

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

**MINUTES OF THE 588TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 13TH MARCH, 2025.**

The 588th Meeting of the Commission was held on 13th March, 2025 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar	Chairman
2. Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava	Vice Chairman
3. Dr. Vineet Joshi *	Member
4. Shri Ashish Kumar Chauhan	Member
5. Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari	Member
6. Prof. Raj Kumar Mittal	Member
7. Prof. (Retd.) Sachidananda Mohanty	Member
8. Prof. Shashikala Gulabrao Wanjari	Member
9. Prof. Tana Showren	Member
10. Prof. Vandana Mishra	Member

* Ms. Rina Sonowal Kouli, Joint Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Education (MoE) represented Secretary, Ministry of Education.

Shri Sanjay Prasad, Additional Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance and Shri Sridhar Vembu, Zoho Corporation, 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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Special Invitee

- Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

SECTION-1

1.01(a)(i) To confirm the minutes of the 587th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 28th January, 2025.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

1.01(a)(ii) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on 25th February, 2025).

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

1.01(b)(i) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 587th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 28th January, 2025.

Noted.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

1.01(b)(ii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on 25th February, 2025).

Noted.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

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

- (i) To ratify the action taken on the matter of the inclusion of 52 Colleges under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956, between 01.01.2025 to 31.01.2025 as per the authorization given by the Commission in its 480th meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

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

- (ii) To ratify the action taken towards rationalization of CUET-PG 2025 and CUET-UG 2025.

Ratified.

[Action: JS (NEP)]

- (iii) Revised Fee Structure to be charged for grant of Equivalence for qualifications awarded from Foreign Higher Education Institutions.

Ratified.

[Action: JS (IC)]

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)**

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SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01 To consider the recommendations of the 75th meeting of the Standing Committee held on 31st January 2025 for conferment/extension of autonomous status to the colleges.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (AC)]

2.02 To consider and approve the Guidelines “UGC Travel Grant Assistance, 2025”.

Considered and approved to forward the guidelines to the Ministry of Education for approval.

[Action: JS(TG)]

2.03 To consider and approve the recommendations of the standing committee towards the fulfillment of 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, and proposals of State (Public/Private) Universities for grant of 12-B status.

Considered and approved.

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

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- 2.04** To consider Draft UGC (Minimum Standards of Instruction for the Grant of Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate Degree) Regulations, 2025.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(QIP)]

- 2.05** To consider Draft Guidelines for Implementation of Recognition of Prior Learning in Higher Education.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(QIP)]

- 2.06** 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 General Category to Kristu Jayanti College, K. Narayanapura, Kothanur, Bengaluru, Karataka in the name of Kristu Jayanti Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

- 2.07** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee regarding extension/continuation of Institution deemed to be University status of Chaitanya (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad, Telangana.

Considered and approved.

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

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- 2.08** To consider the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee on verification of the compliance submitted by Jain (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, Karnataka in respect of the deficiencies pointed out by the UGC Expert Committee constituted to consider the issues related to ex-post facto approval of Kochi off-campus centre of Jain (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, Karnataka and validation of degrees of passed out students from Kochi off-campus.

Considered and approved.

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

- 2.09** To consider the report of the UGC 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 Ramaiah Technological University, Plot # 134, Devanahalli General Industrial Area, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore, Karnataka under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

- 2.10** To update the Commission on the status of 82 Women Studies Centres (WSCs) receiving UGC grant support under the Women Studies' Scheme.

It was resolved to give two months' time to these Women Studies Centres (WSCs) to submit their SAR and yearly report.

[Action: JS(WS)]

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

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(SU)]

- 2.12** To consider and approve UGC Guidelines on “Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP)” to be offered by the Higher Educational Institutions.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(Skill Education/NEP)]

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)

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SECTION-6

(MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01: To consider certain establishment matters of the UGC.

Recorded separately.

SECTION-7

(ANY OTHER ITEM)

7.01 To consider the recommendations of the UGC Committee constituted to examine the request of Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, Karnataka for maintenance grant, forwarded by the Ministry of Education.

Considered and approved.

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

7.02 To consider the acceptance of the compliance report submitted by Film and Television Institute of India, Pune on the LoI dated 28.08.2024 issued by MoE, for Deemed to be University status (Distinct Category) under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

7.03 To consider the acceptance of the compliance submitted by Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRGTI), Kolkata on the LoI dated 28.08.2024 issued by MoE, for Deemed to be University status (Distinct Category) under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

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- 7.04** University Grants Commission (Recognition and grant of Equivalence to Qualifications obtained from Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2025.

The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to finally approve the University Grants Commission (Recognition and grant of Equivalence to Qualifications obtained from Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2025 for gazette notification with minor corrections.

[Action: JS(IC)]

- 7.05** To report the matter related to recommendations of the FHEI Standing Committee constituted by UGC for “Setting-up of and operation of campuses of FHEIs in India in respect of Instituto Europeo di Design, Italy”.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(IC)]

- 7.05** To consider and approve the adoption of Skill-based modules and Micro-credentials for embedding in UG/PG programmes of Higher Educational Institutions.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(Skill Education/NEP)]

(Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi)
Secretary

(Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar)
Chairman