



Annexure-II

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI – 110002**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

Part – I – Preliminary

(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee

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(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	December 29-30, 2016
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(iii)	Any other (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report	Prof. Shyam Sundar Pattnaik, Vice- Chancellor, BPUT, Rourkela, Odisha could not attend.
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Part -II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University	The O P Jindal University, Raigarh (Chhattisgarh) was established under Chhattisgarh Private University (Operation and Establishment) Act-2005 in the year 2014 by an amendment Act No.7267/D.136/21-A/praru/C.G./14 (No.13 of 2005) of State Legislature of Chhattisgarh as a State Private University.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University	August 21,2014
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	<p>The OP Jindal University (OPJU) was established in 2014 by an act of State of Chhattisgarh under the aegis of Jindal Education and Welfare Society, a philanthropic organisation, founded by Jindal Steel and Power Limited, The University aims to develop young professionals and future leaders who will not only power growth and development in the state and country, but also make a mark globally.</p> <p>Faculties at OPJU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School of Engineering(SOE) ➤ School of Management(SOM) <p>Courses Offered:</p> <p>Undergraduate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ B. Tech (SOE): - Civil Engineering - Computer Science & Engineering - Electrical and Electronics Engineering - Mechanical Engineering - Metallurgical Engineering ➤ BBA (SOM) <p>Post Graduate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ M. Tech(SOE) - Material Science and Technology - Power Plant Engineering & Energy Management - Power Electronics & Power Systems - Computer Science & Engineering ➤ MBA(SOM)
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Jindal Education and Welfare Society(JEWS) was established in 1998 under Madhya Pradesh Society registration act (No.44 of 1973). The society is dedicated to promote education, health and welfare for the needy. The Society runs several schools (viz. OP Jindal Schools in Raigarh, Taraimal and Kunjemura), Institutions (viz. OP Jindal Community Colleges in Punjipathra, Jindal Institute of Power Technology, Tamnar), hospitals & healthcare services (Fortis- OP Jindal Hospital & Research Centre) and cultural and arts education activities for children (Jindal Bal Bhawan).






Part – III – Summary Report

A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?	Yes. The OP Jindal University has been established under Chhattisgarh Private University (Operation and Establishment) Act-2005 notification number No.7267/D.136/21-A/praru/C.G./14 (No.13 of 2005) dated 21 st August 2014.
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	<p>Yes. The Jindal Education and Welfare Society(JEWS) has been created with philanthropic intent to serve the society and nation through education, welfare and health.</p> <p>In addition to OP Jindal University, the Society runs following establishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OP Jindal Schools at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Raigarh, Chhattisgarh ➤ Taraimal, Chhattisgarh ➤ Kunjemura, Chhattisgarh • OP Jindal Community Colleges(OPJCC) at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Punjipathra • Institutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ OPJIT (converted into University in 2015) ➤ Jindal Institute of Power Technology, Tamnar • Hospitals & Healthcare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fortis OP Jindal Hospital & Research Center • Culture and Arts education for children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jindal BalBhawan

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres Yes / No / Not Applicable	The University does not have any off-campus centre.
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulation on off-Shore campus centers Yes / No / Not applicable	The University does not have 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	The University does not offer any course under distance mode.

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	At present the university is offering only Engineering and Management courses.
(ii)	Are the lists of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC	As per the norms of OPJ University act.

(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Prior to university coming into existence, courses had the requisite approval of AICTE.
(v)	Are the adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students?	Yes
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?	Yes
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly?	Yes.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	Yes.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?	University follows semester system with continuous evaluation. The examination system is fairly transparent.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Yes
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	The university follows the reservation policy of the State Government.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes.
(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 University follows its own declared policy in collecting the fee.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Yes.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	University decides on its own the fee structure on the basis of facilities provided and costs involved in running the University.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primary for commercial gains?	No.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	The University has its own Pay structure, however, the basic pay is by and large consistent with the basic pay in UGC pay scales.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	The faculty meets the minimum criteria for educational qualification. However, only a few of them have PhD.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty / guest faculty / Part-time faculty?	The proportion of permanent faculty is adequate at present.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes.

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodations including hostels 	Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adequate ➤ Adequate ➤ Adequate ➤ Adequate ➤ Adequate ➤ Adequate
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	The University has independent funds. The University is ably supported by the sponsoring body through donations to meet deficits.
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I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly?	Yes
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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 lab based research facilities are rather limited. Very few faculty members are active in research. The research output of the faculty members leaves much to be desired, although the administration is very supportive in providing a conducive environment for the research activities of the faculty.
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Yes
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	University is as its initial stage and 1st batch is yet to passout.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	As the University is in second year of operation, this is not applicable.

L. Strength and Weakness of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University has strong financial support from reputed corporate house. • The promoter group has proven track record in the field of education. • Strong Industry Linkages. • Good facilities for sports, gymnasium and soft skills. • Modern Hostel facilities facilitating multi cultural harmony along with shopping complex, cafeteria, bank, ATM, post office, and health centre. • Emphasis on organizing ecology awareness and conservation programmes and education / technology empowerment related community welfare and development programme.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The university is located in remote area with poor connectivity. • The university lacks in quality research output.

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

- The administration of the university is led by very capable academic scholar cum administrator.
- The administration has a very clear laid down roadmap for the expansion of the university.
- There are only five faculty with PhD qualification in school of engineering and also the cadre ratio is not maintained at present.

- The university has not implemented CBCS as yet.
- The labs are adequate for UG teaching but need strengthening for research/PG programmes.
- The faculty should be encouraged/incentivised to obtain PhD from reputed institutions (under QIP/study leave), to publish in quality journals and in addition to submitting research projects to various agencies.
- The university is very sensitive to the needs of the faculty and students.
- During the interaction with the faculty, the general level of 'feel good factor' was clearly visible.
- The university caters to the imperative of developing skilled human resource in a remote area.
- The university pays more salary in case of deserving faculty.
- University provides generous financial support to the faculty to participate in national seminars/conferences.
- Out of sanctioned FIVE schools, the university is only offering courses in schools of engineering and management.
- The university is employing green practices in terms of provision of solar-thermal system in hostels, rain water harvesting, degradable waste handling and green landscaping.
- Labs are sufficient for UG teaching for present strength of students but need to be strengthened and new research labs need to be developed for PG teaching and research.
- Faculty for present student strength is sufficient, however, additional faculty with proper cadre ratio need to be engaged to cater to future student strength (pre-final and final year).
- Quality of most of the research publications is poor. The university should encourage the faculty to publish in journals of repute.
- Faculty should be incentivised for quality publication and research project submission.










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

1. The university needs to expand academic programmes to include humanities and social sciences as well as to start master and doctoral programmes in basic sciences to have synergy with engineering programmes.
2. The university needs to recruit at least one senior faculty in each department to provide leadership and guidance to younger faculty.
3. The research facilities in the university and the PG labs need to be strengthened.
4. There is a need to establish a Social Empowerment Cell.

C. Final Recommendations

The committee, based on the visits to all the existing departments/schools/the administrative sections/central facilities and verification of all the related documents and also taking into account the inputs from the various stakeholders viz., Faculty, Students, Non – teaching staff and the representative of the Management during the course of interactions and deliberations, unanimously recommends that UGC may consider granting approval to this university subject to the compliance of the suggestions as listed above at B.


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