



Annexure: II

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG, NEW DELHI

EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT (STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES)

MGM UNIVERSITY, AURANGABAD, MAHARASHTRA

Part -I – Preliminary

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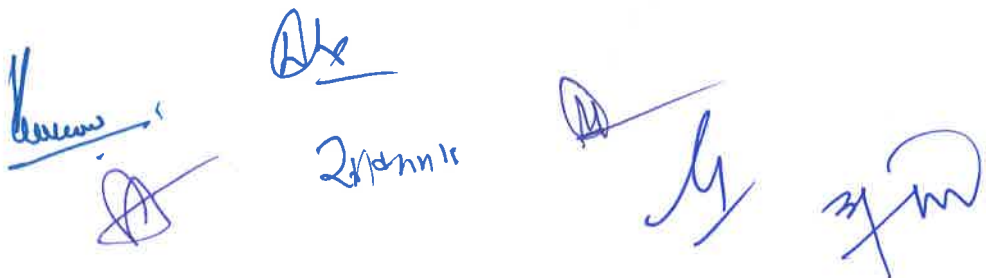
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(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	20 th & 21 st June 2022
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation / difficulties relevant to the report)	Nil





Part –II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	<p>MGM University, Aurangabad has been established by MAHARASHTRA ACT NO. XXVI OF 2019.</p> <p>The University was established by Mahatma Gandhi Mission Trust established in 1982 with an aim to transform the new generation into professionally competent and socially responsible citizens.</p> <p>The University name has been included in the list of universities established as per section 2(f) of UGC Act. 1956 as maintained by the UGC on its website www.ugc.ac.in.</p>																								
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	<p>09 September 2019, (As per Government of Maharashtra, Department of Higher and Technical Education vide Notification dated 9th September 2019)</p>																								
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/ courses	<p>MGM University is promoted by Mahatma Gandhi Mission Trust and is engaged in teaching and research on higher & technical education through various programs in the following faculties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faculty of Engineering and Technology 2. Faculty of Management and Commerce 3. Faculty of Basic and Applied Sciences 4. Faculty of Social Science and Humanities 5. Faculty of Performing Arts <p>The University offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, post graduate diploma and PhD programs.</p>																								
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/ Society that governs the University	<p>Mahatma Gandhi Mission is registered as a society under Societies Registration Act, 1860 and a Public Trust under the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act.</p> <p>The members of MGM Trust and their designations are as mentioned in the table below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="694 1400 1444 1758"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sr. No.</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Designation in the Society / Trust</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Kamalkishor Kadam</td> <td>Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Dr. P.M. Jadhav</td> <td>Vice Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Ankushrao Kadam</td> <td>Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Prataprao Borade</td> <td>Trustee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Dr. Sudhir Kadam</td> <td>Trustee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Ujwal Kadam</td> <td>Trustee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>Dr. Nitin Kadam</td> <td>Trustee</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The trust is running a number of higher education institutions.</p>	Sr. No.	Name	Designation in the Society / Trust	1	Kamalkishor Kadam	Chairman	2	Dr. P.M. Jadhav	Vice Chairman	3	Ankushrao Kadam	Secretary	4	Prataprao Borade	Trustee	5	Dr. Sudhir Kadam	Trustee	6	Ujwal Kadam	Trustee	7	Dr. Nitin Kadam	Trustee
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Part –III – Summary Report

A. Legal Status

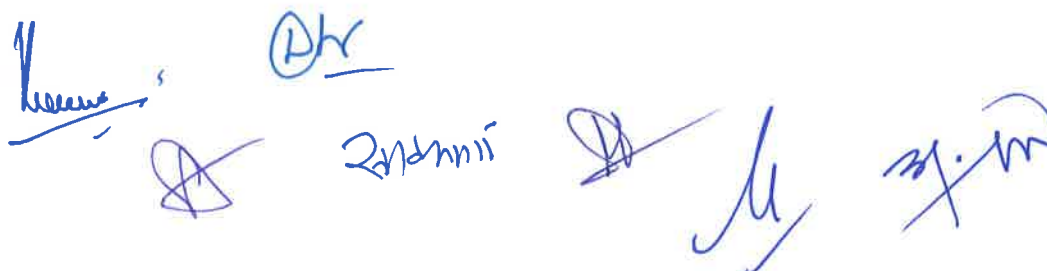
(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC regulations? (refer 1.0 and 1.11 of the format)	Yes. The University is established under Maharashtra Act No. XXVI OF 2019.
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focussed on education activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Yes, the trust is involved in promoting the University as per the need of the industry, society and nation.

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)	Not Applicable. The university has neither any off-campus centre nor is allowed to do so at present.
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the Format)	Not Applicable. The university has neither any off-campus centre nor is allowed to do so at present.
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes Not applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	Not Applicable. The university does not offer any course under distance mode.

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?	The programs offered by the university are adequately diverse and also addressing the current needs. The University offers programs in Engineering, Management, Hotel Management, Biotechnology, Basic Sciences and Social Sciences, Performing Arts, Journalism and Mass Communication, Fashion Designing and Fine Arts.
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(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes, the programs offered for the award of degree are as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC	Yes. The sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the Academic Council and Board of Management of the university
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Yes. MGM University has started new programs after taking due approvals from the Board of Management and Governing Body of the university. The programs of Engineering and MBA are approved by AICTE while the Architecture program is approved by Council of Architecture
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	Yes, the university provides scholarships for disadvantaged students. An amount of Rs 2.26 Cr was given towards scholarships for the academic year 2020-21 and Rs 3.78 Cr was given towards scholarships for the academic year 2021-22. Adequate support facilities are provided to disadvantaged students.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes, students are informed about admission criteria, rules and regulations and facilities available through university website as well as through print and electronic media and through various initiatives of the admission cell.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Yes, the University has set up a Grievance Redressal mechanism through a Grievance Redressal Committee constituted to address the grievances of the students and staff. The details of this cell is specified on the university website as well.
(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. Different stakeholders such as faculty members, students, industry experts & alumni propose changes in the university course curriculum. College/ Institute and Departmental Academic Committees deliberate on the proposals received from all the stakeholders. The changes are discussed thoroughly in Board of Studies, before giving the approval by the Academic Council and the Board of Management. Curriculum of all programs and courses are also designed/revised by the same process. This has resulted into a dynamic & updated curriculum.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	The exams system is well-developed and monitored resulting into flawless process. The university follows both theoretical and practical based examination system with a weightage of 40% for continuous internal assessment and 60% for semester examinations. The evaluation of answer scripts is carried out both by the

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		internal and external examiners. Board of studies of respective department proposes a panel of question paper setters and examiners for all semester examinations as per the university rule. The university follows a well defined academic calendar.
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D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 to 6.7 of the format)	Yes. The university has fairly established rules governing the admissions for the study programs. Students are selected based on merit obtained in qualifying examinations. Transparency is maintained while admitting students with improving access and inclusivity.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Reservation norms for admission laid down by MGM University Act are followed.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes, the students are well- informed about the fee structure and charges at the time of admission through information provided on the University website and brochures.
(ii)	Does 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, the University follows the fee approved by the Fee Fixation Committee. There are no other charges over and above the publically stated approved fee structure.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	The fee is collected through online mode using ERP system which is completely transparent. Receipts are generated online and made available to students immediately. There have been no complaints.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes, the fee charged is reasonable.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid by the Government?	Yes, the fee structure is decided by the Fee Fixation committee as per the provision in the university act and finalised by the university's Board of Management.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No such indication was observed.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and services conditions laid down by the UGC?	Yes, the University provides pay scales to the faculty as per the VI pay commission.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required please make comments separately for each faculty/ department)	Yes, faculty members are qualified and well trained as per the requirement of the study programs, also undergo faculty development programs from time to time. There is a need to recruit more senior faculty members as the University progressed.
(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 the permanent faculty is adequate.
(iv)	Has the university followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes, there exists well-defined recruitment process.

G. Infrastructure

(i)	<p>Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land and Buildings • Class rooms • Laboratories and equipment • Library • Sports Facilities • Residential accommodation including hostels 	<p>Yes, the required infrastructure facilities are more than adequate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13.2 acres of land is available for the university • ICT enabled classrooms • Well- equipped laboratories • The Libraries in university have 44438 titles and 141915 volumes. • The digital library is available with access to online Journals and learning material. DELNET, J-Gate & IEEE digital resources are available apart from the NDL. • University has sufficient of Play grounds for outdoor sports, Basketball courts, Tennis Courts, Badminton Courts and Indoor sports facilities. • Off-campus residential accommodation & on-campus hostel facility are available
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes, Endowment Fund & General Fund have been established as per the provision of the university act. General fund of Rs.6.48 Cr is available with the university. The University has rich infrastructure. The sponsoring body continues to invest on various activities including construction of buildings as well as on renovation of existing amenities and facilities.
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I. Governance Systems

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	Yes. The following statutory bodies have been constituted: (i) Governing Body (ii) Board of Management (iii) Academic Council (iv) Finance Committee (v) Boards of Studies The meetings are regularly conducted and documents are well-maintained.
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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 five comments separately on faculties and departments)	<p>University maintains Research policy and it helps in creating the research ecosystem for undertaking research projects. The Innovation, Incubation & Research Centre established in collaboration with the industry.</p> <p>Research program as per UGC guidelines are visible through interdisciplinary research clusters.</p> <p>The University has made budgetary provisions of Rs. 3.75 Cr for the financial year 2022-23 for promotion of research activities.</p> <p>The university publications during the last three years are as follows :</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="724 1451 1337 1608"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>National</th> <th>International</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Paper</td> <td>162</td> <td>381</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Book</td> <td>17</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Book Chapter</td> <td>2</td> <td>14</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Patents : 31 (Granted :9 , Published:22)</p> <p>MoUs: Institute of Biosciences Technology, Department of Computer Science, Department of Chemical Engineering, University Department of Basic & Applied Science, and University Department of Information & Communication Technology have produced a number of quality publications & patents.</p>		National	International	Paper	162	381	Book	17	16	Book Chapter	2	14
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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, the non-teaching staff is adequate, well-qualified and paid as per the MGM university norms.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Since the first batch of students has not passed out yet, no degrees have been awarded yet.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Not Applicable, being a newly established University.

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish as a philanthropic initiative to give the society. 2. Philanthropic ideology of MGM Trust based on Gandhian philosophy 3. Multidisciplinary programs for holistic development of students. 4. Innovative Curriculum for quality education 5. Outcome based education system 6. Open Electives 7. Student support to enhance access, inclusivity and affordability 8. Lush Green and Clean Campus 9. Well-equipped laboratories for teaching and research 10. Innovation Incubation Research Center 11. Extensive use of technology for efficient administrative support to academics 12. Industry supported labs have been established
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) University may create more opportunities in research and consultancy. (b) Student diversity is limited. (c) Restricted industrial academic linkages. (d) Insufficient faculty involvement in research activities and participation / training in refresher and orientation courses. (e) Student admissions are below the strength in some of the courses. (f) Limited Placement activities.

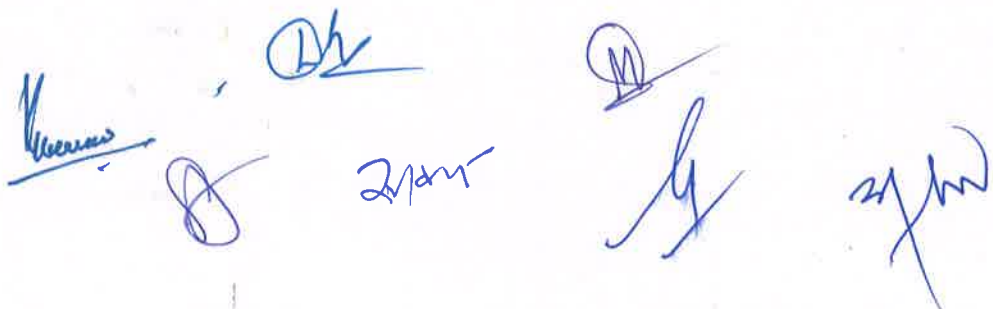
Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

1. The Trust running the institution has considerable level of commitment, vision and leadership to lead the University. The Committee observed that the promoters are supportive and educationally spirited individuals.
2. The promoting trust is keen to develop the university in terms of academic and intellectual infrastructure and has sufficient funding capability.
3. The University has sufficient infrastructure for running the ongoing study programs..
4. The University has adequate teaching learning resources.
5. Academic ambience is conducive for research and studies.
6. Hostel facilities are available for students.
7. Engineering exploration for experiential learning is a unique facility.
8. Innovation, Incubation and Research Centre offer intensive training & learning in the areas of Mechatronics, Industrial Fluid Power, Industry 4.0, E-Vehicle and Computer Integrated Manufacturing lab in association with reputed industry.
9. Khadi, Pottery, Bidri, clean India centre, waste water and paper recycling facility are unique facilities for hands-on training.
10. State of art sports facilities are excellent and capable to undertake national events.
11. Outcome based curriculum have been designed in collaboration with industry.
12. Flexible and diverse academic offerings to the students suiting to their interests & talent.
13. All staff were paid salary during Covid period


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


1. Establishment of Research & Development Cell as per the UGC guidelines.
2. Task group for the implementation of NEP-2020 should be constituted.
3. Recruitment of few more senior level faculty to strengthen various programs.
4. Student counsellors may be appointed.
5. Wifi facility in both Boys and Girls hostel needs to be strengthened.
6. Research promotion grant in terms of seed money should be provided to the faculty.
7. National / International conferences, Seminars may be planned.
8. Uniform promotion policy to be adopted.
9. Process to address grievances of students, teaching & non teaching staff need to be strengthened.

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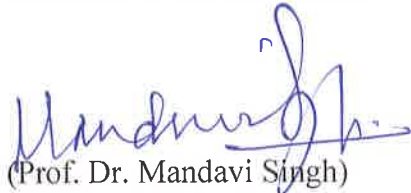
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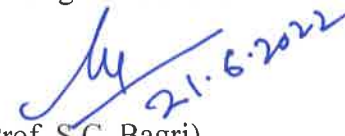
Based on the visit to the Campus and examination of the infrastructure, practices and vision of the University, verification of documents and also based on the interaction with stakeholders, the joint-visiting Committee unanimously considered opinion to recommend UGC for conferring Private University Status to MGM University, Aurangabad, Maharashtra subject to compliance of the suggestions as given in Part IV (B) above.

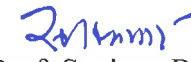

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Coordinating Officer, UGC

Date: 21.06.2022
Place: Aurangabad