

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**MINUTES OF THE 594<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 06<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025.**

The 594<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 06<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Dr. Vineet Joshi                   | Chairman |
| 2. Shri D. Anandan                    | Member   |
| 3. Prof. Raj Kumar Mittal             | Member   |
| 4. Prof. (Retd.) Sachidananda Mohanty | Member   |
| 5. Prof. Shashikala Gulabrao Wanjari  | Member   |
| 6. Prof. Tana Showren                 | Member   |
| 7. Prof. Vandana Mishra               | Member   |

Shri Ashish Kumar Chauhan, Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari and Shri Sridhar Vembu – members UGC could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absentia.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

**Secretary**

Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi

**Special Invitee**

- Prof. T G Sitharam, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.
- Dr. Shyama Rath, Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairman, UGC welcomed Shri D. Anandan, Addl. Secretary, Dept of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi the new UGC Commission member as the representative of Ministry of Finance.

## SECTION-1

**1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 593<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

**The Minutes were confirmed.**

**[Action: JS (Admn.)]**

**1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 593<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

**Noted.**

**[Action: JS (Admn.)]**

**1.02(a):** To ratify the action taken on certain matter.

(i) To ratify the action taken on the matter of the inclusion of 59 Colleges under Section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956, between 01.08.2025 to 30.09.2025 as per the authorization given by the Commission in its 480<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: JS (CPP-I/Colleges)]**

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- (ii) To ratify the recognition and entitlement related decision taken with the approval of the Competent Authority for ODL and Online Programmes for the academic session February, 2025 and academic session July-August, 2025.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: JS (DEB)]**

**1.02 (b)** To receive the items for information. **(No item)**

**1.03** To receive the position of funds of UGC and related issues. **(No item)**

#### SECTION-2

##### (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

**2.01** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee constituted by the Commission with regard to compliance submitted by the State (Private) Universities towards the fulfilment of the criterion as per inspection under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956, after inclusion of their names under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 12-B status of the State (Public/Private) Universities.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS (CPP-I/PU)]**

**2.02** To consider the approval for inclusion of an additional MSc programme—(MSc. in Data Science)—to the list of approved programmes for commencement in Academic Year 2026–2027 in respect of University of Southampton, UK (Gurugram) campus.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **It was resolved to write the name of the University as “University of Southampton (UK), Gurugram Campus”, instead of University of Southampton, UK (Gurugram) Campus.**

**[Action: JS (IC)]**

**2.03** To consider the request received from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences for considering the application without NoC from State Government for continuation of financial support.

- **Approved.**
- **It was resolved to give 3 months final extension time to Rajagiri College to obtain the NoC from the State Government.**
- **UGC to write a letter to the State Government to understand its view.**

**[Action: JS (CPP-I/DU)]**

**2.04** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for conferment of Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name of SMBT UNIVERSITY, SMBT Educational Campus, Nandi Hills, Dhamangaon-Ghoti, Tal. Igatpuri, Dist. Nashik (M.S.), Maharashtra under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS (CPP-I/DU)]**

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**2.05** To consider the draft Learning Outcomes-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) developed by the Subject Expert Committees for uploading in public domain.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **It was resolved to put the draft guidelines in public domain for a period of 30 days to invite feedback and suggestions from the stakeholders**

**[Action: JS (QIP)]**

**2.06** To consider an affirmative action plan from the FHEIs to safeguard the interests of the stakeholders.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS (IC)]**

**2.07** To consider the matter of inclusion of State University under Category-I as per the UGC [Categorisation of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(SU)]**

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**2.08** UGC Guidelines on “Uniform Mental Health & Well-Being Policy” for Higher Educational Institutions.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **It was resolved to put the guidelines in public domain for a period of 15 days to invite feedback and suggestions from the stakeholders, including educational institutions, mental health professionals, student bodies, and civil society representatives.**

**[Action: JS(ARC)]**

**2.09** To consider Draft Amendments to the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2023.

**Considered and approved.**

**[Action: JS(CPP-I/DU)]**

## **SECTION-3**

**(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

**(There is no item in this section)**

## **SECTION-4**

**(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)**

**(There is no item in this section)**

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## SECTION-5

### (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

(There is no item in this section)

## SECTION-6

### (MISCELLANEOUS)

**6.01** To consider certain establishment matters of the UGC.

**Recorded Separately.**

[Action: JS(Admin.)]

**(Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi)**  
Secretary

**(Dr. Vineet Joshi)**  
Chairman