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Annexure-II

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Sandip University, Trimbak Road, Mahiravani, Nashik, Maharashtra during 19-20th May, 2018 to ascertain fulfilment of criteria in terms of infrastructure, faculty, financial viability, etc. as prescribed by the UGC/Statutory Council(s)

Part – I - Preliminary

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(ii)	Date(s) of the visit		19 th & 20 th May 2018	
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report		Prof. (Ms.) Nishtha Jaswal, Prof. Nesar Ahmad and Dr. B. Kishore could not attend the meeting.	









Part – II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	Sandip University is established by a separate Act (No. XXXVIII of 2015) of the State Legislature of Maharashtra and Notification No. SFU. 2014/(31/14)UNI-4 dated 09.10.2015 issued by the State Government of Maharashtra as a non-affiliating Private University. The University is located in a rural area at the outskirts of Nashik City. The University is offering courses in the field of Engineering, Computer Science, Management, Law, Pharmacy, Sciences, Fashion Design, Beauty Cosmetics, Commerce and Humanities. The University has started its operations from the academic year 2016-17 with 126 students. At present, there are 1427 students enrolled in the University. The teacher strength is 143 and 100 non-teaching staff members are available. Vision To be one of the most preferred learning place to nurture future global leaders congenial to society. Mission 1. Providing learner-centered education through Cutting Edge Technologies facilitated by the world class infrastructure. 2. Enabling a global leader in education & human development, to bloom as a center of excellence in teaching, research and entrepreneurship. 3. Involving societal oriented and purposeful research with concern for sustainable development. 4. Moving beyond curriculum and create opportunities for student engagement with global culture. 5. Empowering students to converge into capable leaders & responsible citizens bearing high ethical value.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	June 8, 2016

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(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	SCHOOL OF LAW	
		LEVEL	PROGRAMME
		UG	B.A.LL.B.
			B.B.A.LL.B.
		PG	LL.M (Criminal Law)
			LL.M (Constitutional Law)
		SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES	
		LEVEL	PROGRAMME
		UG	B.B.A
			B.B.A. (Financial Services)
		TOTAL -UG	
		PG	MBA HRM
			MBA FM
			MBA Marketing
			MBA Business Analytics
		SCHOOL OF COMMERCE	
		LEVEL	PROGRAMME
		UG	B.Com
		SCHOOL OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES	
		LEVEL	PROGRAMME
			D. Pharm
		SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCI & APPLICATION	
		LEVEL	PROGRAMME
		UG	B.Sc.(Comp Science)
			BCA
			BCA (Cloud Tech)
			B.F.A(Animation VFX)
		PG	M.Sc.(Computer Science)
			MCA
		SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING& TECHNOLOGY.	
		LEVEL	PROGRAMME
		ENGG UG 4 YEARS	B.Tech (Aerospace Engineering)
			B.Tech Computer Science & Engg.(CTIS)
			B.Tech(Computer Science Engineering)
			B.Tech (Civil Engineering)
			B.Tech (Electrical Engineering)
			B.Tech (Mechanical Engineering)
			B.Tech (Computer Science) (Business Analytics & Optimization)
			B.Tech (Comp Science) (Cyber Security & Forensic)
			B.Tech Computer Science(CTIS)
			B.Tech (Civil Engineering)
		ENGG UG DSE	B.Tech (Computer Science) (Business Analytics & Optimization)

			B.Tech (Comp Science) (Cyber Security & Forensic)
			B.Tech (Electrical Engineering)
			B.Tech (Mechanical Engineering)
		ENGG PG	M.Tech Computer Science (CTIS)
			M.Tech (Computer Science)
			M.Tech (Structural Engineering)
			M.Tech (Construction Management)
			M.Tech (Transportation Engineering)
			M.Tech (Town & Country Planning)
			M.Tech (Design Engineering)
			M.Tech Computer Science.
			M.Tech (Electrical Power System)
			M.Tech (Environment Engineering)
		SCHOOL OF FASHION DESIGN & COSMOTOLOGY	
		LEVEL	PROGRAMME
		Diploma	Certificate Course in Cosmetology
		UG	B. Sc. Fashion Designing
			B.Sc. Cosmetic Science
		PG	M. Sc. Fashions & Apparel Designing
			M. Sc. Cosmetic Science
		SCHOOL OF SCIENCES	
		LEVEL	PROGRAMME
		UG	B. Sc (Chemistry)
			B. Sc(Physics)
			B. Sc.(Maths)
			B. Sc.(Botany)
			B. Sc(Zoology)
		PG	M. Sc(Chemistry)
			M. Sc(Physics)
			M.Sc.(Mathematics)
			M.Sc.(Botany)
			M. Sc(Zoology)
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Sandip Foundation registered Trust under Mumbai Trust act 1950 Registered No: E-22800 dated 09/08/2005 The promoting Trust is promoting one more Private University in Bihar and 07 other educational institutions in the State of Maharashtra and Bihar. This trust is involved only in educational activities.	

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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)	Sandip University is established by a separate Act (No. XXXVIII of 2015) of the State Legislature Maharashtra and Notification No. SF 2014/(31/14)UNI-4 dated 09.10.2015 issued by the State Government of Maharashtra as a non-affiliated Private University.
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focussed on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	The promoting Trust is promoting one more Private University in Bihar and 07 other educational institutions in the State of Maharashtra and Bihar. This trust is involved only in educational activities.

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)	No off-campus centre established
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	No off-shore campus established
(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 is not offering courses under distance mode.

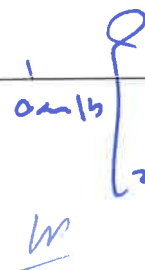
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C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?	Adequately diverse
(ii)	Are the lists of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	All the courses (degrees) offered are specified under Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956.
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	Sanctioned intake is as per the norms of concerned Statutory council(s).
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Approval of Bar Council of India has been obtained for Law courses Approval of AICTE and PCI has been obtained for Pharmacy Course PCI nominee informed that the University has not taken prior approval for D.Pharm courses for the students admitted during 2017-18, although AICTE approval has been taken. However, the Institution has taken approval of PCI for the session 2018-19. The University to start B.Pharm and M.Pharm courses only with the prior approval of PCI.
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	Support facilities for students:- ➤ Information centres ➤ Website ➤ Prospectus ➤ Counselling ➤ Good infrastructure ➤ Fee concession ➤ Transport facility ➤ Scholarships ➤ Financial support ➤ Medical facilities ➤ Insurance ➤ Hostel facilities ➤ Canteen facilities ➤ Bank ➤ For disadvantaged student – scholarships/ financial support

(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Students are informed through:- • Information centres • University prospectus • Ads in Newspapers • Advertisements in electronic & print media • University Website • Counselling • Social Media
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Grievance Redressal Committee with the VC as Chairperson and seven member nominated by BOM, VC, Academic Council and Registrar as Member Secretary is Functional. Ombudsman also appointed. No complaint received yet.
(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)	The course structure and the syllabi of subject are prepared by the respective Board of Studies and approved by the Academic Council and Board of Management. The process of revision of curriculum is the same as preparing the curriculum that is through the Board of Studies and the Academic Council. Since the curriculum of various programme have been framed in 2016 and 2017, being a new University, there is no updation of curriculum so far. The University has adopted limited choice based credit system. The University is practicing Outcome Based Education (OBE). Students can opt for additional courses up to a certain number of credits each year according to his/her choice. To promote Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary approach students can also earn credits through Minor courses.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	The examination system adopted by the University is transparent with the following features:- ➤ Based on theory, practical and viva ➤ Continuous Internal Assessment ➤ End Semester examination ➤ Supplementary examination ➤ Evaluation is done using absolute grading system on 10 point scale ➤ Results are declared within 15 days of the last exam The University has also prepared Academic Regulations in this regard.







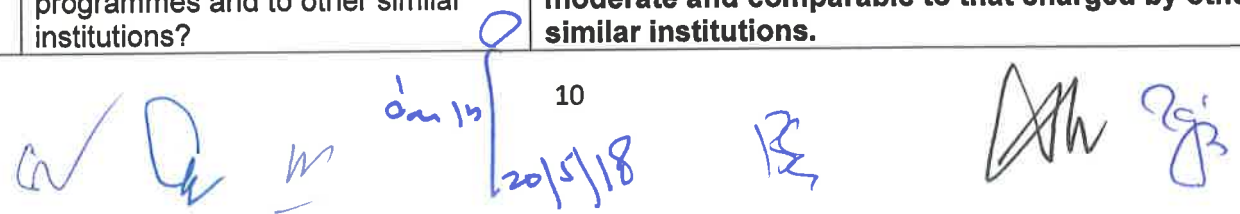

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D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Admissions are made on the basis of merit through:- • Entrance test by the University • Maharashtra CET • JEE Reservation is provided as per the norms of the State Maharashtra.																														
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	As per norms of Government of Maharashtra as under:- <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sr. No</th><th>Category</th><th>% Government Norms</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>SC</td><td>13.00%</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>ST</td><td>7%</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>VJ/DT A</td><td>3%</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>NT B</td><td>2.50%</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>NT C</td><td>3.50%</td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>NT D</td><td>2%</td></tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>SBC +OBC</td><td>19%</td></tr> <tr> <td>8</td><td>General</td><td>50%</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Total</td><td>100.00%</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Sr. No	Category	% Government Norms	1	SC	13.00%	2	ST	7%	3	VJ/DT A	3%	4	NT B	2.50%	5	NT C	3.50%	6	NT D	2%	7	SBC +OBC	19%	8	General	50%		Total	100.00%
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E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Students are informed through website and prospectus
(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?	Fee is collected as per the declared policy
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Fee is collected through DD, Cheque, on-line. No complaint was received by the Committee
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Fee is decided by the University on the basis of income and expenditure. The fee charged is moderate and comparable to that charged by other similar institutions.



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(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fee is decided by the University on the basis of income and expenditure.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No such indication is evident

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	Out of the total 143 faculty members, 88 are on regular basis and are getting UGC 6th Pay Scale with allowances as per the State Government of Maharashtra norms. Rest of the 55 teachers are on ad-hoc/ contractual basis getting consolidated amount.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	The faculty is qualified as per the norms of UGC/ concerned Statutory Council(s).
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	The faculty available is adequate for the students enrolled. However, in some of the Engineering Departments, cadre-ratio needs to be maintained.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Applications are invited/received through various means. The University has prepared draft statutes wherein the constitution of selection committee is provided. The statutes and ordinances of the University are sent to the State Government for approval. At present, the faculty is appointed by the Vice-chancellor.

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels	Very Good and adequate infrastructure is available Yes Class room: 74, Tutorial: 31 76 Well equipped Good Indoor and Outdoor sports facility Boys and Girls Hostel Available, residences for teachers and staff is not available
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	The promoting Trust is financially sound. The University has a Corpus Fund Rs.6,08,45,147/-. The deficit in the University is borne by the promoting trust.
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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 such as Governing Body, Board of Management, Academic Council, Board of Studies and Board of Examinations have been constituted and are working well. Although meetings are conducted, there is a need to conduct meetings as per the provisions of the University Act.
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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)	The University is only two years old and research activities are in nascent stage. However, the faculty have 16 publications, 03 books published, 02 patents and one extramural project to its credit since the establishment of the university.
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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?	The Non-teaching staff is adequate, qualified and paid as per the University norms.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Evaluation procedure has been put in place. The University is only two years old and the first batch yet to pass out.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	The University is not yet eligible for NAAC accreditation.

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	➤ Financially sound and committed management ➤ Very Good infrastructural facilities ➤ Young and dynamic faculty ➤ Potential for close collaborations with large number of industries around the University ➤ Environmentally sound practices (two check dams for water conservation, power plant, waste treatment plant)
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	➤ Libraries are in individual schools. Lack of central library ➤ Facilities for differently abled students are lacking ➤ Cadre ratio in some of the departments is not maintained ➤ Research labs not adequately equipped in view of the fact that the University is planning to start Ph.D. programme.

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

Based on the spot visit, verification of the documents made available and interaction with the stakeholders, the observations of the Committee are as under:-

1. Sandip University is established by a separate Act (No. XXXVIII of 2015) of the State Legislature of Maharashtra and Notification No. SFU. 2014/(31/14)UNI-4 dated 09.10.2015 issued by the State Government of Maharashtra as a non-affiliating Private University.
2. The University is located in a rural area at the outskirts of Nashik City in an educational campus of around 300 acres out of which 57.84 acres are allocated for the University.
3. The University is offering courses in the field of Engineering, Computer Science, Management, Law, Pharmacy, Sciences, Fashion Design, Beauty Cosmetics, Commerce and Humanities. The University has started its operations from the academic year 2016-17 with 126 students. At present, there are 1427 students enrolled in the University.
4. The physical infrastructure is very good. The buildings are all aesthetically designed and naturally illuminated. Laboratories are adequately equipped and libraries are stocked with the required books & journals.
5. Although overall faculty is adequate for the number of students enrolled, the cadre ratio in some of the departments in Engineering and Sciences needs improvement. There is lack of senior faculty in these departments. Close to one third faculty have Ph.D. degree. The faculty is qualified as per the norms. Faculty recruitment procedure yet to be adopted as per the Act/Statutes/ordinances of the University.

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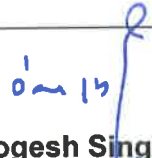
6. All the statutory bodies of the University have been constituted and authorities have been appointed as per the Act. However, the meetings of the statutory bodies need to be conducted as per the Act. Apart from this, various committees such as Anti Ragging, Visaka, SC/ST and Grievance Redressal, exist. However, these Committees need to be constituted strictly in accordance with the UGC Regulations.
7. Admissions are through entrance test by the University, Maharashtra CET and JEE. Teaching learning methods are satisfactory. The University has put in place the mechanisms for examination and evaluation.
8. Although IQAC exists, its constitution has to be as per UGC norms.
9. The University is focussed on skill development of the students by laying emphasis on soft skills, core skills and professional skills. While interacting with the students, the Committee found the students having good communication skills.
10. The curricula is well designed and a mechanism for its revision is in place.
11. Collaborations with the industry is on the rise.
12. Student population is fairly diverse. A significant number of students enrolled in the University is from other states.
13. Facilities for students such as hostels, outdoor sports are very good. The hostels are well maintained.
14. The Committee interacted separately with the faculty, students, non-teaching staff, parents and industry partner. The faculty and non-teaching staff seem to be satisfied with the facilities provided by the management. The students were happy with the overall ambience of the University and were satisfied with the quality of teaching. Suggestions given by the stakeholders are incorporated in the suggestions given below.
15. The campus is vibrant and reflects feel good ambience.

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

1. Efforts should be made to induct more senior level faculty to improve cadre ratio in the Engineering and Science departments.
2. IQAC should be re-constituted as per UGC norms.
3. To promote quality research, provision of seed money to the newly inducted faculty should be put in place.
4. The University should conduct Faculty Development Programmes for the benefit of the young faculty by inviting resource persons from established institutions of repute.
5. A few class rooms (at least one in each department) should be made into smart class rooms.
6. Necessary steps should be taken for ramps/lifts in academic building.
7. Facilities in the girls hostel gym needs to be upgraded.

C. Final Recommendations

The Committee visited the administrative building, academic departments, labs, libraries, hostels, sports facilities, etc. and interacted with the management, faculty, students, non-teaching staff, parents and industry partner, separately. After on the spot visit, perusal of the documents provided and interaction with the stakeholders, the Committee is satisfied with the functioning of the Sandip University, Nasik (Maharashtra). The Committee noted that the management is proactive, the faculty is enthusiastic and the overall ambience of the University is vibrant. The University is following the norms and standards prescribed by the UGC and other concerned statutory council(s). The suggestions given by the Committee are for qualitative improvement in the University. The University is only two years young and is moving in the right direction. The suggestions given by the Committee need to be implemented in letter and spirit by the University.

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