

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG NEW
DELHI-110 002**

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

Part – I - Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee	UGC Constituted the following Expert Committee for virtual visit of Parul University (State Private University) Tal – Waghodia, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat
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(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report)	Dr. Mahesh Babulal Patel could not attend the meeting.
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Part – II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	1) Parul Arogya Seva Mandal Trust is the Sponsoring Authority of Parul University. Parul University is established on April 21, 2015 by virtue of an Act of State Legislature viz Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009. 2) Parul University started with 16 constituent colleges and 10 faculties. Today, it has expanded to include 38 constituent colleges and 21 faculties, offering over 229 Diploma, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Ph.D. programs across diverse fields. These range from Engineering and Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture, Management, and Computer Applications to AYUSH and Modern, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Medicine, Design, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Commerce, Liberal Arts, Applied Sciences, Social Work, Law, Agriculture and Hotel Management. 3) The University serves as an educational hub with a vibrant community that includes international students from various countries and students from various states across India. Parul University offers Ph.D. programs in over 75 disciplines within 17 faculties, contributing significantly to research and academic advancement. 4) Accredited with an A++ rating by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the first accreditation cycle. 5) Designated as a Category-I University by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. 6) Parul University has achieved significant milestones in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024 7) Seven teaching hospitals of the university (AYUSH and Medicine) affiliated to AUSH and Medical colleges of the university have been accredited by NABH while central laboratory of the multispecialty hospital attached to Medical College is accredited by NABL.
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		8) Parul University has achieved significant milestones in the Gujarat State Institutional Ranking Framework (GSIRF).
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	April 21, 2015
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/ courses	Parul University started with 16 constituent colleges and 10 faculties. Today, it has expanded to include 38 constituent colleges and 21 faculties, offering over 229 Diploma, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Ph.D. programs across diverse fields. These range from Engineering and Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture, Management, and Computer Applications to AYUSH and Modern, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Medicine, Design, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Commerce, Liberal Arts, Applied Sciences, Social Work, Law, Agriculture and Hotel Management. Parul University has been permitted to offer two UG and eight PG programmes via online mode by DEB, UGC, New Delhi from 2023-24.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/ Society that governs the University	Parul Arogya Seva Mandal was registered on September 28, 1990, under the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950. It was created with the vision to provide medical treatment through clinics, hospitals, and health centres to poor and needy individuals in Vadodara city and district. The Trust also aims to raise public health awareness through expert talks, seminars, and workshops. It seeks to establish schools, colleges, and universities for education at all levels - primary, secondary, higher secondary, and beyond. The Trust established 16 institutions under the Parul Group of Institutes, offering programs in fields such as Engineering, Pharmacy, Architecture, AYUSH and Modern, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Management, Computer Applications etc. Today, Parul University, sponsored by Parul Arogya Seva Mandal Trust, consists of 38 constituent colleges and 21 faculties. The university offers over 229 Diploma, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Ph.D. programs across various fields. In addition to education, the Trust runs seven hospitals that provide high-quality healthcare services. The hospitals attached to AYUSH, Nursing, Physiotherapy, and Medical Institutes are NABH

		accredited. These hospitals offer treatment for a variety of diseases and conditions. Trust operates Parul Sevashram Hospital, a NABH accredited multi-specialty & super specialty hospital with 750 beds. The Trust also operates six AYUSH hospitals of which two are Ayurved hospitals and four are Homoeopathy hospitals. In two Ayurved hospitals, the total number of beds are 512 In four Homoeopathy hospitals, the total number of beds are 192
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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. The university has been established under an Act of State Legislature viz Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009 and Gujarat Private Universities (Second Amendment) Act, 2015. The name of the university has been included in the list of universities established as per section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956.
(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?	Parul Arogya Seva Mandal Trust is mainly focused on promoting education and healthcare. Its growth into higher education and healthcare, including the creation of Parul University and NABH-accredited AYUSH and Medical hospitals, shows its commitment to education and health.

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centers.	Not Applicable
	Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	

(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centers: Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	Not Applicable
(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)	Not Applicable Parul University has been permitted to offer two UG and eight PG programmes via online mode by DEB, UGC, New Delhi from 2023-24. The university has also received approval from DEB, UGC for offering six UG programmes and five PG programmes under ODL mode from 2024-25

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Courses offered by Parul University are adequately diverse ranging from Engineering and Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture, Management, and Computer Applications to AYUSH and Modern, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Medicine, Design, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Commerce, Liberal Arts, Applied Sciences, Social Work, Law, Agriculture and Hotel Management. The university's offerings are not confined to a single area of focus but span multiple disciplines, ensuring that students can explore interdisciplinary studies. The university has established NEP Cell for implementing provisions of NEP-2020 in its programmes. Under the aegis of NEP Cell, Center for Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Education (CMIE) has been established to integrate interdisciplinary/ multidisciplinary teaching in conducting the programmes. The university has implemented the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 across 9 faculties offering a total of 60 minor interdisciplinary streams.
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes. The list of courses for the award of degree is as per the 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?	Yes. The university conducts programmes as per the norms/ intake sanctioned by concerned Statutory Councils such as AICTE, PCI, NMC, NCISM, NCH, COA, Department of Health and Family Welfare, INC, GNC, BCI etc..
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Yes. The courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Councils.
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	Yes. Parul University extends a wide range of scholarships and financial aid to students from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring that they have equal opportunities to pursue their academic goals. Some of the key scholarship schemes offered by the university include: a) University Scholarship for Excellence in Sports, Culture, and for Defense Personnel b) University Scholarship for Alumni c) Scholarship for Meritorious Students d) Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme implemented by the university for meritorious students e) Scholarship for International Students In addition to these internal scholarships, the university also provides guidance and support to students in availing various government scholarships, such as: a) Post Matric Scholarship for SC/ST Students b) Educational Assistance for NTDNT Students Studying in Self-Financed Colleges c) Post Matric Scholarship of Government of India for OBC Students d) Mukhyamantri Yuva Swavalamban Yojana e) Minority Scholarship f) Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for students from Jammu & Kashmir (PMSSS) g) Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes. Prospective students have access to comprehensive information regarding its admission criteria, rules, and facilities through multiple channels, including its official website, www.paruluniversity.ac.in .

		Admission Portal, www.puadmission.in , managed by a special admission cell, provides students with essential updates. Additionally, a call center is in place to address queries and provide follow-up support.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Yes. In accordance with the directives set forth by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Parul University has established Grievance Redressal Cell as well as Student Grievance Redressal Cell and has appointed an Ombudsman.
(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. 1) The Curriculum Development Committee at the department level reviews and updates syllabi, ensuring compliance with educational needs and regulatory requirements. 2) Curriculum proposals are then reviewed by the relevant Board of Studies and Faculty, which includes deans, principals, experienced faculty, external experts, industry representatives, alumni, and students. 3) At the university, the Academic Council is responsible for finalizing the curriculum. The Academic Council includes faculty representatives, subject experts, and experts from the industries. 4) After approval, the Academic Council ratifies the curriculum, and the proceedings are sent to the Governing Body for final approval.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	Parul University maintains a regular, fair, and transparent examination system through a combination of strict regulations and innovative practices. For programs governed by statutory bodies like the Indian Nursing Council or Pharmacy Council of India, the university follows their mandated systems. a) The entire exam process is managed via an MIS Network, ensuring quick result announcements, usually within 14 days. b) A Central Assessment Centre has been established for smooth and efficient evaluation. c) The sticker system conceals candidate identities during evaluation for impartiality. d) CCTV cameras and flying squads ensure secure and malpractice-free exams. Cases of malpractice are dealt with as per the procedure and guidelines mentioned for UFM cases.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Yes. Parul University follows a fair and transparent admission process across all its courses: 1) For Professional Technical Courses (Engineering, Pharmacy, Management, etc.), 50% of seats are allotted based on merit by the State Admission Committee constituted by the Government of Gujarat, and the university prepares a merit list for the remaining 50%, endorsed by the Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC). 2) For Professional Medical Courses (Medicine, Ayurveda, Homoeopathy), 100% of seats are allotted based on merit by the State Admission Committee constituted by the Government of Gujarat 3) For other courses, the university invites applications in a transparent manner through its admission web portals following which merit lists based on marks scored in the qualifying examination are prepared. 4) The admission process is merit-based and transparent.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Parul University adheres to the reservation policies mandated by the Government of Gujarat for technical and professional medical courses. Admission Committees such as the Admission Committee for Professional Courses (ACPC).

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes. The fees for professional courses are as per the recommendation of the Fee Regulatory Committee of the State Government. The fees for other courses are determined by the Governing Body of the University. Fee is charged by the University as per fee structure displayed in the University website and there are no hidden charges.
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(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?	Yes. The university displays fee structure on the university website and also informs the students about payment of fees through official circulars. Fee is charged by the University as per fee structure displayed in the University website and there are no hidden charges.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Yes. The mode of fees collection is transparent. The students can pay the fees by Direct Deposit in Bank/ Demand Draft / RTGS/ Online / Cash. The students are provided receipts upon payment of fees.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes. The fees are reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Yes. The fees for professional, medical, AYUSH and Modern, Physiotherapy and Nursing Programmes are as per the recommendation of the Fee Regulatory Committee of the State Government. The fees for other courses are determined by the Governing Body of the University. Fees notified by respective Fee Regulatory Committees constituted by the State Government as well as those determined by the Governing Body of the University are approved by the Governing Body of the University.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No. Parul Arogya Seva Mandal Trust is dedicated to advancing education and healthcare. Through its seven teaching hospitals, the Trust provides essential services to society by offering high-quality treatment at subsidized rates. Both the Trust and the university are committed to continuously enhancing the standards of education and healthcare services. The university provides scholarships under several schemes such as Freeship Card Scheme, University Scholarship for excellence in Sports, Culture, Defense personnel, University Scholarship for Alumni, and many others such as subsidized healthcare services.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	As per the records available, the University is providing graded salary as per the 6th 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. The faculty fulfilling the stipulated norms by statutory councils with sufficient experience are recruited.
(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 total number of permanent teachers in various faculties stand at 2,477 while only 36 teachers are part time teachers.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes. The faculty recruitment process at the university begins with the publication of vacancy announcements in newspapers, inviting applications from eligible candidates. These applications are reviewed by the respective Faculty Deans. Eligible candidates are then interviewed by selection committees formed in accordance with UGC regulations and the "Minimum Standards for Recruitment and Promotions in Universities, 2009." The selection committee's recommendations are forwarded to the Board of Management, which then recommends suitable candidates to the President for appointment to the vacant positions.

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels	Yes. 1. The university possesses adequate infrastructure facilities such as Land and Buildings, Class Rooms, Laboratories and equipment, Library, Sports facilities and Residential accommodation including hostels 2. The university has established State of the Art Environmental Lab and Micro-Nano Lab 3. The university is spread across a total area of 121.89 acres. 4. Apart from Central Library Facility, the university has also made provision for separate institutional libraries. Total number of reference books stand at 22851 and 19,347 research journals are prescribed on regular basis.
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		5. Sports Facilities include Swimming Pool, 03 Football Grounds, 07 Volleyball Courts, 03 Basketball Courts, 02 Tennis Courts, Gymnasium, Hockey Field, Athletic Track, 08 Badminton Courts, 04 Table Tennis Courts, Beach Volleyball Court, Handball Court, 02 Kabbadi Grounds, Kho-Kho Ground, Cricket Ground and Horse Riding Arena. 6. 38 constituent colleges in the university house stipulated number of classroom facilities and laboratory facilities and laboratory equipment as required by respective Statutory Councils such as NMC, NCH, NCISM, PCI, BCI, COA, INC, GNC, ICAR, AICTE etc. 7. The C.V. Raman Centre for Computing provides advanced technology-based education, including facilities for AI and Machine Learning, as well as Apple Mac Labs. 8. The university has established "Pragya," a medical skills and simulation center. 9. The Central Research Laboratory and Instrumentation Centre is set up high-quality research. 10. The university has established special cells such as Career Development Cell, Alumni Association Cell, Students' Welfare Cell, Events Cell, Department of Physical Education and Sports, Armed Forces Motivational Cell, Training and Development Cell, Competitive Examination Cell, GATE Coaching Cell, Cultural Affairs Cell, Grievance Redressal Cell and Office of International Affairs. 11. There are a total of 18 boys' hostels and 16 girls' hostels in the university campus. 12. Boys' hostels have the capacity to accommodate 14,223 male boarders while Girls' hostels have the capacity to accommodate 6,965 female boarders.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes. Corpus Fund of ₹5 Crore has been created as per norms of the Government.
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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. As per the provisions of Gujarat Private Universities Act, 2009, the Authorities of the University namely the Governing Body, the Board of Management, the Academic Council, the Boards of Studies, and the Finance Committee have been constituted.
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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)	1) Parul University's Central Research and Development Cell (RDC) helps promote research and sets policies and guidelines for researchers. It encourages faculty and students to conduct research that benefits society and is based on solid evidence. The RDC is recognized by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR). 2) Each faculty and institute has its own research committees and coordinators who lead research activities in their areas. 3) Also, a special research faculty cadre has been instituted in all faculties to promote dedicated quality research in the respective faculties. 4) Budgets and seed money are provided to faculties to support research projects, publish papers in recognized journals, and file intellectual property rights (IPRs). 5) 06 State of the Art Centers of Excellence such as Fabrication Lab, Advance Skill & Simulation Centre, Environmental Lab, Micro-Nano Lab, Advance Computing Mac Lab and Advance Nanotechnology Lab. 6) Of a total publication amounting to 5634, 2,574 are SCOPUS publications, 1457 are Web of Science and 616 are PubMed publications. 71 Copyrights have been granted; 25 Industrial Design have been granted and 19 Patents have been granted. 7) The university has appointed eligible candidates under Junior Research Fellowship and Senior Research Fellowship for enhancing research outputs and promoting quality research 8) ₹605.92 lakhs worth grants from Government Agencies and ₹182.75 lakhs worth grants from non-government agencies have been received for research purposes. A sum of ₹7.75 crores towards consultancy has been generated.
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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 norms of the concerned State Government. The total number of non-teaching staff stands at 4560.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes. 1) The academic results at Parul University demonstrate independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issuance of degrees. The university follows a structured policy that governs the formation of boards responsible for question paper setting, examination evaluation, and invigilation. 2) The evaluation process begins with a panel chaired by the Chairperson of the Board of Studies, alongside two additional members, who meticulously select examiners for question paper creation and answer script evaluation. This finalized list of examiners is submitted to the Provost for approval, ensuring adherence to academic standards and impartiality. 3) The Controller of Examinations procures three distinct question papers from different examiners, each vetted and endorsed by the Provost. Furthermore, qualified faculty members are appointed as invigilators to oversee examination proceedings. 4) An experienced faculty member is also designated as an observer, monitoring the entire examination process from paper decryption to the submission of answer sheets at the Central Assessment Center. This observer is responsible for ensuring timely activities and reporting details on the Management Information System (MIS). 5) The university appoints a squad comprising internal/ external faculty members for observing fair conduct of exams at designated exam centres and reports to the COE/ Dy. Registrar (Exams) with their observations. 6) The university employs a transparent and fair evaluation method of evaluating students through continuous evaluation, midterm examinations and end semester/ end year examinations. 7) The evaluation of the students in theory and practical/viva is undertaken by the involvement of both internal and external examiners

		8) The aggrieved students with the declared results apply for re-checking/ re-assessment 9) The university has procured an online platform enabling subject experts to deposit question bank based on which the question paper of the given subject is prepared in line with Bloom's Taxonomy and Course Outcomes. 10) The question paper is conveyed to the exam centers in digital mode in a secure way. The platform helps the faculty to analyse the course outcome and programme outcomes framed in the faculty thereby evaluating students' academic achievement.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Yes. 1) Parul University has achieved highest grading of A++ with 3.55 CGPA on four-point scale in the first cycle by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Accreditation Period: February 20, 2023 up to February 19, 2028. 2) The university has been graded as Category-I University by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. 3) The university has received Diamond Rating by QS I-GAUGE for excellence in Indian University Ratings. 4) The hospitals attached to JNHMC, AHMC, RHMC, PIA, PIAR, PIHR and PIMSR have been accredited by National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers. 5) Parul University has been ranked among Top 50 Universities across India under Innovation Category in NIRF-2024 6) Parul University has secured its place among Top 101-150 universities across India under University Category in NIRF-2024 7) Pharmacy College of Parul University has secured 47 th Rank under Pharmacy Category in NIRF-2023.

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	1) Parul University has modern facilities that support teaching, learning, and research. 2) The university is dedicated to sustainability and runs various green campus programs.
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		3) Parul University offers a variety of multidisciplinary programs that encourage learning across different fields 4) The university has a strong system for research and innovation. 5) Parul University offers a wide range of programs across various subjects. 6) The university follows guidelines set by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and has implemented key provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 7) Parul University places importance on practical skills. 8) It has specialized centers that provide hands-on training, ensuring students gain the skills needed for today's workforce. 9) The university focuses on staff development through various empowerment programs. 10) It also has a strong student welfare system that supports the overall well-being and development of students. 11) University is graded as Category-I Institution as per UGC (Categorization of Universities for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	1) Limited emphasis on Ph.D. programs may hinder the development of faculty and student research aptitude. 2) Limited focus on enhancing research skills among faculty and students may impede the university's research capabilities. 3) Limited number of academia-industry experienced faculty members may result in a gap in real-time industry knowledge within the university community.

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

1. Management appears to be committed to develop university and has all the financial resources to deliver.
2. University has modern facilities that support teaching, learning, and research.
3. The university is dedicated to sustainability and runs various green campus programs.
4. The university has a strong system for research and innovation.
5. University offers a wide range of programs across various subjects.
6. University have specialized centers that provide hands-on training, ensuring students gain the skills needed for today's workforce.
7. The university focuses on staff development through various empowerment programs.
8. University has a strong student welfare system that supports the overall well-being and development of students.
9. University is graded as Category-I Institution as per UGC (Categorization of Universities for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018
10. Accredited with an A++ rating by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the first accreditation cycle.
11. During interaction with the students, faculty and non-teaching staff, they have shown their full satisfaction with the university.
14. University has the sufficient land.
15. University has taken initiatives to implement NEP 2020.

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

1. Courses related to skill development suitable for local industries should be started.
2. A provision should be made for reservation to economical weaker sections of society as per the policy of the State Government.
3. Advisory Committee consisting of external experts drawn from both industry and renowned institutes should be appointed for each faculty to promote research and innovation.
4. NMR and Mass spectroscopic facilities for research need to be established
5. The number of merit-cum-means scholarships should be increased. A suitable mechanism can be devised to identify merit and economic and gender criteria.
6. Students must be encouraged to participate in competitive sports and also be provided financial aid.
7. University should establish day care Centre.
8. Transportation facility should be there for teaching and non-teaching staff.
9. University must encourage to faculty members to complete PhD who are just having master degree.
10. University needs to hire more quality faculty members to improve quality research and teaching.
11. University may subsidize food cost for the students and provide/include millets food.
12. University need to improve its library facility through getting access of research databases eg SCI-Finder.
13. Courses on Climate change and Mitigation.
14. Progressive VAC Courses
15. Clear Role of IQAC in maintaining and enhancing quality was less emphasized and the Process followed for the same.

C. Final Recommendations

The Committee visited virtually various facilities in the University campus during two days' visit. On the basis of documents submitted online two days virtual visit for evaluation was done. After virtual visit of university and virtual interaction meetings with Faculty, Students, Non-teaching staff and on the basis of submitted and presented documents, the Committee unanimously resolves to recommend that Parul University, Tal – Waghodia, Dist. Vadodara, Gujarat fulfils the minimum criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc. as laid down by the UGC from time to time and other concerned Statutory Bodies.



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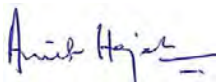
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