

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

**MINUTES OF THE 541<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019.**

The 541<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh	Chairman
2. Dr. Bhushan Keshav Patwardhan	Vice-Chairman
3. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar	Member
4. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chander Kuhad	Member
5. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy	Member
6. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav	Member
7. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari	Member
8. Dr. Uma Chandrashekhar Vaidya	Member
9. Dr. Kiran Hazarika	Member
10. Prof. (Dr.) Nagesh Thakur	Member

Shri R. Subrahmanyam and Shri Pramod Kumar Das could not attend the Meeting due to their pre-occupations and were granted leave of absence.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary**

Prof. Rajnish Jain

SECTION-1

**1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 540<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

*The Minutes of the 540<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 were confirmed subject to the following modifications:*

*Item No. 2.13:*

*“2.13 To consider the matter regarding affiliation granted by Smt. Nathibal Damodar Thackersey Women's University (State University) Mumbai to Satyam Fashion Institute, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh and similar other institutes. (Deferred item No. 2.09 of 539<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2019).*

*The Commission considered the representation of Smt. Nathibal Damodar Thackersey Women's University (State University) Mumbai vide letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 and 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, and the legal opinion given by Additional Solicitor General of India vide letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 regarding affiliation granted by the SNDT Women's University to the institutions outside the State of Maharashtra. It was observed by the Commission that:*

- a. Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Indian Women's University headquartered at Mumbai was registered in the year 1916 under Societies Registration Act, 1860, by the initiative of Dr. Dhondo Keshav Karve, an eminent social worker and Bharat Ratna awardee, with a great financial help of from Sir Vithaldas Damodar Thackersey and this institution was a pioneer in the field of women's education.*
- b. In 1949, an Expert Committee was established by the then Bombay Government to give its recommendations, on which a legislative enactment was to be made for the SNDT Women's University. The said*

*Committee made a categorical recommendation to the Government to the effect that the jurisdiction of the University ought to be extended beyond the limits of Greater Bombay and Poona, to the whole Dominion of India and the States acceded to it; notwithstanding any provision to the contrary of any Law. Pursuant to the recommendations made by the said Committee, a bill known as L.A. Bill No. LX of 1949, was introduced to recognize and establish Women’s University to be called Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women’s University to be called Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women’s University to be called Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women’s University for imparting to higher education to women under the provisions of Govt. of India Act, 1935, having jurisdiction to admit educational institutions in Province of Bombay or in an Indian State or other territories to its privileges.*

- c. Thereafter, the Act “Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women’s University Act, 1949 was enacted on 23.11.1949.*
- d. In 1974, various enactments were passed by the Maharashtra State legislature in respect of the individual non-agricultural Universities in existence then; including SNT Women’s University Act,1974. However, a statutory exception was expressly made for SNT Women’s University Act, 1974 which was conferred an All India jurisdiction. The assent of the Hon’ble President of India was received for the said SNT Women’s University Act of 1974.*
- e. The above, privileges of all India jurisdiction have been granted to the SNT Women’s University in the Maharashtra Universities Act, 1994 (Section 105) as well as in the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Section 137).*

*In the light of above mentioned facts that SNT Women’s University has all India jurisdiction, the Commission resolved that the affiliation granted by the SNT Women’s University, Mumbai to the institutions as on date may be noted. However, the Commission may write to the State Government of Maharashtra to consider taking suitable steps for amending the existing Act of the SNT Women’s University, Mumbai to bring the same in conformity with*

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*the UGC policy and orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India regarding territorial jurisdiction of the University for granting affiliation to the institutions.*

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

*Item No. 6.01 (ii) & 6.01 (iii)*

**Recorded Separately**

**1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 540<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 09<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

**Noted.**

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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

(i) To ratify the decision in respect of travel expenses incurred on Mid Term Evaluation Meeting.

**Ratified.**

[Action: JS(MRP)]

(ii) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission in its 497<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 10.01.2014 with regard to approval of institutions under Sections 2(f), 12 (B) and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**Ratified.**

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

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- (iii) To consider and ratify the decisions of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

**Ratified.**

[Action: JS(AC)]

- (iv) To report the inclusion of 92 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.04.2019 to 31.05.2019 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Ratified.**

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

- (v) To report action taken by UGC on certain matters related to ODL and Online Education Programmes

**The Commission noted the following:**

- (1) Notification of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Fourth Amendment Regulations, 2019.**
- (2) Constitution of Expert Committees to visit 41 HEIs under third amendment.**
- (3) Updated list of HEIs under Category-I entitled to offer programme through Open and Distance Learning Mode.**
- (4) The decision in respect of 7 HEIs opted for SWAYAM Learning Platform and the issue of Letter of Intent to Indira Gandhi National Open University and Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy.**

The Commission also noted (i) the decision of the Technical Expert Committee in respect of 21 HEIs (19 not approved and 2 approved) which have opted for non-SWAYAM Learning Platform (ii) the decision of the Competent Authority to put on hold the communication to AMITY University for approval of the learning platform keeping in view the receipt of complaints that it is already

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**offering online programmes without UGC approval. The Chairman, UGC is authorised to take an appropriate decision based on the reply from the University on the clarification sought in the matter.**

**[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)**

**1.04** To ratify the Annual Accounts of UGC for the financial year 2018-19.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: FA]**

## **SECTION-2**

### **(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

**2.01** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Chaitanya Degree College, Warangal (Telangana) during 08-09<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 to verify the compliance reported by the College in respect of the observations/suggestions given by the earlier UGC and AICTE Expert Committees - Proposal for Deemed to University status under general category under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Chaitanya Degree College, Warangal (Telangana) and resolved that the case to be reconsidered after obtaining the action plan from the Institution about improving the quality of research & publications, and innovations.**

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

- 2.02** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE) (Deemed to be University), Sardarshahar, Dt. Churu, Rajasthan - 331403 during 04-06<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 to review it holistically.

**The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE) (Deemed to be University), Sardarshahar, Dt. Churu, Rajasthan-331403 and resolved that the case to be reconsidered after obtaining the action plan from the Institution about improving the quality of research & publications, and innovations.**

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

- 2.03** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (Deemed to be University), Goregaon (East), Mumbai during 02-04<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

**The Commission Considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and resolved to recommend to MHRD for continuation of status of Deemed to be University to Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (Deemed to be University), Goregaon (East), Mumbai. The suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed by the Deemed to be University within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.**

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

- 2.04** To consider the recommendations of the UGC Committee constituted to look into all aspects of the off-campus and courses started by Institutions Deemed to be Universities – Reference Ministry of HRD letter No. F. 10-18/2018-U3(A) dated 08.03.2019.

**Considered and approved.**

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

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**2.05** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Santosh (Deemed to be University), Santosh Nagar, Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) during 22-23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019 to review its functioning.

**The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Santosh (Deemed to be University), Santosh Nagar, Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) and resolved that the Institution be asked to rectify all the deficiencies as highlighted in the Inspection Report and submit its compliance to the UGC within six months and also submit the action plan about improving the quality of research & publications, and innovations.**

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

**2.06** To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru (Karnataka) during 01-02<sup>nd</sup> February, 2019 to assess the proposal for Deemed to University status under general category under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 in the name of 'St. Aloysius'.

**The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru (Karnataka) and resolved that the case to be reconsidered after obtaining the action plan from the Institution about improving the quality of research & publications, and innovations.**

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

**2.07** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), Tonakela Camp Road, Avadi, Chennai-600054 (Tamil Nadu) during 12-13<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 for validation of the compliance reported in respect of the deficiencies observed by UGC Expert Committee, AICTE Expert Committee and Ministry of HRD.

**The Commission Considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and resolved to recommend to MHRD for continuation of status of Deemed to be University to St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research**



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(Deemed to be University), Tonakela Camp Road, Avadi, Chennai-600054 (Tamil Nadu). The suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed by the Deemed to be University within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

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

**2.08**

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University), Pallavaram, Chennai (TN) during 16-17<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 for validation of the compliance reported in respect of the deficiencies observed by UGC Expert Committee and Ministry of HRD.

**The Commission Considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and resolved to recommend to MHRD for continuation of status of Deemed to be University to Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) (Deemed to be University), Pallavaram, Chennai (TN). The suggestions by the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed by the Deemed to be University within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.**

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

**2.09**

To revise Rules / Regulations regarding inclusion of colleges under section 2(f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act 1956

**The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee alongwith the Draft UGC (Recognition of Colleges under Clause (f) of Section 2 of the UGC Act) Regulations, 2019 and Draft UGC (Fitness of Colleges for Receiving Grants) Rules, 2019 and resolved that:**

- (i) The report of the Draft Regulations and Rules be sent to the all Commission Members to seek their comments/feedback within a week.**

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- (ii) After incorporating the comments of the Commission Members, the same be put on UGC website for seeking comments/feedback from the stakeholders within 15 days.

The Commission further resolved to authorize the Chairman, UGC to finalize the above Regulations and Rules after incorporating the appropriate comments/feedback so received from the Commission Members and stakeholders.

[Action: AS-I]

- 2.10 To consider the recommendations of the UGC Standing Committee constituted to consider the proposals received from Institutions Deemed to be Universities for starting new course(s)/programme(s)/department(s)/Faculty(ies)/school(s).

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.11 To consider the minutes of the meetings of CARE to look into the issue pertaining to CARE and to evaluate the CARE reference list of journals (CARE List) for final uploading on the CARE website.

The Commission considered reports of Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics Empowered Committee (CARE-EC). The Commission expressed its concern for unethical / deceptive practices in publishing leading to an increased number of dubious / predatory journals worldwide and the fact that in India the percentage of research articles published in predatory journals is high and resolved that such unethical practices be thwarted immediately. The Commission further noted that it is important to ensure prevention of academic misconduct including plagiarism in academic writing among students, faculty, researchers and staff. Responsible conduct of research and safeguarding ethics and academic integrity in scientific research is extremely crucial.

The Commission appreciated effort of CARE to identify, continuously monitor and maintain UGC-CARE Reference List of Quality Journals from India and abroad (henceforth referred as UGC-CARE List). It was noted that CARE website will also provide useful resources as relevant publications, audio-visual materials, videos, weblinks, FAQs, Feedback, provision for addition / deletion and grievance redressal mechanism.

After careful consideration of reports of CARE-EC, the Commission unanimously resolved as under:

1. The minutes of the meeting of Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (CARE) held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 and the meetings of the CARE - EC held on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 and 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 are noted and ratified.
2. The actionable points of CARE-EC meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 are noted and approved. Further resolved that necessary financial support should be provided for effective implementation of actionable points.
3. In addition, for smooth functioning of CARE, the following was resolved:
  - a. The approach and methodology adopted by CARE-EC for creation, updation, maintenance and release of UGC-CARE List as dynamic list is approved.
  - b. UGC-CARE List prepared by UGC Cell for Journal Analysis at Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Pune as shown in the presentation is approved.
  - c. The first edition of UGC-CARE List should be immediately published and prominently displayed on the UGC website as well as on the websites of statutory councils/Government Bodies who are members of CARE. UGC-CARE List should be updated every quarter under the supervision of CARE-EC.
  - d. Relevant notifications/ regulations of the UGC should be modified to incorporate UGC-CARE List as the source for research journals to be considered for all academic purposes by all Higher Education

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**Institutions and accreditation / ranking agencies like NAAC, NIRF, NBA etc.**

- e. Indian Journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science should be separately listed on the CARE website for benefit of users.**
  - f. Journal analysis and creation of credible database of quality journals should be carried out by UGC Cell for Journal Analysis at SPPU, Pune and the INFLIBNET Centre should provide complete technical support to improve and maintain the CARE website.**
- 4. The Commission also approved the draft advisory to be issued as public notice by the UGC along with the release of UGC-CARE website.**

**[Action: JS(CARE/DU)]**

- 2.12** To consider the Report of the Committee for granting reaccreditation to Andhra University, Visakhapatnam to hold SET Examination(s) on behalf of the State of Andhra Pradesh.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.13**
1. To consider the decisions of the Empowered Committee of Basic Scientific Research.
  2. To consider the contingency grant to be released Rs.5,00,000/-p.a. on Yearly basis under the scheme of BSR Faculty Fellowship.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.14** To re-consider the request of the HNB Garhwal University for rationalization of two isolated posts of Coordinator cum Placement Officer and Course Coordinator as Assistant Registrar w.e.f. 15.01.2009 consequent upon its conversion as a Central University.

**Considered and approved.**

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

**2.15** To consider the report of the Anomaly Redressal Committee constituted to look into the anomalies in the UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education), Regulations 2018.

**The Commission considered the report of the Anomaly Redressal Committee and resolved to seek the comments of Commission Members on the recommendations of the Anomaly Redressal Committee within one week. The recommendations of the Anomaly Redressal Committee after incorporating the comments of the Commission Members be put on UGC website for seeking comments/feedback from the stakeholders within 30 days.**

**After incorporating the appropriate comments/feedback so received from the Commission Members and the stakeholders by the Anomaly Redressal Committee, the revised recommendations shall be placed before the Commission for consideration.**

**[Action: AS-I]**

**2.16** To consider and approve (i) Operational Guidelines of the three new Schemes under the umbrella “Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research through Higher Educational Institutes for National Development and Entrepreneurship (STRIDE)” and (ii) Action Plan along with the budget submitted by BHU for implementing the STRIDE.

**Considered and approved.**

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

**2.17** To consider the decisions of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh autonomous status to Sengunthar Engineering College, Kosavampalayam, Kumaramangalam, Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.18** To consider the updated report of the Expert Committee constituted by UGC to frame Regulations on minimum qualification for appointment of Registrar, Finance Officer, Controller of Examination and other Registrar Cadre Posts, other Service Conditions, Guidelines for Promotion, CAS, etc. in Universities, Deemed to be Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.19** To consider the recommendations of Expert Committee based on the reports of Visiting Expert Committee in respect of 5 Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) under second amendment.

**The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee in respect of 5 HEIs. Further, the Commission authorised the Chairman, UGC to take a decision on the reports of the remaining HEIs under the second and third amendments of UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017. The Commission also decided that the Bureau should process the Visiting Committee reports as and when they are received. However, the decision with the approval of the Chairman, UGC in respect of reports of HEIs under third amendment should be communicated together by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 for the session 2019-20. All such decisions should be reported to the Commission.**

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

- 2.20** To consider requesting MHRD to designate Consortium for Educational Communication (an Inter University Center of UGC) as National Coordinator for Non-Technology PG MOOCs courses on SWAYAM.

**The Commission considered the proposal alongwith comments of MHRD and approved the same. The Commission resolved that a plan of action and strategy for CEC to evolve as a National Coordinator be prepared and presented. The Commission further resolved that for the July Courses, UGC will continue to work as National Coordinator.**

**[Action: AS-I]**

**2.21** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), NH-47, Sankari Main Road, Ariyanoor, Salem (Tamil Nadu) during 29<sup>th</sup> May to 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2019 to holistically review the Institution as per the decision of the Commission.

**The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), NH-47, Sankari Main Road, Ariyanoor, Salem (Tamil Nadu) and resolved that the case to be reconsidered after obtaining the action plan from the Institution about improving the quality of research & publications, and innovations.**

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

**2.22** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (JIIT), (Deemed to be University), Noida (Uttar Pradesh) during 20-22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019 to review its functioning.

**The Commission considered the Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (JIIT), (Deemed to be University), Noida (Uttar Pradesh) and resolved that the case to be reconsidered after obtaining the action plan from the Institution about improving the quality of research & publications, and innovations.**

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

**2.23** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology (NERIST), Deemed to be University, Nirjuli, Itanagar, Dt. Papum Pare – 791109 (Arunachal Pradesh) to review its functioning.

**The Commission Considered the report of the UGC Expert Committee and resolved to recommend to MHRD for continuation of status of Deemed to be University to North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology (NERIST), Deemed to be University, Nirjuli, Itanagar, Dt. Papum Pare – 791109 (Arunachal Pradesh). The suggestions by the visiting Expert**

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**Committee, if any, will be addressed by the Deemed to be University within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.**

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

- 2.24** To consider the Categorization of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), PO Belur Math, Dist. Howrah (West Bengal) under Category-I of the University Grants Commission [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

**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)**

- 4.01** To consider the administrative matters pertaining to National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru.

**Considered and approved.**

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

## **SECTION-5**

### **(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

(There is no item in this section)



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## SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

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

**Recorded Separately**

**(Prof. Rajnish Jain)**  
**Secretary**

**(Prof. Dhirendra Pal Singh)**  
**Chairman**