

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 2026.

An Emergent Meeting of the Commission was held on 23rd February, 2026 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Dr. Vineet Joshi | Chairman |
| 2. Shri D. Anandan | Member |
| 3. Shri Ashish Kumar Chauhan | Member |
| 4. Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari | Member |
| 5. Prof. Raj Kumar Mittal | Member |
| 6. Prof. (Retd.) Sachidananda Mohanty | Member |
| 7. Prof. Shashikala Gulabrao Wanjari | Member |

Shri Sridhar Vembu, Zoho Corporation, Prof. Tana Showren, Professor, Department of History, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh and Prof. Vandana Mishra, Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Members - UGC, 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. Manish Ratnakar Joshi

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1.04 To approve the Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the Annual Accounts of UGC and its eight Inter University Centres for the financial year 2024-25.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **It was further decided that, for settlement of accounts, the UGC shall write to the State Higher Education Departments seeking their assistance in expediting the disposal of long pending cases pertaining to State Universities.**

[Action:FA]

2.01 To consider and amend the University Grants Commission (Recognition and Grant of Equivalence to Qualifications Obtained from Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2025.

It was decided to constitute an Expert Committee comprising 2–3 members to examine the matter in detail. The Committee shall submit its report within one week, and the same shall be placed before the Commission for consideration.

[Action:JS(Equivalence)]

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

Considered and approved.

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