



Annexure-II

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

**REPORT OF THE VISIT OF THE UGC EXPERT COMMITTEE TO SARDAR PATEL
UNIVERSITY, DONGARIA, BALAGHAT, MADHYA PRADESH TO ASCERTAIN ITS NORMS
AND STANDARDS**

Part – I – Preliminary

(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee

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3	Dr. (Mrs.) Vir Bala Aggrawal Former Professor and Chairperson, Department of Journalism & Mass Communication Himachal Pradesh University Shimla - 171005	Member
4	Prof. K. Krishna Sharma Professor & Chairman Department of Human Consciousness and yogic Sciences, Mangalore University, Mangalagangothri - 574199	Member
5	Prof. Dinesh Kumar Vice-Chancellor J.C. Bose University of Science & Technology , YMCA Faridabad – 121006	Member
6	Shri Satish Pahal Under Secretary National Council for Teacher Education, G-7, Dwarka, Sector - 10, New Delhi - 110075	Member
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9	Shri Satish Kumar Deputy Secretary UGC, New Delhi	Co-ordinating Officer
(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	11-12 February, 2020
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members. Any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report	All the members participated

Part- II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	Sardar Patel University, Sardar Patel Knowledge City, Waraseoni Road, Dongariya, Balaghat, (M.P.), Pin Code: 481331
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	July 28,2018
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	University has following constituent schools, 1. School of Engineering and Technology 2. School of Agricultural Science, Technology & Research 3. School of Pharmaceutical Science & Research 4. School of Education 5. School of Science 6. School of Commerce & Management 7. School of Art & Social Science

(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University: Vindhya Shiksha Samiti Balaghat Registered Under The M.P. Societies Registration Adhiniyam 1973 (No 44 of 1973) vide Registration No. JM4251 Date 20/05/1999. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th><th>Name</th><th>Address</th><th>Occupation</th><th>Designation in the Society/Trust</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Mr. Diwakar Singh</td><td>Ward No.33 Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001</td><td>Self Employed</td><td>President</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Ms. Swati Jaiswal</td><td>Ward No.18, New Sarafa Market, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001</td><td>Teaching</td><td>Vice President</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Mrs. Seema Singh</td><td>Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001</td><td>Teaching</td><td>Secretary</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>Mr. Anshuman Singh</td><td>Ayodhya Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.) 462041</td><td>Govt. Servant</td><td>Joint Secretary</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>Mr. Vireshwar Singh</td><td>Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001</td><td>Self Employed</td><td>Treasurer</td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>Mr. Sudhaker Singh</td><td>Hulesh Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001</td><td>Teaching</td><td>Member</td></tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>Mrs. Yuti Singh</td><td>Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001</td><td>Teaching</td><td>Member</td></tr> <tr> <td>8</td><td>Mr. Surya Pratap Singh</td><td>Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001</td><td>Teaching</td><td>Member</td></tr> <tr> <td>9</td><td>Mr. Chandra Pratap Singh</td><td>Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001</td><td>Teaching</td><td>Member</td></tr> <tr> <td>10</td><td>Mr. Chandrabhan Singh</td><td>Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar,</td><td>Agriculturist</td><td>Member</td></tr> <tr> <td>11</td><td>Mr. Indrasen Singh</td><td>Majhiyari, Rewa (M.P.) 486220</td><td>Govt. Servant</td><td>Member</td></tr> </tbody> </table>				S. No.	Name	Address	Occupation	Designation in the Society/Trust	1	Mr. Diwakar Singh	Ward No.33 Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001	Self Employed	President	2	Ms. Swati Jaiswal	Ward No.18, New Sarafa Market, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001	Teaching	Vice President	3	Mrs. Seema Singh	Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001	Teaching	Secretary	4	Mr. Anshuman Singh	Ayodhya Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.) 462041	Govt. Servant	Joint Secretary	5	Mr. Vireshwar Singh	Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001	Self Employed	Treasurer	6	Mr. Sudhaker Singh	Hulesh Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001	Teaching	Member	7	Mrs. Yuti Singh	Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001	Teaching	Member	8	Mr. Surya Pratap Singh	Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001	Teaching	Member	9	Mr. Chandra Pratap Singh	Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar, Balaghat (M.P.) 481001	Teaching	Member	10	Mr. Chandrabhan Singh	Ward No. 33, Moti Nagar,	Agriculturist	Member	11	Mr. Indrasen Singh	Majhiyari, Rewa (M.P.) 486220	Govt. Servant	Member
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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. Established under Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapana Avam Sanchalan) Sanshodhan Adhiniyam, Act No. 26 of 2018 published in the "Madhya Pradesh Gazette (Extraordinary)", dated the 28th July, 2018. Appendix- III of the observations refers.
(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

B. Organization Description

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

C. Academic Activities

(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 concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Yes.
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	The University provided financial help by way of partial fee reimbursement to 53 students of below poverty line as well as on merit basis. Appendix-VIII of the Observations refers.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?(refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Various Grievance Redressal Committees are in place.

(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 procedure for revision of curriculum should be more frequent.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	The examination system appears fairly to be good. However, the Panel of external experts should be maintained at the level of Key persons. More external invigilators/Observers need to be involved.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Yes.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	No special quota except State Govt. reservation policy

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes.
(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 charged as per fees structure displayed on the University website.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Fee collection is through digital mode. No such complaint came into notice.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Fee for the courses is approved by Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee of the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No such evidence was found.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	The University is paying Basic pay + AGP to teachers with no DA / perks.
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(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each Faculty/department)	The comments of the Committee are given in the observations/suggestions. .
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty/guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	Faculties are available. But numbers of Professors/Associate Professors need to be enhanced. Any contractual faculty was not reported.
(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 possesses: ➤ Adequate ➤ Adequate as per present need but need to be equipped digitally. ➤ Comments are given in the observations/suggestions. ➤ Available. ➤ The University has playgrounds for outdoor sports. ➤ Partial facilities of Hostels are available for both Boys and Girls. Some residential accommodation is available for staff members.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	The promoting Society has been providing funds as grant as and when need arises.
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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?	Governing Body, Board of Management , Academic Council, Board of Studies, Faculty Board are in place.
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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)	There is little evidence of quality research across different disciplines which include Engineering and Technology, Teacher Education, Agriculture, Management and Commerce and Pharmacy. However some research has been carried out in Pharmacy with publication of one Patent and also published 04 books. In Science, there is also publication of 02 books in the field of Computer Science.
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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 appears to be inadequate. They are being paid meager consolidated salary.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	No NAAC/NBA accreditation.

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	➤ The Society has experience of running educational institutions. ➤ The University has adequate Land and Buildings. ➤ Transport facilities to some extent are available for faculty, staff and students. ➤ The University campus has Rain Water Harvesting System and Ground Water Recharging. ➤ Well-equipped Auditorium with adequate facilities. ➤ The University has ATM inside the Campus. ➤ Free accommodation to few staff with electricity and water without charges. ➤ Secured campus with 24 hours security guards and CCTV surveillance with 200 cameras. ➤ 20 acre of land specifically for Agriculture purposes. ➤ Plantation of a huge number of useful and precious trees.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	➤ Being a new establishment, the University is yet to set a pace to grow fast to achieve its goals in the domain of Research & Innovation. ➤ The University is situated in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh. It is difficult to get faculty and to retain them and thus resulting less admissions of students.

Part – IV- Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee:

1. Establishment of the University in tribal and backward area is a welcome step and will facilitate development of people from reserved/backward people.
2. A good number of students hails from SC/ST category. Rural setup of the University is also good.
3. The University has adequate land, class rooms and laboratories to conduct programmes at various levels. Computer Lab, Psychology Lab, Fine Arts and Music Sections and their faculty are good.
4. The University has bus facility for local transport of its staff and a ATM inside the Campus.
5. High attrition rate of students was observed in many of the disciplines.

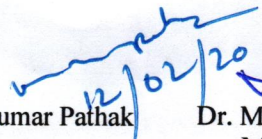
B. Suggestions of the Committee:

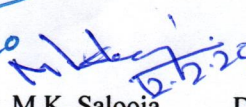
- a) The Laboratory infrastructure in Engineering, Agriculture and Science Departments is inadequate and are non-functional in some cases which need immediate attention.
- b) Innovative and ICT techniques be applied in transition of the curriculum.
- c) The examination system needs improvement to a desirable level of that of a University. The database/panel of external experts for setting up of question papers should be maintained at the level of Key persons.
- d) More external Invigilators/Observers need to be involved in conduct of examinations and evaluation of answer scripts
- e) There should be room/house for Caretaker of Hostels. The Cafeteria should be improved.
- f) Indoor and outdoor games facilities should be improved for both girls and boys. Gymnasium facilities also be provided.
- g) Library Book Bank facilities should be improved further. Latest software etc. be used for issue of books as well as Language Lab should be equipped with latest software.
- h) Wi-Fi facility should be enhanced to the extent that all the students and teachers may have access to it.
- i) The University should establish a Placement Cell having linkage with Industries and other job providing organizations. Appropriate emphasis should be given on the soft skill development.
- j) The Campus should be more friendly to differently abled persons.
- k) The Lab should be as per the norms in size in Pharmacy.
- l) Laboratory facilities and Faculty in discipline of Agriculture need strengthening as per requirement specified by ICAR. Similarly, Science laboratories need additional facilities for PG level programmes.
- m) The intake of the students in Agriculture discipline be limited to 60 in a batch.
- n) Capacity building of the Faculty need to be addressed through generic and subject specific faculty development programmes.
- o) There should be Library in the Pharmacy Institute and journals should be prescribed as per PCI norms and latest edition of national formulary should be purchased in the Library
- p) The University should obtain necessary permission/approval from NCTE with regard to change of its name from Sardar Patel College to Sardar Patel University before admitting the students/running School of Education.
- q) Focus be given to research oriented activities by providing seed money/incentives to students to encourage them for research. Faculties should be encouraged for MOOCs/SWAYAM/DEEKSHA platforms.
- r) The teachers should be encouraged to acquire higher/additional qualifications viz. Ph.D./NET/SET. by providing them duty/academic leave and financial support. Female faculty and staff should be provided Maternity Leave.
- s) Medical facilities should be enhanced.

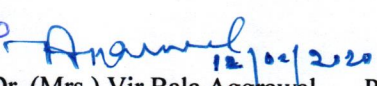
- t) More emphasis should be given towards bridge courses/remedial coaching for slow learners to bring them at par with other students.
- u) Experienced teachers should be appointed to nurture and strengthen the newly formed University.
- v) Proper hygiene should be maintained for girls common room and vending machine should be installed for sanitary napkins.
- w) There should be emphasis on extra curricular activities.

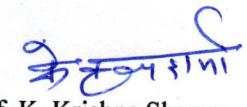
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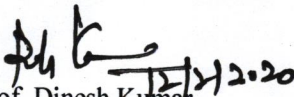
After going through the document presented and physical inspection of infrastructure and other facilities available in the University, the Committee unanimously recommends that Sardar Patel University, Dongaria, Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh may be given necessary approval subject to compliance of the above suggestions.

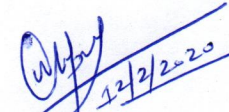

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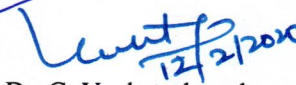

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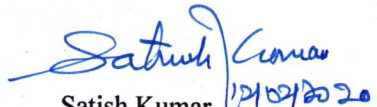

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Dated : 12 February, 2020