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Annexure-II

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Report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Renaissance University (Private University) Indore, Gram Reoti, Behind Aurobindo Hospital,Sanwer-Ujjain Road, Indore (M.P) to ascertain fulfillment of norms and standards as prescribed by the UGC and relevant statutory council(s) during 22-24th July, 2021

Part – I - Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee

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(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	**22-24th July 2021**
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	**All the members participated in the visit.**

Part – II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	**The University is established by the Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapna avam Sanchalan) Amendment Act No. 16 of 2017 and Notification No. 18176-VS-Vidhan-2017 dated 24.07.2017 issued by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.**

(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	24th July 2017
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	

Renaissance University, Indore is located on 25.455 acres of land on the outskirts of Indore city of Madhya Pradesh. The University is established by the Act of the State Legislature of Madhya Pradesh as a Private University. The University is offering 01 Diploma, 13 UG and 07 PG courses apart from Ph.D. These courses are offered in 09 Schools – School of Commerce, School of Management, School of Fashion Technology & Design, School of Computer Science, School of Science, School of Social Science, School of Law, School of Agriculture Science. The following programmes are offered :-

School	UG	PG	Research
School of Commerce	B. Com B. Com (Hons)	--	--
School of Management	BBA (Hons)+ MBA BBA (Hons)	MBA PGDM	Ph.D.
School of Science	B.Sc (Hons.) (Biotechnology)	--	--
School of Computer Science	BCA+MCA B.Sc +M.Sc Integrated (CS)	--	Ph.D.
School of Agriculture	B.Sc (Agriculture)	--	--
School of Social Science	B.A. Public Administration	--	--
School of Journalism and Mass Communication	BJ BA (Hons.) Mass Communication	MJ	Ph.D.
School of Law	LLB	LLM	--
School of Fashion Technology and Design	B.Des (Accessories & Fashion)	M.Des	--

LLB is offered with the approval of the Bar Council of India. PGDM is offered with the approval of the AICTE.

(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	**Kautaliya Chandra Gupt Education Society, is the sponsoring body of Renaissance University. Society was formed on 6-8-2005 with the object of promoting education. It is duly registered with registrar of firms & societies MP & its registration number is 03/27/03/08561/05.**

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 is established by the Act of the State Legislature of Madhya Pradesh and Notification issued by the Madhya Pradesh Government.** **Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapna avam Sanchalan) Amendment Act No. 16 of 2017 and Notification No. 18176-VS-Vidhan-2017 dated 24.07.2017 issued by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.**
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focussed on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	**Yes. The sponsoring trust is running this University only and is focussed on the educational activities.**

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	**The University has not established any off campus Centre**
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	**The University has not established any off-shore campus centre**
(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 offering courses under distance mode or on-line mode**

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?	**The courses offered are adequately diverse. Courses offered are in the field of Management, Commerce, Science, Social Science, Agriculture, Fashion Design, Journalism & Mass Communication, Law**
(ii)	Is the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	**All the degrees awarded are specified by the UGC under 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?	**Sanctioned intake is as per the approval granted by the concerned statutory council(s)/by the statutory bodies of the University**
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	**LLB is approved by the Bar Council of India** **PGDM is approved by the AICTE**
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	**Yes. The support facilities includes hostels, fee concessions, sports facilities, cultural events, student clubs, canteen, stationary shop, induction course, transport facilities, Gym, wi-fi.** **All SC/ST/OBC students are getting government scholarships.**
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	**Yes. The students are informed through the University websites, electronic media and print media**
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	**A Grievance Redressal Committee has been constituted for the purpose**
(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 curriculum is prepared by the Board of Studies. After approval of the Academic Council and Board of Management, the curriculum is implemented.**
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	**The examination system is regular, fair and transparent.** **The examination system for courses under statutory bodies is in accordance with their norms.**

		For other courses, combination of internal and external assessment (60% external, 40% internal) is adopted. Continuous internal evaluation system is followed. The University follows evaluation through Internal as well as External Examiners. The University has a mix of both Internal and External Examiners with panel of experts shortlisted on the basis of qualifications and experience. Evaluated answer sheets are shown to students on demand. The examination system is a homogeneous mixture of practical as well as theory aspect of the curriculum.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Applications are invited off-line and on-line. The applications are scrutinized by the Admission Committee. Students are selected on the basis of merit of the qualifying examination. The admission system is transparent.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Being a self-financing Private University, reservation policy is not followed.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	The fee structure is displayed on the University website.
(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?	The fees and charges are regulated and approved by M.P. Private University Regulatory Commission (MPPURC).
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Yes, transparent and no complaint is lodged till date.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	The fee structure is in decided by the MP Private Universities Regulatory Commission.

(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	**Yes. The fee structure is decided by MP Private Universities Regulatory Commission.**
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	**No. There is no indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains.**

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	**The faculty is paid only basic. No allowances are paid.**
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	**The faculty is qualified and trained. Out of the 226 teachers, 108 are Ph.D.**
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	**All the faculty members are recruited on permanent basis**
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	**The recruitment policy is as per the ordinances of the University**

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➢ Land and Buildings ➢ Class Rooms ➢ Laboratories and equipment ➢ Library ➢ Sports facilities ➢ Residential accommodation including hostels	**The committee members visited the campus facilities and observed that the University has adequate infrastructure facilities as per UGC/relevant statutory council(s) norms.** **Land – 25.455 acres, 15000 sq.ft. built up area** **Class rooms – 57, good facilities** **Labs - 04 computer labs including language lab, 03 Agriculture labs - adequate** **Library – Equipped with required books/journals** **Sports facilities – Good indoor and outdoor facilities** **Residential accommodation – No accommodation on campus. Girls and Boys Hostels adjacent to campus**

H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	**The University has Rs. 5.00 crores corpus fund with MP Private Universities Regulatory Authority. Major income is from student fee. However, the sponsoring body and its members are providing financial help to the University. The University is financial sound as is evident from the audited statement of accounts perused by the Committee.**

I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	**The University has constituted various statutory bodies such as Governing Council, Board of Management, Finance Committee, Academic Council, Board of Studies. Regular meetings are conducted.**

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)	**The University started functioning from the academic year 2018-19, still at nascent stage. Not much research activities are undertaken at present. Funding research is not available. Some publications are there by the faculty. Few Seminars/symposia/ conferences/workshops/FDPs have been conducted.**

K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	**Non-Teaching is adequate and qualified for the job performed by them. They are paid as per University norms.**
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	**The University started functioning from 2018-19 academic year. From the result analyses and procedures adopted, it can be concluded that the assessment system is fair, independent and rigorous.**
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	**Not yet accredited by NAAC/NBA/NIRF.**

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	➢ Good infrastructure ➢ Young, dedicated and committed faculty ➢ Pro-active Management ➢ Locational advantage ➢ Good Placements ➢ Clean and Green campus ➢ Good teaching learning ambiance
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	➢ Need to strengthen research activities ➢ Participation of faculty in workshops/seminar/conference/symposia is less ➢ No extramural research projects

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

The Committee visited the administrative area, academic departments, laboratories, central library, IQAC, examination section, placement cell, sports facilities, hostels, canteen, agricultural farm and other facilities available in the University. The Committee also interacted with the management, teachers, students (on-line), and non-teaching staff. The Committee also verified various documents related to the trust, Act/Statutes/Ordinances, land, faculty, governance, student, non-teaching staff, etc. After on the spot visit, interaction with the stakeholders and verification of documents, the Committee observations are as under:-

I. Background of the University

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II. Courses offered

The University is offering 01 Diploma, 13 UG and 07 PG courses apart from Ph.D. These courses are offered in 09 Schools – School of Commerce (B.Com, B.Com (Hons), School of Management BBA, BBA (Hons.)+MBA, MBA, PGDM), School of Fashion Technology & Design (B.Des, M.Des), School of Computer Science (BCA+MCA, B.Sc. +M.Sc. (Integrated CS), School of Science (B.Sc. (Hons.) Biotechnology), School of Social Science (BA Public Ad) , School of Law LLB, LLM), School of Agriculture Science (B.Sc. Agriculture) and School of Journalism and Mass Communication (BJ, MJ). Ph.D. programme is offered in Management, Computer Science and Journalism & Mass Communication. LLB is offered with the approval of Bar Council of India and PGDM is offered with the approval of AICTE.

The total strength of students at present is 2371 (including 32 Ph.D. scholars) out of which 1602 are boys and 769 are girls. It was observed that majority of the students are from disadvantaged group of SC/ST/OBC. Keeping in view the Covid situation, the student strength is encouraging.

III. Infrastructural Facilities

Land & Buildings – The University is located on 25.455 acres of land on the outskirts of Indore city of Madhya Pradesh in a serene environment. The land is registered in the name of the sponsoring society. Land for agriculture courses has been taken on rent. The teaching and learning facilities are located in three buildings housing various departments, labs, faculty rooms, tutorial rooms, etc. The classrooms are spacious, well ventilated and having good furniture. The classrooms are fitted with LCD projectors and internet facilities. The entire campus is wi-fi enabled with 100 mbps (Airtel). Other facilities are studio, theatre, canteen, stationary shop, first aid facilities, girls & boys common rooms, transportation

facilities. The campus is clean and green with serene surroundings. The buildings are well maintained. The overall infrastructural facilities are very good. Boys and Girls Hostels are available adjacent to the campus. The hostels are well maintained.

Library –The Central Library is equipped with adequate teaching learning materials. Ten computers are available for students in the central library. The students have access to J-GATE, AIR, Manupatra facility. Software (ORKUND) to check plagiarism is also available. Reading room facility and research corner are also available.

Labs and Equipment–The University has 04 Computer labs including language lab. There are 03 more labs for Agriculture course. All the labs are equipped and maintained with necessary supporting staff.

Agriculture – The University has earmarked about 3-4 acres of land for instructional cum demonstration farm for B.Sc. Agriculture. These facilities are satisfactorily utilized for intended purpose.

Sports Facilities - The University has both indoor and outdoor sports facilities. Sports grounds/ courts for cricket, football, volleyball, lawn tennis, badminton, basket ball are available. Indoor sports facilities include billiards, chess, carrom, table tennis. A well-equipped gym and swimming pool are also available within the campus. The overall sports facilities are very good.

IV. Faculty Resources

There are 226 faculty members in the University out of which 28 are Professors, 58 Associate Professors and 140 are Assistant Professors. Out of the total strength, 108 are Ph.D. holders. All the teachers are appointed on permanent basis. The faculty is paid basic pay only. No allowances are paid. The faculty is well qualified and well trained. Faculty in some of the agricultural areas is not appointed. The faculty members are qualified as per the norms of the UGC/relevant statutory council(s).

The Committee is satisfied with the quality of teachers and found them enthusiastic and committed. The teacher student ratio is 1:10.49 which is impressive. The faculty is adequate for the courses offered apart from Agriculture where some faculty is required.

V. Admission, Fee Structure, Examination and Evaluation

Admissions –Applications are invited off-line and on-line. The applications are scrutinized by the Admission Screening Committee. Students are selected on the basis of merit of the qualifying examination. The admission system is transparent.

Fee Structure –The fee structure is decided by the Madhya Pradesh Private Universities Regulatory Commission. The University follow transparent fee collection system.

Examination and Evaluation – A separate Controller of Examination office is established under the Controller of Examination. Necessary staff is provided for the purpose. The examination system is robust, fair and transparent. The examination system for courses under statutory bodies is in accordance with their norms. For other courses, combination of internal and external assessment (60% external, 40% internal) is adopted. Continuous

internal evaluation system is followed. CBCS is adopted. The University follows evaluation through Internal as well as External Examiners. The University has the mix of both Internal and External evaluation with a panel of experts shortlisted on the basis of qualifications and experience. The University shows the evaluated answer papers to students on demand.
The Committee is satisfied with the examination and evaluation system adopted by the University.

VI. Teaching Learning Methods

Apart from the classroom sessions, the teaching learning methods includes Workshop, Practical Sessions, Projects, Internships, Seminars, Field Training The Committee is satisfied with the teaching learning methods adopted.

VII. Research Profile

The University started functioning from the academic session 2018-19. It is still at nascent stage. Although teachers have 148 publications, the teachers shall be encouraged to publish in peer reviewed journals. There is no funded research project. The management should encourage the faculty members to publish papers in peer review journals, UGC CARE list, SCOPUS, etc. and apply to funding agencies for sponsored research. Some consultancy is provided by Agriculture department. The University has conducted 03 workshops, 01 National Conference, 02 International Conference, 03 webinar, 01 FDP.

VIII. Co-curricular, Extra-curricular and Extension Activities

The University is conducting cultural events and sports competitions in the campus. Faculty and students are also involved in various social activities such as swachh bharat, awareness about traffic rules, environmental awareness, etc. Some MoUs have been signed for student exchange, but these are yet to be materialized.

X. Facilities for Faculty and Students

Faculty Members - Faculty cubicals, HoD Rooms, desktop, laptop, internet facilities, transport facilities, first aid facility, placement support, etc.

Students – Remedial classes for weak students, government scholarship for SC/ST/OBC students, hostel facilities, first aid facility, fee concession for meritorious students,etc.

XI. Placement

After going through the placement records of the outgoing MBA and PGDM students, the Committee is satisfied with the progress.

II. Interactions

The Committee interacted with the faculty members, students, alumni and non-teaching staff. The interaction with students was through on-line mode.

During the interaction, it was found that the faculty members, students and non-teaching staff was satisfied with the facilities provided to them by the management. The students were satisfied with the quality of teachers & academic environment and informed that the teachers are

very helpful. The Committee also interacted with the management. The Committee found the management very committed, supportive and pro-active.

XII. Leadership and Governance

The University is promoted by Kautaliya Chandra Gupt Education Society. This society is formed only to run the Renaissance University. The University has constituted various statutory bodies such as Governing Council, Board of Management, Finance Committee, Academic Council and Board of Studies. Regular meetings are conducted. Some nominations in the above bodies are awaited. The University has constituted various committees such as Grievance Redressal Committee, Anti-Ragging, Internal Complaint Committee, Equal Opportunity Cell, Examination Committee, IQAC, Centre for PG Legal Studies. The University has appointed Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, CFAO, CoE, Dean (Research) and HoDs in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The Committee observed that the promoters of the University are supportive and pro-active. The leadership is visible.

XIII. Financial Status

The main source of income is fee from students. Apart from this, the University has Rs. 5.00 crores corpus fund with MP Private Universities Regulatory Commission. In addition to the income generated by the University, the promoting Society and its members are providing financial help. As informed, the deficit in the University fund is borne by the sponsoring society. Overall, the University is financially sustainable.

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

1. The University may evolve a research promotion policy to strengthen research activities. The faculty may be encouraged to apply for extramural funding, to conduct/attend seminars/symposia/conferences/workshops and to publish in UGC recognized peer reviewed journals. Regular orientation and skill up-gradation and participation in MOOCs of the faculty may be encouraged. Professionals may be engaged for practical training in Journalism on weekly basis.

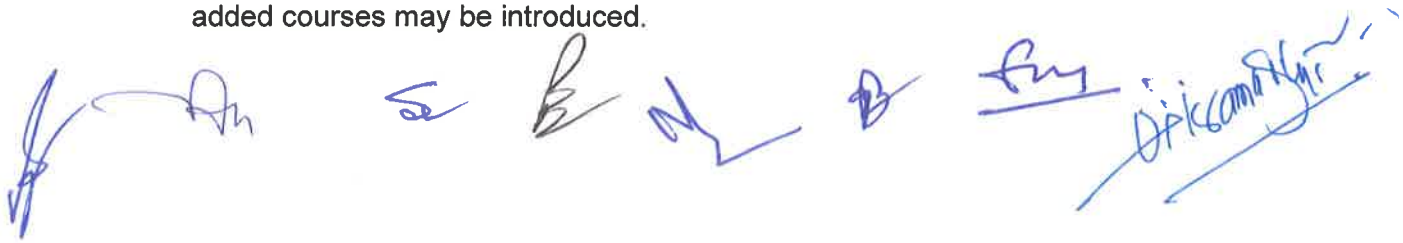
2. The University needs to recruit need based faculty in specific areas of Agricultural Engineering, Animal Sciences, Post Harvest Management, Dairy Technology, Agricultural Economics and Horticulture. Faculty members from renowned public sector institutions may be involved as visiting faculty to improve the overall quality.

3. Agricultural instructional cum demonstration farm may include nursery on horticulture and agro forestry. The facilities for the livestock, milk processing, farm machinery and post harvest management and value addition of agricultural commodities need to be created. Proper layout, plotting and drainage system of the instructional farms is to be ensured.

4. Proper planning for field experience training of students need to be planned and executed.

5. Proper seating arrangement for faculty members may be streamlined through more cubicals and facilities.

6. Incubation centres may be started to strengthen the start up activities. Vocational value added courses may be introduced.



C. Final Recommendations

After on the spot visit, interaction with stakeholders and verification of records, the Committee observed that **Renaissance University (Private University) Indore, Gram Reoti, Sanwer-Ujjain Road, Indore (M.P)** is offering diverse courses/programmes (UG/PG/Ph.D) in accordance with the norms and standards prescribed by UGC and other concerned Statutory Council(s). The promoters appear to have adequate financial and physical infrastructure resources to sustain the functioning of the university. The University Executive Council has its five year plan which focuses on strengthening the existing programmes, Research and infrastructure facilities. The management, teaching and non- teaching staff and the students of the University have shown strong commitment to the cause of the university. Keeping in view that the university is very young and in its evolutionary phase, the Committee felt satisfied with the progress made so far by the University since its establishment i.e. 2018.

(Prof. B.K. Punia) **Chairperson**	**(Prof. M.K. Salooja)** **Member**	**(Prof. Bhimraya Metri)** **Member & AICTE nominee**
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24th July, 2021
Indore, Madhya Pradesh