

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

**MINUTES OF THE 552<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021 IN BLENDED MODE.**

The 552<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh | Chairman |
| 2. Shri Amit Khare           | Member   |
| 3. Prof. (Dr.) Nagesh Thakur | Member   |
| 4. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav  | Member   |
| 5. Prof. E. Suresh Kumar     | Member   |
| 6. Prof. M.K. Sridhar        | Member   |
| 7. Dr. Shivaraj              | Member   |

Shri Rajeev Ranjan, Additional Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance could not attend the meeting.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

**Secretary**

Prof. Rajnish Jain

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### SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** (i) To confirm the Minutes of the 551<sup>st</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2021.

**The Minutes were confirmed.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- (ii) To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021).

**The Minutes were confirmed**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- (iii) To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021).

**The Minutes were confirmed.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- 1.01(b)** (i) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 551<sup>st</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2021.

**Noted.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

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(ii) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the Meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2021).

**Noted.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

(iii) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the Meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021).

**Noted.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

**1.02(a)** To ratify the action taken on certain matter.

- (i) To report the extension of last date for completing the Master's degree with requisite percentage of marks for NET held in December 2018 and June 2019.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: JS(NET)]**

- (ii) To report actions taken on certain matters related to Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes.

**The Commission ratified the actions taken with the approval of the Competent Authority on recommendations of DEB Working Group in its tenth meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, in respect of the following:**

- 1. Methodology for smooth implementation of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 for academic year 2021-22**
- 2. Methodology for assessing Non-SWAYAM Learning Platform proposed by the HEIs for offering Online Programmes by Technical Expert Committee (TEC)**
- 3. Permissibility for offering Yoga based programmes through ODL mode based on letter received from Ministry of AYUSH**
- 4. Complaint received against University of Kalyani**
- 5. Matter related to Category – I HEIs**
- 6. Violation by the Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu**
- 7. Assessment of Visiting Expert Committee Reports**

**The Commission also noted the following:**

- 1. Notification of UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021 on 01st July, 2021.**
- 2. Notification of Application fee as decided by the Commission in its 551<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2021.**
- 3. Invitation of applications from entitled HEIs for offering Online programmes as per the Regulations 3(B)(a) of the notified Regulations.**
- 4. Invitation of applications from eligible HEIs for recognition of ODL and Online programmes as per notified Regulations.**

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- (iii) To report the inclusion of 65 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.06.2021 to 31.07.2021 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I/C)]**

- (iv) To ratify the decisions of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: JS(AC)]**

- (v) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission with regard to approval of institutions under Sections 2(f), 12 (B) and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I/PU)]**

**1.02 (b)** To receive the items for information. **(No item)**

**1.03** To receive the position of funds of UGC and related issues. **(No item)**

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## SECTION-2

### (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To consider the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to consider the de-novo aspect of the application received from National Institute of Naturopathy, Bapu Bhavan, Matoshree Ramabai Road, Pune, Maharashtra for Deemed to be University status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**Considered and approved.**

[Action: JS(CPP-I/DU)]

- 2.02** To consider the categorization of B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University), GST Road, Vandalur, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) under Category – II of the University Grants Commission [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

**Considered and approved.**

[Action: JS(CPP-I/DU)]

- 2.03** To consider the Concept Note on Blended Mode of Teaching and Learning.

**The Commission resolved that the Concept Note on Blended Mode of Teaching and Learning be sent to all the Commission Members to give their comments within one week. Further, the Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to finalize the Concept Note on Blended Mode of Teaching and Learning after suitably incorporating the inputs received from the Commission Members.**

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

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**2.04** To consider and examine the anomaly cases of non-teaching staff of Central Universities /Deemed to be Universities received in the JCRC section.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(JCRC)]**

**2.05** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to evaluate the performance and academic outcomes of Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), Chennai, TN.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I/DU)]**

**2.06** To consider the recommendations of the UGC Expert Standing Committee constituted to examine the performance and academic outcomes of the Deemed to be Universities-Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Deemed to be University, Choglamsar, Leh (Ladakh).

- **Considered and approved.**
- **It was deliberated that the nature and characteristics of Central University and Deemed to be University are different. Central University of Ladakh is a multi-disciplinary University whereas Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Choglamsar, Leh (Ladakh), an Institution Deemed to be University under de-novo category is an Institution for Buddhist Studies.**
- **In order to establish synergy between CIBS and Central University in Ladakh, MoU may be signed for interdisciplinary programmes and research. This will strengthen both the Institutions.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I/DU)]**

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**2.07** To consider the proposal for establishment/construction for Sarvagya Shri Chakradhar Swami Centre for Marathi Language and Philosophy by Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha (Central University) Amravati (Maharashtra).

**The proposal was considered and it was resolved to recommend the same to Ministry of Education for approval.**

[Action: JS(CU)]

## SECTION-3

**(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

**(There is no item in this section)**

## SECTION-4

**(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)**

**4.01** To consider the Draft National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF)

**The matter was considered and resolved that the Commission Members may give their feedback within 8-10 days on the draft National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF). After incorporating Members' feedback and the suggestions to be received from AICTE, NCTE, NCVET and NSDC the draft report may be put in the public domain seeking feedback from stakeholders. After incorporating the suggestions received from stakeholders, the report may be placed before the Commission for approval.**

[Action: JS (QIP)]

**4.02** To consider revision of "Guidelines for establishment of Chairs in Universities".

**Considered and approved.**

[Action: JS (Chairs)]



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**4.03** To consider the proposal for establishment of Chairs in the universities in the name of illustrious persons of India.

- **Considered and approved. It was resolved to recommend the same to Ministry of Education for concurrence.**
- **Further it was resolved to authorize the Chairman to finalize the Universities wherein Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Chairs are to be established.**

[Action: JS (Chairs)]

## SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

(There is no item in this section)

## SECTION-6

(MISCELLANEOUS)

**6.01** To consider certain establishment matters of UGC

**Recorded Separately.**

## ANY OTHER ITEM

To consider the communication received from the Ministry of Education related to the off-campus of Birla Institute of Technology (Deemed to be University), Mesra, Ranchi (Jharkhand).

**The Commission considered the letter No. F.10/1/2016-U.3(A) dated 08.09.2021 received from the Ministry of Education about the issues related to the off-campus of Birla Institute of Technology (Deemed to be University), Mesra, Ranchi (Jharkhand). Secretary (HE) briefed the members about BIT, Mesra and issues related to its off-campus. The Commission resolved that the Chairman may constitute a Committee for the following purpose:-**

- (i) Look into the issues related to the off-campus of BIT, Mesra;**
- (ii) Examine the cut-off date of current NIRF ranking and NAAC accreditation for opening of off-campus;**
- (iii) Admissions in the off-campus of BIT, Mesra for the current academic year.**

**(Prof. Rajnish Jain)**  
Secretary

**(Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh)**  
Chairman