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

**MINUTES OF THE 571ST MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 25TH JULY, 2023.**

The 571st Meeting of the Commission was held on 25th July, 2023 in which the following were present:

1.	Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar	Chairman
2.	Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava	Vice Chairman
3.	Shri K. Sanjay Murthy*	Member
4.	Shri Sanjay Prasad	Member
5.	Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav	Member
6.	Prof. E. Suresh Kumar	Member
7.	Prof. M.K. Sridhar	Member
8.	Dr. Shivaraj	Member

*Ms. Rina Sonowal Kouli, Joint Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Education represented Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi

Special Invitee

- Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice-Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.
- Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

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SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 570th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 27th June, 2023.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

1.01(b) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 570th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 27th June, 2023.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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 and approve the recommendations made by the DEB Working Group in its eighteenth and nineteenth meetings held on 21st June, 2023 and 11th July, 2023 respectively.

- **The recommendations of the eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the DEB Working Group were considered and approved.**
- **The last date of admission for all the HEIs for offering online and ODL programmes is extended up to 30th September, 2023 instead of 23rd September, 2023.**

[Action: JS(DEB)]

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- 2.02** To consider the proposal to develop the discipline-wise Learning Outcomes based Curricular Framework (LOCF) as per the recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020.

Considered and approved. The Commission authorized the Chairman to constitute appropriate committees so as to get it executed in a period of two months.

[Action: JS(QIP)]

- 2.03** To consider the applications received from Central Universities for the categorization of universities for grant of graded autonomy.

The Commission approved that the following three Central Universities shall be categorized as Category-I University:

1. **Central Sanskrit University**
2. **Central University of Rajasthan**
3. **University of Delhi**

Further, the following two Central Universities shall be categorized as Category-II University:

1. **Maulana Azad National Urdu University**
2. **University of Hyderabad**

The remaining four Universities i.e. Jamia Millia Islamia, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Aligarh Muslim University and Central University of Punjab were not approved for categorization and the reasons for non-approval shall be conveyed to the Universities.

[Action: DS(CU)]

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2.04 To consider the UGC Regulations on Recognition and Equivalence of Qualifications obtained from Foreign Educational Institutions.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **It was resolved to place the draft Regulations in public domain for stakeholders' comments.**
- **The Commission authorized Chairman, UGC to finalize the Guidelines.**

[Action: JS(IC)]

2.05 To consider the application for change of name of the National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology, National Museum, (Deemed to be University), New Delhi to 'Indian Institute of Heritage' and change of campus from New Delhi to Noida.

Considered and approved.

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

2.06 To consider the Guidelines for Institutional Development Plan for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(IC)]

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2.07 To consider Curriculum and Guidelines for Life Skills (Jeevan Kaushal) 2.0.

Considered and approved.

[Action: DS(Life Skills)]

2.08 To consider the recommendations of the 65th meeting of Standing Committee held on 15th July, 2023 for grant of conferment/extension of autonomous status to the colleges.

Deferred.

[Action: DS(AC)]

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)

SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

(There is no item in this section)

SECTION-6

(MISCELLANEOUS)

(There is no item in this section)

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SECTION-7

(ANY OTHER ITEM)

7.01 To consider the representations received from HEIs for opening the UGC DEB portal for submission of application for academic session beginning July-August, 2023.

Representations have been received from Punjabi University, Punjab, Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Tamil Nadu and Mangalayatan University, Uttar Pradesh for granting recognition to offer ODL programmes from academic year 2023-24. These HEIs have registered themselves on UGC-DEB web portal for submitting application in response to UGC Public Notice F.No. 1-1/2023 (DEB-I) dated 01st March, 2023 but were not able to submit the complete application along with affidavit and requisite fee within the prescribed time period.

The Commission considered and resolved as under:

- 1) The application window for all such 09 HEIs, which had started the application process but could not submit the application due to various issues shall be reopened for academic year 2023-24, (academic session beginning July-August, 2023 onwards) and these HEIs shall be given 3 days to submit the application along with affidavit and requisite fee on UGC DEB web portal.**
- 2) The last date for according recognition to HEIs for academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning July-August, 2023 onwards shall be extended from 31st July, 2023 to 31st August, 2023.**

Commission has considered the above representations from the HEIs as a special case. Accordingly, the stipulated time period otherwise given for recognition process shall be curtailed in respect of these HEIs and no appeal provision shall be applicable to these HEIs.

[Action: DS(DEB)]

7.02 To consider the representations received from a few Open Universities requesting permission to start admission process from July, 2023 on the basis of SSR submitted to NAAC by the Universities.

Commission considered the representations received from Nalanda Open University, Bihar, Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Rajasthan and M.P.Bhoj Open University, Madhya Pradesh requesting permission to start admission process from July, 2023 on the basis of SSR submitted to NAAC by the Universities.

Commission after detailed deliberation, seconded DEB working group decision discussed at Agenda Item no. 2.01 and resolved as under:-

- 1) The provisional applications submitted by Open Universities (which haven't obtained a valid NAAC accreditation) for academic year 2023-24, academic session beginning July-August, 2023 shall stand invalid.**
- 2) UGC may open UGC-DEB webportal for these Open Universities provided they obtain a valid NAAC score, three months prior to the commencement of the academic session January-February, 2024.**

7.03 The Chairman acknowledged and appreciated the significant contributions of the outgoing Commission Members Prof. (Ms) Sushma Yadava, Former Pro-VC, Central University of Haryana; Prof. E. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor, EFLU, Hyderabad; Prof. M.K.Sridhar, Former Professor and Dean of Management Studies, Bangalore University, Bangalore and Dr. Shivaraj, Professor of Chemistry and Dean-Faculty of Science and Development & UGC Affairs, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

(Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi)
Secretary

(Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar)
Chairman