



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: UGC Vide its letter D.O. No. F.8-18/2015 (CPP-I/PU/GSFC) dated 21 st September, 2021 constituted an Expert Committee to visit GSFC University, Vadodara, Gujarat .	
1.	Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak (Former VC -Dr. A. P. J. A. Kalam University) Vice- Chancellor Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University Kanpur- 208024 (UP)	Chairman
2	Prof. S. B. Agrawal Dept. of Botany, Faculty of Science Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005	Member
3.	Prof. Y. V. Rami Reddy DRS Department of Chemistry Sri Venkateswara University Tirupati - 517502	Member
4.	Prof. S.K.Choubey Director, University Institute of Management Rani Durgawati Vishwavidyalaya Jabalpur (MP)	Member
5.	Dr. Usha Natesan Director National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Taramani, Chennai – 600113 (Tamilnadu)	Member (AICTE Nominee)
6.	Dr. Jitendra K. Tripathi Joint Secretary University Grants Commission New Delhi - 110 002	Coordinating Officer
(ii)	Date (s) of visit	17 – 18 June, 2022

(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report	Prof. S. B. Agrawal and Prof. S. K. Choubey could not attend the meeting.
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Part – II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University	GSFC University is established by the GSFC Education Society -as a corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative of Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd, six decades old industrial giant, to continue the tradition of serving the community in multiple ways. The vision behind establishing this distinct University is societal development through relevant and cutting-edge knowledge in frontier areas of professional growth. GSFC University is established under the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009 (Gujarat Act No 08 of 2009) as amended by Gujarat Act No. 25 of 2014 and Notification No. GH/SH/31/EPU/2014/37/KH-I dated 19th December 2014 issued by Education Department, Govt. of Gujarat bring the amended Act in to force effective from 18th December 2014.																					
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University	18th December 2014																					
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	GSFC University is organized into 3 constituent schools; i.e. School of Technology (SOT), School of Science (SOS) and School of Management (SOM). <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">ACADEMIC YEAR: 2022-23</th></tr> <tr> <th>Program</th><th>Level</th><th>Duration</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3">SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (B. Tech)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chemical Engineering</td><td>Bachelor</td><td>4 Years</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mechanical Engineering (Specializations in Smart Manufacturing/ Robotics & Automation)</td><td>Bachelor</td><td>4 Years</td></tr> <tr> <td>Computer Science and Engineering (Specializations in Data Science, AI & Machine Learning / IOT & Automation /</td><td>Bachelor</td><td>4 Years</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	ACADEMIC YEAR: 2022-23			Program	Level	Duration	SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY			UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (B. Tech)			Chemical Engineering	Bachelor	4 Years	Mechanical Engineering (Specializations in Smart Manufacturing/ Robotics & Automation)	Bachelor	4 Years	Computer Science and Engineering (Specializations in Data Science, AI & Machine Learning / IOT & Automation /	Bachelor	4 Years
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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE		
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (B.Sc. (Hons.))		
Chemistry	Bachelor	3 Years
Biotechnology	Bachelor	3 Years
Industrial Chemistry	Bachelor	3 Years
Microbiology	Bachelor	3 Years
Fire & Safety	Bachelor	3 Years
POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS (M.Sc.)		
Chemistry	Masters	2 Years
Biotechnology	Masters	2 Years
Industrial Microbiology	Masters	2 Years
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMS (PG Diploma)		
Industrial Safety (PGDIS)	Masters	1 Year
Fire & Life Safety Audit (PGDF&LSA)	Masters	1 Year
Disaster Management (PGDDM)	Master	1 Year
DOCTORAL PROGRAMS (Ph.D – Part time)		
Chemistry	Doctorate	3.5 Years
Biotechnology	Doctorate	3.5 Years
SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT		
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (BBA)		
General (HR/Marketing/Accounting & Finance/Information Technology Management)	Bachelor	3 Years
Business Analytics	Bachelor	3 Years

(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	GSFC Ltd, a Government of Gujarat promoted public limited company has set up the Society/trust namely GSFC education Society for setting up GSFC University as its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative
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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?	Yes, GSFC University is established under the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009 (Gujarat Act No 08 of 2009) as amended by Gujarat Act No. 25 of 2014 and Notification was issued by the Education Department on 19th December, 2014 vide Notification No. GH/SH/31/EPU/2014/37/KH-1
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Yes, the Trust/Society is involved in promoting the University and sufficiently focused on educational activities.

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres	Not Applicable (No off campus centres)
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres	Not Applicable (No off shore campus)
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India?	Not applicable (No distance learning courses offered)

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Adequately diverse.
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act. 1956?	Yes

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(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council (s)/UGC?	Yes
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council (s)?	The University presently offers the courses/ Programmes which do not require the approval from Statutory Council (s).
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students?	Yes
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?	Yes
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working Properly?	Yes
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	Yes, the University is following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis through Board of Studies and Academic Council.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?	Fairly transparent.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Fair and transparent.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	The university provides relaxation & reservation in admission as per State Government rules and regulations.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes, the fee structure has been displayed on the University website and is also mentioned in the prospectus.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are the some charges over and above the publicly stated fee structure?	There are no additional charges other than publicly stated fee structure.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	The University encourages digital payment of fees and has following modes of fee payment: Debit Card/ Credit Card / Net Banking / UPI. However, in exceptional cases fees is collected through Cheque

		/Demand draft. No complaint received during interaction with the students.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Fees charged appears to be reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	The fee for the professional courses (B. Tech Courses in School of Technology) is regulated by the Fees Regulatory Committee (Technical) (FRC). The Tuition fees for School of Science (SOS) and School of Management (SOM) are decided by the University.
(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 UGC?	No, University is not paying UGC pay scale to the faculty. Consolidated salary is being paid to the faculty.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified are well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Yes, the faculties are well qualified and are well trained for the courses.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	University is having less no of permanent faculty but adequate no. of Guest and contract faculty available.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes, University follows process for recruitment with publicity in newspapers and websites for the position, appointing interview panel as per the laid norms.

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➤ Land and buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities	Yes, University has established and developed adequate infrastructural facilities for the smooth functioning of Institutes. Land & Building: Adequate for running present programs Class Rooms: Adequate for running present programs Laboratories & equipment: Adequate for UG, PG
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	➤ Residential accommodation including hostels	& Research Programs Library: Less no. of books & journals. Sports: Adequate facility available Residential accommodations including hostels: Adequate
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes, the University is CSR Initiative of GSFC Ltd. and the fund requirement mainly for capital projects are provided / arranged by GSFC through as CSR or other infrastructural supports.
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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, all the statutory bodies (Governing Body, Board of Management, Academic Council, Boards of Studies) are as per the statues and working regularly & properly for governance of the University.
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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)	The university is relatively new one, however, the research output of the University is steadily increasing progressively. Some faculties are actively involved in research projects of industries and also received research grants from the Government. The laboratories are well equipped with sufficient equipments.
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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?	Yes, Non-teaching staff is adequate and qualified and is paid as per the university norms.
(ii)	Do the academic result show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes, the academic result show evidence of independent evaluation.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Not yet.

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	1) Patronage from GSFC Ltd under CSR Initiative 2) Advanced science laboratory 3) Serene, lush green and Peaceful Campus 4) Gender friendly and safe environment 5) Good Industry Connect 6) Internship embedded course curriculum 7) Industry participation in academics and governance
(ii)	Weaknesses of University	1) Lack of Student diversity. 2) Limited hostel facility. 3) Less UG and PG courses 4) The students enrolling are at lower end of competencies.

SPart – IV – Recommendations**A. General Observations and suggestions**

- Well established infrastructure of GSFC Ltd. which is also used by the university.
- Enthusiastic students and committed faculty.
- University hosted inside the campus of GSFC Ltd.
- Research needs to be strengthened
- Minimum 10% solar energy to be generated
- Solid waste management facility to be arranged
- Library needs to be strengthened

B. Operations recommendations which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval Letter

- Faculty should be paid salary as per UGC norms.
- Some more UG and PG programs to be started keeping in view NEP-2020
- More senior faculty should be appointed.

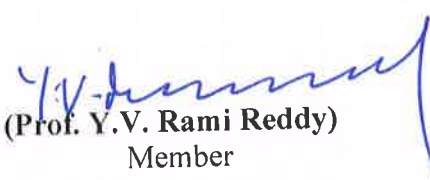



C. Final Recommendations

The Committee as mentioned above, visited various facilities in the University campus during two days' visit i.e. 17-18th June, 2022.

After visiting various physical infrastructure, central facilities, the academic and administrative units, verification of relevant documents pertaining to academic programs, and taking into account the inputs received during interaction meetings with Faculty, Students, Non-teaching staff, and Management officials including Provost, (Vice Chancellor) President and after careful evaluation of both direct and indirect information available and due consideration to the available facts, the Committee unanimously recommends granting approval to the GSFC University, Vadodara, Gujarat subject to compliance of the suggestions as in Part- IV (B) above.


(Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak)
Chairman


(Prof. Y.V. Rami Reddy)
Member


(Dr. Usha Natesan)
Member-AICTE Nominee

Dated: 18th June, 2022
Place : Vadodara, Gujarat