



Annexure-II

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

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT -
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

Part - I - Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee	1. Prof. P. Fazul Rahaman Ex Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Haq Urdu University D.No. 5-2,K.C. Building, Pandipadu Village Gooty Road, Kurnool-518002 2. Prof. Sushmee Badhulika Department of Electrical Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad, Kandi-502284, Sangareddy, Telangana. 3. Prof. Abhijeet Raj Department of Chemical Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Delhi New Delhi-110016 4. Prof. Dinesh Khattar Principal Kirori Mal College University of Delhi North Campus, Delhi-110007 5. Prof. Ajay Kumar Singh Department of Commerce Faculty of Commerce and Business Delhi School of Economics University of Delhi Delhi 110007 6. Mr. Ashish Panjabrao Deshmukh, Advocate Member, Bar Council of India Shivaji Ward, Pusad, Tal:Pusad, Dist:Yavatmal-445204.
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		7. Dr.Gopi Chand Merugu Deputy Secretary University Grants Commission New Delhi
(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	30-08-2024 and 31-08-2024
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	1. Mr. Ashish Panjabrao Deshmukh, Advocate Member, Bar Council of India Shivaji Ward, Pusad, Tal: Pusad, Dist: Yavatmal-445204. (Not attended due to emergency work) 2. Prof. Dinesh Khattar Principal Kirori Mal College University of Delhi North Campus, Delhi-110007 (Not attended the second day of the inspection i.e on 31.08.2024 due to urgent work)

Part – II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	Vijaybhoomi University, Raigad is a State Private University, established under the Act 2018 now the Govt. of Maharashtra has repealed this act and notified <u>Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023</u> which is applicable for all pvt. Universities in the state of Maharashtra.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	13 th September 2019, <u>Notification of Govt. of Mah and VU Act</u> <u>Annexure I</u>
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	Vijaybhoomi University, Raigad is a State Private University, established under the Act 2018, now the Govt. of Maharashtra has repealed this act and notified <u>Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023</u> which is applicable for all pvt. Universities in the state of Maharashtra.

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		The University has started courses in Engineering & Technology, Arts, Sciences and Law, and has approval from requisite bodies. Appendix-VIII
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	<u>Vijaybhoomi Education Foundation</u> CIN:-U73200MH2005NPL306934 Appendix-I

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)	Vijaybhoomi University, Raigad Act 2018, now the Govt. of Maharashtra has repealed this act and notified <u>Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023</u> which is applicable for all pvt. Universities in the state of Maharashtra. . Please see, Annexure-1, Annexure-3
(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?	Yes Appendix-I

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)	Yes University has not started any off-Campus Centres. Annexure-4
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	Yes University has not started any off-Shore Campus Centres. Annexure-4
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of	No. The university is not running any course(s) under distance mode.

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competent authority of the Government of India?	Annexure- 4
Yes No Not applicable	
(refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?	The courses offered 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 Annexure-5
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	Yes Appendix VIII
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Yes Appendix X
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	Yes Annexure-7
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes Annexure-8
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Yes Appendix XII
(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 Annexure-9, Annexure-10, Annexure-11 and Annexure-12

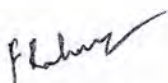
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	Student performance is evaluated based on continuous formative assessment, viva voce and end term assessment by the faculty members. The question paper for the mid term and end term assessment are set by the course teachers / faculty members, which are moderated by the committee under the supervision of controller of examinations who is appointed by the chairman of the academic council. The role of the moderation is to ensure the standards of questions paper and questions set as per the objectives of the courses. There are no malpractice cases reported for <u>UG Programme</u>, but for <u>PG programmes</u> there are 3 cases Papers set by internal faculty/external faculty 7Annexure-13, Annexure-14, Annexure-15, Annexure-16 and Annexure-17
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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. Annexure-18
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	State reservation policy as per vijaybhoomi Act approved by government of Maharashtra

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes. The information about the fee and charges available On the website and in the prospectus. Annexure-18, Annexure-19
(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?	Yes.




(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Transparent.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fee structure is completely based on BOG resolutions. Annexure-18
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	Yes
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/departement)	Yes. There is a reasonable number of faculty with Ph.D. qualification and some of the faculty with PG qualification are NET qualified. Appendix-XIII
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	Yes. The proportion of permanent faculty is adequate With present student strength.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes.

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?	
	➤ Land and Buildings	Yes
	➤ Class Rooms	Yes
	➤ Laboratories and equipment	Yes
	➤ Library	Yes
	➤ Sports facilities	Yes

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➤ Residential accommodation including hostels	Adequate Available Annexure-24, Annexure-25, Annexure-26, Annexure-27, Annexure-28, Annexure-29, Annexure-30, Annexure-31, Annexure-32, Annexure-33, Annexure-34, Annexure-35, Annexure-36, Annexure-37, Appendix XIV and Appendix XVI
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes.
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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?	In place.
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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)	Currently, the university does not offer PhD courses. The University should promote and publish more research articles in SCI/SCIE journals and also file Indian patents. In this way a good eco system of research can be developed in the University. The teachers must be oriented to submit the research projects for extra mural funding.
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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.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Yes.

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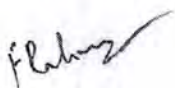
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L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	❖ Strong and active sponsor body of the University ❖ Strong and active Board of Governance and Board of Management. ❖ Academic curriculum is aligned with NEP 2020 where a student's teaching learning experiences are multidisciplinary, skill focused and social inclusion ❖ Faculty and staff support the University Mission. ❖ Permanent campus in 55 acres. ❖ Active participation in social service and outreach activities.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	❖ Located in the rural remote area.

Part – IV – Recommendations**A. Observations of the Committee**

Vijaybhoomi University, Raigad Maharashtra, has reasonable infrastructure and faculty. Being a university, the number of students is small but it is gradually increasing. The University follows semester-based model. Each Semester has two terms. Each term of three months each. It has approval of BCI Law programs. The University offers project-based learning which enables the students to acquire deeper knowledge of respective subjects. It also helps the students to develop a creative and analytical thinking as well as good human beings. NEP implemented in terms of multidisciplinary, credit transfer, Interdisciplinary and credit from other courses by the University. The University has collaboration with premier institutes and industries which is required for the improvement of the academics and research ecosystem. The faculty strength is good as per the UGC norms with present student strength. University is working for upliftment of female child of the university and nearby villages by organizing KANYATHAN Program



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

- 1) The positions of senior faculty and Deans may be appointed.
- 2) Ensure the Regular/Permanent faculty strength as per the norms of respective Regulatory/Statutory authorities.
- 3) Improve power supply on campus possibly by use of solar power and DG Set.
- 4) Extend canteen hours for students working late.
- 5) The limit on internet bandwidth shall be enhanced to students without any charge.
- 6) Internet connectivity needs to be improved for students to use e-books or remotely accessing software.
- 7) Appoint support/technical staff.
- 8) Campus connectivity with nearby towns or cities needs to be improved with frequent bus/van services
- 9) Faculty housing on campus or nearby localities should be looked into as daily long commutes will increase faculty attrition.

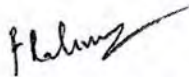
C. Final Recommendations

The UGC expert committee virtually visited the Vijaybhoomi University, Raigad Maharashtra on 30th and 31st of August 2024 for the assessment as per the terms of reference of the UGC. For this, inspection of records, inspection of facilities, interaction with students, faculty, non-teaching staff, were also made.

After assessment, it is the observation of the Expert Committee that the university with its present student strength has reasonable infrastructure, faculty and the financial viability is sound and the fit case for recommendation. The Expert Committee verified and did the assessment of fulfilment of the criteria in terms of the programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability etc. as laid down from time to time from UGC and other statutory bodies.

The expert committee recommends the case of Vijaybhoomi University, Raigad Maharashtra (Private University).

(Name and Signatures of the Expert Committee Members)


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Chairperson

(Prof. Sushmee Badhulika)
Member

(Prof. Abhijeet Raj)
Member

(Prof. Dinesh Khattar)
Member

(Prof. Ajay Kumar Singh)
Member (AICTE Nominee)


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Co-ordinating Officer-UGC