

Annexure-II



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF
EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT - STATE
PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

**SARDAR VALLABHBHAI GLOBAL
UNIVERSITY, AHMEDABAD**

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee	Ref. UGC Letter F.No. 815/2023(CPP-I/PU)
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(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	21 st October, 2024
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	This visit was conducted virtually.



Part – II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	Sardar Vallabhbhai Global University (SVGU) is a private university established by Government of Gujarat under Gujarat Private University Act (2009). The University is sponsored by Sardar Vallabhbhai Education Trust.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	20th April 2023. (Government of Gujarat Notification dated 21st April 2023 vide no: GH/SH/13/EPU/2023/2402/KH-1)
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	SVGU is offering programmes in the field of Management, Computer Science, Engineering and Media & Communication. Currently, University offers: undergraduate courses such as BBA, BBA (Healthcare Management), BCA, Integrated MCA, BA (Media & Communication) and postgraduate courses in MBA, MCA, MA (Media & Communication). In addition, the university also offers PhD Programmes.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Sardar Vallabhbhai Education Trust (SVET) was established in 1978 with the main objective of providing higher education without any discrimination of caste, colour, creed or religion, and to develop a healthy as well as critical attitude towards mental, physical, and moral development of students. Since inception, Sardar Vallabhbhai Education Trust (SVET) has established and managed various grant-in-aid as well as selffinance institutions.

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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 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	Yes, University has been established under Gujarat Private University Act (2009) vide passing of act in Gujarat Legislative Assembly (Act No. 7 of 2023).
(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, SVET is sufficiently focused on higher educational activities. The Trust is only engaged in providing higher Education and has established and managed 10 higher educational institutions namely: Grant – In – Aid: 1) Sardar Vallabhbhai Arts College (1978) 2) Sardar Vallabhbhai Commerce College (1978) 3) Sardar Vallabhbhai Arts & Commerce College (1978) 4) Motilal Nehru Law College (1978) 5) Dr. Urmilaben Patel Arts and Commerce College (1978) Self – Finance: 6) Chimanbhai Patel Institute of Business Administration (1997) 7) Chimanbhai Patel Institute of Management & Research (1998) 8) Chimanbhai Patel Institute of Computer Applications (1999) 9) Chimanbhai Patel Post graduate institute of Computer Applications (2001) 10) Institute of Journalism and Communication (2019) More than 2,50,000 students have been imparted education in Grant- in-aid institutes and more than 15000 students from self-finance institutes till now.

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)	The University does not have any off-campus centres
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(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	The University does not have any off-shore campus centres
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	The University does not offer any course under distance education mode.

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?	Courses offered by the university are adequately diverse. University offers courses in the areas of management, computer science, media and communication and engineering
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes, The courses offered are as per the section 22 of the UGC Act.
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	Yes, The intake capacity of technical courses MBA and MCA are as approved by AICTE. The Intake capacity undergraduate and nontechnical courses are approved by the Board of management of the university as per the act and in line with UGC guidelines.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Yes, MBA and MCA courses are approved by AICTE since inception and accorded 3year approval for 2024-27 by AICTE.

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(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	The university guides and actively facilitates students to avail various financial assistance schemes provided by state government, central government and other agencies. University does not collect fees from free-ship card holder till they receive scholarship from the government. Blind students are fully exempted from the payment of tuition fees. University has earmarked a fund of Rs.20 lacs for merit-based scholarships for the current year.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes, adequately informed through • Website • Admission Brochure • Announcement in News papers • Open House Sessions • Personal Counselling • Social Media • Outdoor Hoardings
vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Yes, Grievance Redressal Committee has been constituted and Grievance Redressal mechanism is available on website. No complaints received so far.

(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, university follows proper procedure of formulation and revision of curriculum for its all courses. 1. Board of Studies prepares Framework design, Teaching Scheme, Detailed Syllabus and Evaluation process. 2. Recommendations of the Board of Studies are presented to the Academic Council for consideration and forward to the Board of Management for Approval. 3. The Board of Management considers recommendations of the Academic Council regarding courses and curriculum prior to giving approval.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	University follows a fair and transparent examination system and has a well-established process of question paper setting, assessment and within timeframe results have also been declared.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Yes, Admissions to MBA, MCA and B.Tech are made through the admission committee for professional courses (ACPC), Gujarat Govt. Admission for other courses are made on merit as per the guidelines of UGC.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Reservation policy of the State government is followed by the university.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes, Fees for MBA, MCA and B. Tech are approved by the state fee regulatory committee. The fees for other courses are fixed by the Board of management of the university based on recommendation of academic council as per the act. Students are informed through website, brochures and personal counselling.
(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 stated fee structure?	No. No other charges are collected over and above publically stated fees.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	It is transparent. Online through ERP / Cheque No Complaints regarding the receipts of fees.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programs and to other similar institutions?	Fees charged for various courses to students are reasonable and comparable.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Yes. Yes, Fees for MBA, MCA and B. Tech are as per approval of state fee regulatory committee and for other courses fees are fixed by Board of management of the university as per act.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No. University does not primarily run for commercial gains.

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F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	Yes The revised pay scale of the University are similar as recommended by UGC. Gratuity is linked with LIC gratuity scheme.
(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 well qualified and 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?	Yes, Proportion of permanent faculty are adequate.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels	University has sufficient numbers of Classrooms and labs in view of no of courses offered. Each Classroom is ICT enabled. Library, Seminar hall and canteen facilities are available. Moreover, the university has planned infrastructure development for future requirements
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Adequate and independent funds available.
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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, University has Governing Body, Board of Management, Academic Council and Board of Studies in place and working properly.
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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)	27 nos. of faculty members having PhD and 9 nos. of them PhD Guides and The other 8 are adequate to become PhD Guides. 21 no. of the faculty members pursuing Ph. D. 5 nos. of faculty members having M.phil. 347 nos. of research papers published 55 nos. of books published. Research orientation of the university is strong and output is noteworthy.
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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, Adequate.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Prior to becoming the university, the students of various institutes were toppers in affiliating university results. The University results show evidences of independent and rigorous evaluation.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	As the university is very new, accreditation and ranking will be pursued in due course.



L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	Sponsoring Body has adequate experience of running higher educational institutions. Well established programs in the campus, Strong, experienced, and qualified faculty members and committed non-teaching staff. Prime location, adequate infrastructure Affordable fees All round development of students by encouraging them to participate in various curricular and co-curricular events on campus and outside. Curriculum development using industry insights.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	Hostel and residential facilities to be created. As a private university, balancing tuition revenue and to meet the infrastructure development requirement is a challenging task. Desired level of student diversity both at National and International levels to be improved. Collaborations with national and international institutions for research and knowledge to be explored. Funded and industry sponsored research to be explored. Scope for Improvement in research and consultancy projects

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

- Sardar Vallabhbhai Education Trust (SVET) has enough resources to run higher educational institutes.
- Sponsoring Body has adequate experience of running higher educational institutions.
- The university has appropriate infrastructure to carry out present academic programs.
- Campus is neat and clean with all major necessary amenities. However, the ramps for physically challenged students were not seen during our virtual visit of the university campus.



- The recruitment process of the university is very robust.

- Faculty is well qualified and exposed to the global academic and research environments.
- Academic programs are well structured and administered through Directors of respective programs. Curriculum development is carried out by the faculty experts indicating that the university has academic autonomy. It is revised time to time which is endorsed by the academic body of the university.
- Administration has excellent communication with the faculty and management.
- Gender ratio among faculty and staff is satisfactory.
- Faculty members and the students are financially supported to participate in the conferences to present their research work at different platforms.
- PhD program especially for part-time students has issues about course work classes according to assigned credits. Monitoring of individual PhD student lacks Research Advisory Committee of individual student.
- The university has not reported any litigation.
- Facilities such as class rooms, computer labs, seminar halls, food court, canteen, play grounds and sports facilities are available.
- Placement of graduated students is reasonably good.
- The availability of the B.Tech. program is unclear in the Current Programs offered. The institute that offers engineering programs is not mentioned.
- AICTE Approval of B.Tech., BCA, BBA, Integrated MCA are not clear.
- University follows proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum.
- The university has its own admission test in addition to the Gujarat State Admission Test.
- MoUs/ Linkages are seen inadequate.

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

- The presentation should include the NEP-2020 recommendations implemented in the university. Steps are to be taken for full and effective implementation of NEP.
- It is suggested to construct ramps in all the schools, auditorium and canteens etc. in order to facilitate the physically challenged students.
- Monitoring of the Ph D students need stringent steps about attendance and progress evaluation. Each Ph D student should be monitored, and RAC is to be constituted as per the UGC rules.
- Advisory committees consisting of external experts drawn from both industry and renowned institutions should be constituted to mentor faculty for promoting research and innovative initiatives
- The salary structure and qualifications of the faculty are to be maintained at par with UGC scales and norms.
- Technology should be made accessible to all stakeholders including a Wi-Fi facility.
- Socio-entrepreneurship skills should be given more importance.
- Technical programs that fall under the jurisdiction of statutory councils should receive approval from those bodies. It may be verified by the UGC.
- Industry personnel may be invited as members of the BoS/Academic Council.
- Applicants who have taken national level tests such as JEE (Main), CAT, CUET, MAT, etc., may also be considered for admission.
- More number of Faculty Development programs/ Conferences are to be conducted.
- Library reading space is required to be increased. The number of books should be more to meet the requirement of graduate students, faculty members and Ph.D scholars.



- More number of e-resources such as e-data bases, e-journals, e-books are to be made available.
- Sports and recreational facilities like, Playgrounds, Indoor Games and Outdoor Game Facilities, Gymnasium are to be improved.
- Research thrust areas are to be defined. Research Centres are to be established. Provision for research incentives such as seed money to initiate research, Publication incentives etc., can be provided.
- The University is advised to formulate a uniform and transparent policy for institutional funding for research and publications.
- IPR Cell to sensitize for more Patent filing.
- Efforts to explore for more international collaborations and MoUs with Universities of repute.
- The faculty members should be encouraged to improve their qualifications.
- Student placements and training activities are to be further improved.
- ABC scheme shall be uploaded on university website.
- Health care facility needs to be improved.
- MoUs / Linkages need to be strengthened.

C . Final Recommendations

The Committee conducted the virtual visit of the university. Based on the infrastructure facilities, interaction with the stakeholders, students, documents shown by the university, the Committee recommends for the grant of approval letter to Sardar Vallabh Global University, Ahmedabad.



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