

## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

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PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORTSTATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

## Part – I – Preliminary

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| (i) | Constitution of the Expert Committee | Ref.:<br>I/PU) | D.O.No.<br><br>Dated:- 27th August, 2024 | F.8-4/2023(CPP- |
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| (ii)  | Date (s) of the visit                                                                                                       | 5th and 6th September, 2024. (Thursday and Friday) |
| (iii) | Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation / difficulties relevant to the report) |                                                    |

## Part - II - Introduction

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| (i) | Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format) | <p>The Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune is established under The State Government of Maharashtra Self-financed Private University Act., ACT No. (MAHARASHTRA ACT 5 of 2022).</p> <p>The University is offering various multidisciplinary programmes at Under Graduate and Post Graduate Degree level and implemented the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020).</p> <p>The University also taken Pharmacy Council of India approval to run Pharmacy programmes, AICTE Approval for Management and Computer Programs at UG &amp; PG Level, BCI approval for Law programs.</p> <p>The University is following the guidelines given in their Act.</p> |
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| (ii)  | Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)    | 6th May, 2023 .<br>The notification is issued by Higher & Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, No. SFU 2019/C.R.106/Uni. - 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| (iii) | Brief description of the University and its faculties / courses      | The university has School of Engineering & Technology, School of Management, School of Sciences, Pune School of Design, School of Media & Communication, School of Pharmacy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| (iv)  | Brief description of the Trust / Society that governs the University | <p>Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) registered as a Public Trust under the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act wide Registration No. E/1379 (Pune) dated 18.09.1990.</p> <p>With the objective to provide quality education from kindergarten to postgraduate programs in various professional fields. They aim to serve society, industry, and stakeholders through value-based education.</p> <p>PCET manages 11 institutes across 3 campuses in Nigdi, Ravet, and Sate (Pune).</p> <p>Some of the well-known institutions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE)</li> <li>• Pune Business School</li> <li>• S.B. Patil College of Architecture and Design</li> </ul> <p>Having student strength over 46,000 students so far.</p> |

### Part-III-Summary Report

#### A. Legal Status

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| (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) | Yes |
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| (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, Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust, the sponsoring body of Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune is solely committed to serve society, industry, and stakeholders through value-based education. |
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## B. Organization Description

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| (i)   | Does the University abides by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres<br>Yes      No      Not Applicable<br>(refer 2.4 of the format)                                                           | Not Applicable<br>(No off-campus centres)                |
| (ii)  | Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-shore campus centres<br>Yes      No      Not Applicable<br>(refer 2.5 of the format)                                                      | Not Applicable<br>(No off-shore centres)                 |
| (iii) | Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes      No<br>Not Applicable<br>(refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format) | Not Applicable<br>(No distance learning courses offered) |

## C. Academic Activities

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| (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 concern Statutory councils(s)?                                               | Yes                |
| (v)   | Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format) | Yes                |

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| (vi)   | Are the students adequately informed (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)                                                                      | Yes, the website of the University is regularly updated and carries enough information pertaining to all stakeholders. Detailed faculty profile needs to be displayed.                                                         |
| (vii)  | Is there a Grievance Redressal mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)                                            | Yes, The University has a proper grievance redressal mechanism in place. The following committees are in place:<br>1. Anti-Ragging Committee<br>2. Internal Complaints Committee<br>3. Students Grievances Redressal Committee |
| (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) | Not Applicable as the university was operationalized in 2023                                                                                                                                                                   |
| (ix)   | How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system (refer 5.7 to 5.14)                                                             | Too early to comment since the university was operationalized only in 2023.                                                                                                                                                    |

#### D. Admission Process

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| (i)  | Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? | Yes, admissions are made in accordance with transparent admission policy & procedures.              |
| (ii) | Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?     | Yes, the university is following the guidelines prescribed by the Government on reservation policy. |

#### E. Fee Structure

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| (i)  | Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?                                                                                        | Yes<br><br>The fee structure is displayed on 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 publically state fee structure? | The program fee is approved by the Fee Fixation Committee duly constituted as prescribed in the University Act. |

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| (iii) | Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?                | The fee structure is displayed on the University website. University informed that no complaints were raised before the fee fixation Committee. |
| (iv)  | Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions? | Appears to be reasonable.                                                                                                                       |
| (v)   | Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?                               | No, the fees charges to students are passed through a Fee Fixation Committee constituted by the University.                                     |
| (vi)  | Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?                   | No such indication appeared during virtual visit.                                                                                               |

#### F. Faculty

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| (i)   | Does the University follow Pay scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?                                                                        | University follows the 6 <sup>th</sup> CPC pay scales.                                 |
| (ii)  | Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses?<br>(if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)             | Duly certified faculty list (designation wise) with qualification should be submitted. |
| (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 maintains an adequate number of full time faculty to deliver the courses.   |
| (iv)  | Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?                                                                                       | University follows due selection process for appointing faculty.                       |

**G. Infrastructure**

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| (i) | <p>Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land and Buildings</li> <li>• Class Rooms</li> <li>• Laboratories and equipment</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Sports facilities</li> <li>• Residential accommodation including hostels</li> </ul> | <p>The University has the required Infrastructure as per their Act:</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Sports facilities needs to be strengthened.</p> <p>Yes, residential facilities available for staff.</p> <p>Yes, hostel facilities are available for students.</p> |
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**H. Financial Viability**

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| (i) | Does the University have adequate and independent funds? | The University appears to have sufficient and adequate funds. |
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**I. Governance System**

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| (i) | Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly? | <p>Yes, the University has constituted the following statutory bodies, which are in place and functioning as per the Act:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Governing Body</li> <li>2. Board of Management</li> <li>3. Academic Council</li> <li>4. Board of Studies</li> <li>5. Board of Examination</li> </ol> |
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**J. Research Profile**

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| (i) | <p>How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilities and output?</p> <p>(please give comments separately on faculties and departments)</p> | <p>Being a newly established university, they are striving hard to start research programmes and attract research funds. The faculty is actively engaged in research pursuits. University is providing incentives for research publications.</p> |
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## K. Miscellaneous

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| (i)   | Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government? | The Non-Teaching staff is adequate and are paid as per the job profiles.                              |
| (ii)  | Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees      | No degrees are issued yet.                                                                            |
| (iii) | Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?                                             | The University is only a year old and is yet to be eligible to apply for any academic accreditations. |

## L. Strength and Weakness of the University

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| (i)  | Strengths of the University | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Infrastructure:</b> Modern facilities supporting effective teaching, learning, and research.</li> <li><b>IT Resources:</b> Advanced technology integration in classrooms, labs,</li> <li><b>Library:</b> Extensive collection of books and digital resources.</li> <li><b>Academic Programs:</b> Diverse undergraduate, postgraduate with industry-aligned curriculum.</li> <li><b>Industry Advisory Boards:</b> Input from industry professionals to shape curriculum.</li> <li><b>Research incentives:</b> emphasis on interdisciplinary research and encouraging the faculty through in-house research incentives</li> <li><b>Modern Teaching Methods:</b> Adoption of technology-enhanced learning approaches.</li> <li><b>Extracurricular Activities:</b> Opportunities for holistic student development through sports and cultural events.</li> </ol>                                    |
| (ii) | Weakness of the University  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Limited Alumni Network:</b> While the alumni network is in its early stages, there is immense potential for growth and active engagement. Initiatives to strengthen alumni connections are underway.</li> <li><b>Limited Research Output in Certain Departments:</b> The University recognizes the need to enhance research in specific departments and is actively investing in the faculty development, research infrastructure, and collaboration opportunities to enhance research output.</li> <li><b>Environmental Sustainability Initiatives Need Enhancement:</b> The University is committed to improving its environmental sustainability initiatives and has formed a sustainability task force to implement eco-friendly practices, reduce carbon footprint, and promote a greener campus.</li> <li>Being a new university the time constraint for getting accreditation</li> </ul> |

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|  |  | <p>from NAAC &amp; NBA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports achievements are moderate, as the university has started its first batch in August 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Community Outreach Programs:</b> While community engagement is a current weakness, the university is developing a strategic plan to increase involvement in community outreach, emphasizing partnerships with local organizations and meaningful Service-learning initiatives.</p> |
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## Part –IV-Recommendations

### A. Observations of the Committee

1. The University has been established under The State Government of Maharashtra Self-financed Private University Act., ACT No. (MAHARASHTRA ACT 5 of 2022). The university is unitary in nature. It has no off-campus/off-shore campus. It is not providing any programme through distance mode (as informed by the university during the virtual visit).
2. The university was operationalized in 2023. Currently, the university is not accredited.
3. The university has good physical and digital infrastructure providing an enhanced learning experience to students and faculty.
4. The university is multidisciplinary having School of Engineering & Technology, School of Management, School of Sciences, Pune School of Design, School of Media & Communication, School of Pharmacy.
5. The website of the University needs to be up to date with relevant details including detailed faculty profiles.
6. There is no scientific approach for fee fixation. For example- Lab and non-lab courses combined together to fix the fee by considering the ration between the total expenditure of the university and admitted students. It also includes the branding cost.
7. Sports facilities needs to be strengthened.
8. University follows the 6<sup>th</sup> CPC pay scales.
9. The University recognizes the need to enhance research in specific departments and is actively investing in the faculty development, research infrastructure, and collaboration opportunities to enhance research output. Being a newly established university, they are striving hard to start research programmes and attract research funds.
10. Students from different courses (except BBA) are yet to be sent for internship.

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

1. The University must ensure offering the programmes as per the UGC notification regarding Specification of Degrees.
2. The university should strive to implement NEP 2020.
3. The university should follow the UGC guidelines for public self-disclosure. The website of the institution must be updated regularly especially full faculty profiles needs to be available.
4. The university should get itself accredited by the concerned accreditation agency at the earliest.
5. University should ensure easy and hassle-free access of the Grievance mechanism to the students including the option to reach out to the Ombudsperson in case of not being satisfied by the resolution of their grievance.
6. Paper setting and evaluation system needs to be strengthened. Security and other infrastructure facilities must be strengthened to ensure confidentiality and transparency. Graded moderation in End Semester Exams (ESA) should be considered in place of flat 10% being currently practiced.

7. University should ensure that other avenues of learning available to the students include: field visits, industrial visits, hands on training, internships, surveys, group discussions, seminars, Industrial trainings, Lab projects etc.
8. Applicable student-teacher ratio must be maintained.
9. Sports facilities needs to be strengthened.
10. University should take initiatives to strengthen alumni connections. And widen its community outreach.

### C. Final Recommendations

The university has good physical infrastructure and adequate faculty thus providing it with a potential to transform itself into a quality institution. It should comply to the suggestions made by the Committee based on the information, photographic and videographic evidence provided by it during the virtual visit.

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Member

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