

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

**MINUTES OF THE 566TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 2023.**

The 566th Meeting of the Commission was held on 23rd February, 2023 in which the following were present:

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| 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 Yadava | Member |
| 6. Prof. E. Suresh Kumar | Member |
| 7. Prof. M.K. Sridhar | Member |
| 8. Dr. Shivaraj | Member |

Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Education could not attend the meeting.

*The nominee of Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Ms. Rina Sonowal Kouli, Joint Secretary Higher Education, Ministry of Education attended the meeting.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Manish R. Joshi

At the outset, the Chairman, UGC welcomed the members of the Commission and informed them about the repatriation of Prof. Rajnish Jain, Secretary UGC consequent upon the completion of his tenure in UGC. The Chairman, UGC extended his thanks to Prof. Rajnish Jain for rendering his services to UGC. He also welcomed the new Secretary, UGC Prof. Manish R. Joshi.

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)(i)** To confirm the minutes of the 565th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 20th January, 2023.

The minutes were confirmed with the following modifications:

- **Item 2.02 of the 565th Meeting of the Commission may be read as:**

To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the de-novo aspect on the application for the Deemed to be University Status under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 submitted by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Institute of Higher Learning, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Port Blair (UT).

The Commission considered and approved the report of the UGC Expert Visiting Committee, and recommends that the Ministry of Education may consider granting the Letter of Intent (LoI) to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Institute of Higher Learning, Port Blair (UT) for deemed to be University status under the de-novo category.

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

- **Item 4.01 of the 565th Meeting of the Commission may be read as:**

To consider the establishment of Inter University Centre for Yogic Sciences (IUC-YS), Bengaluru, in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.

The Commission considered and resolved as under:

- i) UGC may establish Inter University Centre for Yogic Sciences (IUC-YS) at the land offered by the Ministry of Ayush in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh. Further, Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Sansthana (SVYASA) may also be kept informed about this development.*
- ii) UGC may advertise the post of Director, IUC-YS in accordance with the revised rules approved by the Commission.*

[Action: JS(IUC)]

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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1.01(a)(ii) To confirm the minutes of the Emergent Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 1st February, 2023.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

1.01(b)(i) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 565th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 20th January, 2023.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

1.01(b)(ii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the Emergent Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 1st February, 2023.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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

- (i) To report the inclusion of 64 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.01.2023 to 31.01.2023 as per authorization given by the Commission in its 480th meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

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

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- (ii) To report fresh empanelment of standing counsels and Panel advocates for defending the cases on behalf of UGC.

Noted.

[Action: JS(L)]

- (iii) To ratify the decision taken by the Chairman, UGC on the basis of the recommendations made by the 'Standing Committee to Examine the Anomalous Cases for Non-Teaching Posts' to resolve the anomaly cases of non-teaching staff of central universities/ fully funded deemed to be universities.

Ratified.

[Action: JS(JCRC)]

- (iv) To ratify the decisions of the Standing Committee for grant of Fresh /Extension of autonomous status to the colleges.

Ratified.

[Action: JS(AC)]

- (v) To report the recommendations of the Standing Committee constituted by the Commission with regard to approval of State Public/Private Universities under Section 12B and compliances under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Noted.

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

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(vi) To report the finalization of National Credit Framework (NCrF).

Noted.

[Action: JS(QIP)]

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 the Guidelines for introducing Courses based on Rich Indian Heritage and Culture, such as Universal Human Values, Vedic Mathematics, Yoga, Ayurveda, Sanskrit, Indian Languages, Music and Classical Dance Forms to attract foreigners to India.

- **Considered and approved with minor corrections in the title of the Guidelines as given below:**

“Guidelines for introducing Courses based on Indian Heritage and Culture, such as Universal Human Values, Vedic Mathematics, Yoga, Ayurveda, Sanskrit, Indian Languages, Music and Classical Dance.”

- **Appropriate changes are suggested in the guidelines so that it does not reflect an impression that this course is meant only for foreign students.**
- **It was resolved to place the draft Guidelines in public domain for stakeholders’ comments**
- **The Commission authorised Chairman, UGC to finalize the Guidelines.**

[Action: JS(Parliament/ IoE)]

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2.02 To consider the Guidelines to empanel local artists/artisans as Artist(s)-in-Residence in Higher Education Institutions.

- **Considered and approved with minor modifications/suggestions.**
- **It was resolved to place the draft Guidelines in public domain for stakeholders' comments**
- **The Commission authorised Chairman, UGC to finalize the Guidelines.**

[Action: JS(Parliament/ IoE)]

2.03 To consider and approve the recommendations made by the DEB Working Group in its sixteenth meeting held on 6th February, 2023.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (DEB)]

2.04 To consider to Hire of IT based services/Software based Application for management of legal matters of UGC.

Services may be hired through GeM and data may be updated on Legal Information Management and Briefing (LIMBS) Portal.

[Action: JS(Legal)]

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2.05 To make CUET-2023 mandatory for admission in all the UG programmes in all the Central Universities (CUs) for the academic session 2023-24.

The Commission, after detailed deliberations in the matter, decided the following:

CUET shall be mandatory for admission in all the Undergraduate Programmes in all the Central Universities. The decision of the Commission should be communicated to all the Central Universities for implementation in letter and spirit.

[Action: JS(CU)]

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)

(There is no item in this section)

(Prof. Manish Joshi)
Secretary

(Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar)
Chairman