

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

**Report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to ascertain norms and standards -
Swarnnim Startup & Innovation University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat**

Part - I - Preliminary

(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee

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(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	18 th & 19 th March 2024	
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation Member)	Shri Vikas Trivedi, Member Secretary, RCI, could not attend the meeting.	

Part – II – Introduction

I	Brief introduction of the University	Swarnnim Startup & Innovation University Bhoyan Rathod, Opposite IFFCO, Near ONGC WSS, Adalaj Kalol Highway, Gandhinagar, Gujarat - 382420.			
ii	Date of establishment of the University	31 st March 2017			
iii	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	The University has been established under Govt. of Gujarat Act No. 10 of 2017 an act further amendment of the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009. Education Department, Govt. of Gujarat Notification No. No: GH/SH/12/EPU/2017/10/KH, dated: 31 st March,2017			
		Sr. No	Name of the School	Courses	Programme
		1	Swarnnim Institute of Technology	Diploma	Automobile Engineering
					Civil Engineering
					Computer Engineering
					Electrical Engineering
					Mechanical Engineering
				UG	Civil Engineering
					Computer Engineering
					Mechanical Engineering
					Information Technology
					Chemical Engineering
					Environmental Engineering
PG	Bachelor Of Technology (Specialized)(CTIS/AI/ Cyber Security)				
	Environment Engineering				

					Advanced Manufacturing Systems Engineering
					Master In Computer Engineering (Artificial Intelligence)
					M. Tech Computer Engineering (Cyber Security)
					Structural Engineering
		2	Swarnnim School Of Business	UG	Bachelor Of Business Administration (BBA)
					Bachelor Of Commerce (B.Com)
					Bachelor Of Computer Application (BCA)
					B.Sc IT
				PG	Master Of Business Administration (Entrepreneurship, Digital Marketing & E-Commerce, Finance, HR, Marketing)
					MCA
		3	Swarnnim Institute of Designs	Diploma	Diploma Fashion Design / Interior Design / Graphic Design
				UG	Bachelor Of Architecture
					Bachelor Of Interior Design
				PG	Master Of Planning (Urban Planning)
		4	Aarihant Homoeopathic	UG	BHMS
		5	Aarihant Institute of Nursing	UG	Bachelor of Nursing
				PG	P.B.B.SC Nursing
		6	Swarnnim Science College	UG	B.SC.
				PG	M.SC.
		7	Venus Institute of Physiotherapy	UG	BPT
				PG	MPT
		8.	Aarihant Ayurvedic Medical College &	UG	BAMS
		9	PhD	PhD	PhD
		10	Swarnnim Institute of Health Science	Certificate	DMLT
					PGDMLT
iv	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Shri Gyaprasad Jain Charitable Trust is registered under the Mumbai public trust act 1950. Registration no. E/18050 Ahmedabad dated 7 th May 2007. Apart from sponsoring the university, the Trust is also sponsoring Arihant School of Pharmacy & BRI, Adalaj, Gandhinagar, Affiliated to Gujarat Technological University			

Part – III – Summary Report**A. Legal Status**

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?	Yes The University has been established under Govt. of Gujarat Act No. 10 of 2017 an act further amendment of the Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009 & Education Department, Govt. of Gujarat Notification No. No: GH/SH/12/ EPU/2017/10/KH, dated: 31st March,2017.
(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

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 centres)
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India?	Not Applicable (university does not offer any course under distance mode)

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
(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)?	Yes
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students?	Yes

(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?	Students are adequately informed through Website, Interface Counseling and various notice board available in the respected department and at common places.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly?	Yes, Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) is in place to address any grievance of the students as well as faculty and staff. - An online grievance redressal mechanism is available at the University website. - GRC is constituted as per UGC guideline. - Ombudsman person has been appointed.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	Yes, University formulates curriculum by adopting the suggestions made by the Board of Studies which comprises of the following:- - All teachers of the concerned departments. - Two experts of the concerned faculty/department to be nominated as members by the Provost on the recommendation of the Chairman, Board of Studies from outside the University from academia/Industries. - Detailed syllabus of the different courses of the department are prepared by the Board of Studies and submitted to the Academic Council for its approval and publication. - Syllabi is revised and updated by the Board of Studies from time to time and submitted to Academic Council for approval. - The meetings of the Board of Studies are arranged at least twice during an academic year.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?	The examination system of the university is regular, fair and transparent.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Admission procedure of the university is as per norms of state government. Faculty-wise students are selected for the admission through Government entrance test/interview/Academic record, etc.
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(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Yes, reservation quota is as per the state government norms.
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E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes The students are informed about the fees and the fees are also displayed in the university website.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publicly stated fee structure?	Yes. 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?	Fees of the students are collected by the online mode or through Cheques and the fees paid receipts is given to students. No complaint received during online interaction with the students.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Reasonable fee structure.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Yes As per Fees Regulatory Committee of Government of Gujarat
(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?	Yes Basic pay as per 6 th Pay commission and other allowances are as per university norms.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Faculty members are qualified & trained adequately. There is scope of improvement for imparting better quality of education.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	Adequate proportion of permanent faculty are there.

(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes, the recruitment is done as per the HR policy of the University
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G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels	Yes These facilities are adequate.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	The sponsoring body is adequately managing the difference of the income and expenditure.
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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?	All the statutory bodies are constituted and authorities are appointed. Meetings are held regularly.
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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?	Being a new University, the research and development activities are still at nascent state. The University needs to take necessary steps in this regard as strong research is the backbone of a University especially working in the field of startup and innovation.
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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
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(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?	Not yet accredited. University is in process of NAAC accreditation.

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	a. Working for Startup ecosystem for entrepreneurship and employment generation. Introduced & implemented entrepreneurship course. b. University is in the process of implementing NEP-2020. c. Swarnnim apple IOS skill centre to give skill of IOS software through the expert of apple certified faculties. Providing Android based skill with the establishment of SAP centre in collaboration with Amul and L & T. d. School of Drone is running in the University campus in the collaboration with Govt. of Gujarat & Kaushalya Skill University. The University has provided infrastructure facility & ground for Drone Flying to Govt. of Gujarat & Kaushalya University for free of charge. e. Providing 100% support for startup within 3 years of degree completion. f. Good infrastructure
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	• The research & development programmes are still under progress. • Admissions in Engineering and Architecture are very low. • Bandwidth in the university campus is low.

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

The Committee held its preliminary meeting on 14.02.2024 to formulate the modalities for virtual visit of the University. After due deliberations, the Committee decided to virtually inspect the University on 18-19th March, 2024 as per the SoP. The University was requested to provide information about the University and its various activities alongwith the Annexure-I well in advance.

The virtual meeting started with the internal discussion amongst the Expert Committee members and thereafter, the Vice-Chancellor (Pro-Vost) of the University was requested to make a power point presentation about various academic and other activities of the University. The power point presentation was followed by question answer session by the Committee with various authorities of the University. This was followed by virtual tour of the University. Subsequently, virtual visit was organized by the University. This visit was for various academic departments, labs, departmental libraries, central library, IQAC cell, sports facilities, central facilities, residences, hostels, etc. During the virtual visit, interaction was conducted with the faculty members and students. After virtual visit, separate interaction was held with the teachers, students, non-teaching staff and management. The suggestions given by the stakeholders during the interaction are included in the observations and suggestions below. After the interaction, the Committee verified various documents provided by the University.

Based on the virtual visit, verification of the documents, interaction with the stakeholders and presentation made by the Vice-chancellor (Pro-vost), the observations of the Committee are as follows:-

- The Committee appreciated University's focus on startup and innovations.
- The overall infrastructure is very good.
- Dedicated and committed promoting society, faculty and staff.
- The University has taken various steps for the implementation of NEP.
- There is a healthy gender mix among the students who represent from different part of the country, having girl students.
- Well maintained boys' and girls' hostel with modern facilities.
- For eco-friendly campus Arihant herbal garden is well maintained by the students.
- The central library is stacked with required teaching and learning material.
- The University has adopted villages for the empowerment of the villagers.
- Student amenities are available in the campus.

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

- Research activities / infrastructure to be further strengthened by initiating a research corpus.
- May plan more seminars/ conferences.
- More efforts are required for student admissions in engineering and architecture.
- Campus Band width needs to be increased.
- Labs need to be strengthened.
- The University to participate in NIRF rankings and apply for other accreditations.

C. Final Recommendations

After virtual visit of the infrastructure, central facilities, the academic and administrative departments, verification of relevant documents pertaining to academic programs, and taking into account the inputs received during interaction meetings with Faculty, Students and Non-teaching staff, and Management officials including Vice Chancellor(Pro-vost), the Committee unanimously recommends granting approval to the Swarnnim Startup & Innovation University, Bhoyan Rathod, Opposite IFFCO, Near ONGC WSS, Adalaj Kalol Highway, Gandhinagar, Gujarat subject to compliance of the suggestions as in Part- IV (B) above.

Note - The Committee authorized Prof. Raj Kumar, Chairman of the Committee to physically sign the Report (Annexure-I & II) on each and every page. The remaining members will send their approval on-line which will be attached to the report.


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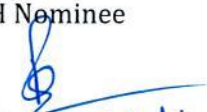
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