008 Meeting.)

The Commission approved that the Report of UGC Expert Committee to prepare Model DPR for 374 New Colleges to be set up in Educationally Backward Districts (Low GER Districts) in the country may be recommended and forwarded to the MHRD. The Commission further decided that the State Governments may be asked to follow the Model for the governance of the College either as constituent and autonomous or Government autonomous as the situation warrants in the district/state concerned. Since State Governments have to take care of the recurring expenditure of these colleges, the Commission desired that a discussion with the State Governments may be convened by the MHRD before it is implemented. The Commission further decided that Public – Private – Partnership could be considered by the State Governments in establishing these colleges.

Action: JS (CPP-II)

5.02: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Graphic Era University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

(Deferred Item No. 5.03 of 17th April, 2008 Meeting.)

The Commission examined the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Expert Committee and the advices received from the

AICTE and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Graphic Era University, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) comprising of Graphic Era Institute of Technology. The performance of the Institute may be reviewed after five years of conferment of Deemed to be University status by the MHRD.

The above recommendations is subject to the condition that the State Government of Uttarakhand would be requested to send its final views relating to this Institute within one month. The Chairman was authorized to consider the same and send it to the MHRD. In case, no comments or views are received within the above stipulated period, it would be presumed that the State Government has no objection to the grant of Deemed to be University status.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.03:

To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred to Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu.
(Deferred Item No. 5.05 of 17th April, 2008 Meeting.)

The Commission considered the Report of the Expert Committee for continuation of Deemed to be University status to Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) and decided that the Expert Committee Report along with the AICTE advice and Report of its Committee may be sent to the Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore for comments and compliance within one month.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.04: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Akruti Citygold Institute, Mumbai, Maharashtra for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category.

(Deferred Item No. 5.07 of 17th April, 2008 Meeting.)

The Commission considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Committee and its advice and noted that the UGC and AICTE have given various observations and suggestions. The Commission decided that the Institute may first be requested to ratify these deficiencies and present its case before the Commission for which a slot of 25-30 minutes may be given to the Institute for presentation. The State Government may also be requested to give its final views within two months from the date of issue of first letter by UGC to the State Government or three weeks from now onwards, whichever is later.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.05: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Adesh Foundation, Mukatsar, Punjab for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category in the name and style of proposed Adesh University .

(Deferred Item No. 5.08 of 17th April, 2008 Meeting.)

The Commission considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Committee and its advice and noted that the UGC and AICTE have given various observations and suggestions. The Commission decided that the Institute may first be requested to ratify these deficiencies and present its case before the Commission for which a slot of 25-30 minutes may be given to the Institute for presentation. The State Government may also be requested to give its final views within two

months from the date of issue of first letter by UGC to the State Government or three weeks from now onwards, whichever is later.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.06: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad, Haryana for the conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under de-novo category .

(Deferred Item No. 5.11 of 17th April, 2008 Meeting.)

The Commission considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Committee and its advice and noted that the UGC and AICTE have given various observations and suggestions. The Commission decided that the Institute may first be requested to ratify these deficiencies and present its case before the Commission for which a slot of 25-30 minutes may be given to the Institute for presentation. The State Government may also be requested to give its final views two months from the date of issue of first letter by UGC to the State Government or three weeks from now onwards, whichever is later.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.07: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Ansal Institute of Technology, Gurgaon, Haryana for conferment of Deemed to be University status (de-novo category) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 (P.441-458).

The Commission considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Committee and its advice and noted that the State Government has not given its views on the proposal and there is no certificate from the affiliating University to the effect that the students presently enrolled with the university will continue with the university till they pass out. The

Commission decided that the Institute may first be requested to ratify these deficiencies and present its case before the Commission for which a slot of 25-30 minutes may be given to the Institute for presentation. The State Government may also be requested to give its final views within two months from the date of issue of first letter by UGC to the State Government or three weeks from now onwards, whichever is later.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.08: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Vadlamudi, Dt. Guntur, Andhra Pradesh for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 .

The Commission examined the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Committee and the advice of the AICTE and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research, Vadlamudi, Dt. Guntur, Andhra Pradesh comprising of Vignan's Engineering College. The performance of the Institute may be reviewed after five years.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.09: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of V.S.P.M. Academy of Higher Education, Nagpur, Maharashtra comprising of (i) N.K.P. Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, Nagpur and (ii) V.S.P.M.'s Dental College & Research Centre, Nagpur for conferment of Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to

V.S.P.M. Academy of Higher Education, Nagpur, Maharashtra comprising of N.K.P. Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, Nagpur only. The performance of the Institute may be reviewed after five years.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.10: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to review the Deemed to be University status conferred on Chennai Mathematical Institute, Chennai, Tamilnadu .

The Commission considered and expressed satisfaction with the Report of the Committee for continuation of Deemed to be University status to Chennai Mathematical Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The performance of the Deemed University be reviewed annually as per provisions under de-novo category. The suggestions made by the Committee may be sent to the Institute for compliance and further follow-up action.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.11: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee for considering the proposal of The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab for inclusion under Section 12 (B) of UGC Act.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee and agreed for the inclusion of the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala under 12(B) of the UGC Act.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.12: To consider the Report of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the proposal of Sri Mahavir Jain Education & Cultural Trust, Bangalore for the conferment of Deemed to be University status to Sri Mahavir Jain College, Bangalore in the name and style of Jain University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission examined the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Committee and the advice of the AICTE and agreed to recommend to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferment of Deemed to be University status to Jain University, Bangalore, Karnataka comprising of Shri Mahavir Jain College, Bangalore. The performance of the institute may be reviewed after five years.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.13: To consider the report of the Review Committee which visited Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Bangalore.

The Commission considered the report of the Review Committee for continuation of Deemed to be University status to Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Bangalore, Karnataka and decided to recommend to the M/HRD for its continuation subject to the condition that the Deemed University which is running distance education programmes through study centres at Hyderabad, Patna, Bangalore, Dharmapuri and Ghaziabad without the approval of the DEC and UGC shall close the same with immediate effect. The performance of the deemed university may be reviewed after five years. The suggestions made by the Committee may be sent to the Deemed University for compliance and further follow-up action.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- 5.14: To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee for considering the proposal of Jaipur National University, Jaipur, Rajasthan (Private University) for inclusion under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission approved the inspection report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC which visited the Jaipur National

University, Jaipur, Rajasthan (Private University) and decided that the report may be sent to the University for follow up action.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

5.15: To consider the XI Plan UGC Guidelines for E-Content Development for Universities and Colleges.

The Commission decided that these guidelines of the scheme may be referred to the Committee of three Commission Members constituted to finalize all the guidelines.

Action: JS (XI Plan)

SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

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

Recorded Separately.

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

There was no item.

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

The next meeting of the Commission would be held on 18th & 19th June, 2008 at New Delhi.

Action: Director (Admn.)

6.04:

To consider the directions given by the Committee to Monitor Measures to Prevent Ragging in Higher Education Institution appointed by Supreme Court of India constituted by Ministry of Human Resource Development headed by Dr. K. Raghavan, Ex-Director of CBI .

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Raghavan Committee as under:

1. A separate cell be constituted in the UGC to look after the matter relating to ragging in universities and colleges. For this purpose, the Commission approved the creation of following posts in UGC:

<i>Section Officer</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Assistant</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>LDC</i>	<i>:</i>	<i>1</i>

- 2. The newly created cell be responsible for getting information pertaining to ragging in Institutions in order to read out it completely from the higher educational institutions. The information received from the Institutions in response to various directives/guidelines may be examined and analyzed with the help of this cell and forwarded to M/HRD.*
- 3. The Commission noted that the Supreme Court orders regarding prevention of ragging have already been approved by the Commission and circulated to the Universities and the Colleges.*
- 4. The Commission decided that case of MGR Technical University (Deemed University) referred by Raghavan Committee be taken up immediately for investigation. Any such case in future be also taken on priority.*
- 5. It will be mandatory for the Institutions to indicate the incident of ragging taken place in their institutions in the prospect of the*

subsequent year. Any Institution not giving correct information shall be taken to task as per rules/regulation of the Commission.

6. *The visiting committees visiting universities/colleges for XI plan development assistance shall be responsible to sensitise the institution about the prevention of ragging.*

Action: JS (CPP-II)

6.05

To consider the implementation of the central educational institutions (reservation in admission) act, 2006 in the central educational institutions.

The Commission was briefed about the meeting taken by the Hon'ble HRM for reviewing the progress of implementation of the OBC reservation in admission in central educational institutions. It was also informed that the UGC has already scheduled meeting with the Vice-Chancellors of the Central Universities for review of their preparedness and to finalise release of grants for implementation of the same. The Commission authorized the Chairman to finalize the allocation to universities for implementation of this reservation.

The Commission was also informed that the issue relating to implementation of OBC reservation in admission to UGC funded Deemed Universities has been referred to the Ministry of Human Resource Development. As per the provisions CEI (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 these centrally funded Deemed Universities are covered. The M/HRD may be requested to expedite its decision.

Action: JS (CU)

6.06:

To consider the final report of the Committee (Dr. B.L. Mungekar) regarding exemption from NET qualifications for minimum qualifications for appointment and Career Advancement of Teachers in Universities and affiliated Colleges.

(Deferred Item No. 6.04 of 17th April, 2008 Meeting.)

The Commission examined the report of Dr. B.L. Mungekar Committee and noted that the decision has wider implication. Therefore, the

Commission decided to have the views of Empowered Committee for strengthening of Basic Science Education. Views of UGC Pay Review Committee may also be sought.

Action: JS (NET)

6.07

To consider the issue relating to providing financial assistance to the Universities and Colleges which are not covered under UGC Financial Assistance Programme.

The Commission examined the issue relating to providing financial assistance to the universities and colleges which are not covered under UGC Financial Assistance Programme and decided that the State Government and the Universities may be requested to assess the exact requirements of funds to meet the minimum eligible conditions for approval under section 12(B) of the UGC Act. The Commission provisionally approved the following pattern of assistance for the purpose subject to availability of funds.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Type of Institutions</i>	<i>Pattern of assistance</i>
<i>Universities</i>	<i>State Funded</i>	<i>50% by the concerned State Government from any source and balance 50% by the UGC.</i>
<i>Colleges</i>	<i>Government Colleges</i>	<i>50% by the concerned State Government and the balance 50% by the UGC.</i>
<i>Colleges</i>	<i>Private State Funded</i>	<i>25% by the Trust/Society, 25% by State Government and the balance 50% by the UGC.</i>

The Universities, Colleges, their affiliating University and the State Governments may be requested to work out its financial requirements within two months.

The Commission further decided that the grant for the colleges may be released through their affiliating universities and the universities may be asked to have close monitoring of this funding. For universities, the Chairman was authorized to work out a mechanism to give a one-time relaxation to the universities, which are not included under Section 12B of the UGC Act, so that grants can be released to them by UGC to overcome their shortcomings for inclusion under Section 12B of UGC Act.

Action: JS (CPP-I)

ANY OTHER ITEM

- (1) *The Commission decided that a Joint Meeting may be held with statutory councils such as AICTE, Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India, Nursing Council of India, Pharmacy Council of India and National Council for Teachers Education so as to harmonize the differences that exist at present with regard to the Guidelines/Regulations of various Regulating Bodies.*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (2) *NAAC and NBA should come together so as to prepare a strategy for accrediting the Institutions and Departments.*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (3) *A Peer Group consisting of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities may be constituted by the Chairman which shall assess the Central Universities for accreditation. It was informed that such an arrangement is in existence in other countries.*

Action: JS (CU/IUC)

- (4) *The Regulations for Deemed Universities, prepared by Prof. Ramamurthy Naidu Committee, the Regulations for Admissions and Fees for Deemed Universities prepared by Prof. B.S. Sonde Committee and the recommendations of the Committee for extending the UGC facilities/ schemes for teachers and students of private Deemed Universities and self-financing colleges be compiled together and placed before the Commission.*

Action: JS (CPP-I)/JS (CPP-II)

- (5) *The State Governments may be advised to formulate policy for giving No Objection Certificate for grant of Deemed to be University status in conformity with UGC guidelines for this purpose. The State Government should send its advice within 2 months from the date of the receipt of the proposal. The letters for this purpose may be sent to the Education Secretary of the concerned State Government by Registered Post with acknowledgement due.*

Action: JS (CPP-I)

- (6) *A consolidated list of the convenors of the XI plan visiting committee for various universities along with the name of member secretary and the actual date of visit may be sent to the Commission members within 15 days.*

Action: All Bureau Heads

- (7) *The Commission desired that a mechanism be worked out for brining INFLIBNET and Indest come closer to devise a method of making available the resources to all concern.*

Action: JS (IUC)

- (8) *The INFLIBNET may be requested to make available its connectivity to the 3 offices in Delhi and its regional offices.*

Action: JS (IUC)

(R.K. CHAUHAN)
Secretary

(SUKHADEO THORAT)
Chairman