

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

**MINUTES OF THE 593RD MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 29TH AUGUST, 2025.**

The 593rd Meeting of the Commission was held on 29th August, 2025 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Dr. Vineet Joshi | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava | Vice Chairman |
| 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 |
| 8. Prof. Tana Showren | Member |
| 9. Prof. Vandana Mishra | Member |

Shri Sanjay Prasad, Additional Secretary, 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

Special Invitee

- Prof. T G Sitharam, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.
- Dr. Shyama Rath, Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 592nd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 23rd July, 2025.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 592nd meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 23 July 2025.

Noted.

With regard to item 6.01 of the minutes of the 592nd meeting –

- **The constitution of the Committee was noted.**
- **Further, the Chairman of UGC authorized the Chairman of the Committee to co-opt legal experts into the Committee.**

[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 42 Colleges under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956, between 01.07.2025 to 31.07.2025 as per the authorization given by the Commission in its 480th meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

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

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 Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee for formulation of Model Cadre Recruitment Rules for the administrative and officer cadres posts of the UGC-Inter-University Centres (IUCs).

Deferred.

[Action: JS (IUC)]

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2.02 To consider the recommendation of the committee for formulation of model cadre recruitment rules for non-teaching staff of adoption by the central universities held on 17th -18th July 2025.

Considered and approved. It was resolved to send the recommendations of the Committee to the Ministry of Education for concurrence.

[Action: DS (JCRC)]

2.03 To consider the continuation of UGC schemes during the financial year 2025-26.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (CPP-II)]

2.04 To consider the application received from Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi under UGC (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018.

Considered and approved.

[Action: DS(CU)]

2.05 To consider and approve the recommendations made by the DEB Working Group in its 25th meeting held on 1st August, 2025.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(DEB)]

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- 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 Distinct Category in the name of G Narayanamma Institute of Technology and Science for Women, Shaikpet Road, Ambedkar Nagar, Shaikpet, Hyderabad, Telangana under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Deferred.

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

- 2.07** 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 Distinct Category in the name of Ghani Khan Choudhury Institute of Engineering and Technology, Narayanpur, Maligram, Malda, West Bengal-732141 under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

- 2.08** 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 Distinct Category in the name of Maharshi Karve Art Culture and Design Institution for Women, Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Samstha, Maharshi Karve Bhawan, Karvenagar, Pune, Maharashtra under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

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- 2.09** 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 Distinct Category in the name of Somaiya Deemed to be University, Somaiya Ayurvihar Complex, Eastern Express Highway, Sion East, Mumbai, Maharashtra under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

- 2.10** 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 Distinct Category in the name of Keshav Memorial Technological Institute, Survey no 35, D.NO 10TC-111, Kachivanisingaram (V) Ghatkesar(M) Medchal-Malkajgiri District Hyderabad, Telangana under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

- 2.11** 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 Distinct Category in the name of Gokaraju Rangaraju Institute of Education and Technology, Nizampet Road, Bachupally, Kukatpally Hyderabad- 500090, Telangana under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Deferred.

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

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- 2.12 To consider the Categorization of Institutions Deemed to be University under University Grants Commission [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

Considered and approved.

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

- 2.13 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee made in its 82nd meeting held on 18th and 19th August, 2025 for conferment/extension of autonomous status upon the colleges and certain recommendations for conferment/extension made in previous meetings.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(AC)]

- 2.14 Validity of NAAC Accreditation of colleges extended due to the transition to Basic / MBGL system in relation to clause 6.3 of the UGC Autonomous Colleges Regulations, 2023.

Subsequent to deliberations held in the matter along-with Chairman, EC, NAAC and Director, NAAC the Commission considered and approved the agenda item. Such Colleges may be advised to seek the necessary Accreditation Levels within six months of launch of MBGL.

[Action: JS(AC)]

- 2.15 To consider the proposal for Categorization of State Private Universities as per the U.G.C [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP I/PU)]

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- 2.16** To consider the compliance submitted by the State (Private) Universities towards the fulfilment of the 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, 12-B status of the State (Private) University and proposal of State (Private) University for opening Off-Campus Centre.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP I/PU)]

- 2.17** To consider the report of the FHEI Standing Committee constituted by UGC for “Setting-up of and operation of campuses of FHEIs in India” in respect of Lancaster University, UK.

Considered and approved.

While considering the report of the FHEI for setting-up of and operation of their campuses in India, the Standing Committee constituted by UGC should also seek an affirmative action plan from the FHEIs to safeguard the interests of the stakeholders.

[Action: JS(IC)]

- 2.18** To consider the proposal for Categorization of State Private Universities as per the U.G.C [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP I/PU)]

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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)

SECTION-6

(MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01 To consider certain establishment matters of the UGC.

Recorded Separately.

SECTION-7

(ANY OTHER ITEM)

7.01 Fee Nivaran Policy – Discussed about the problems students faced as their fee is not returned by the HEIs even though the students cancelled their admission within time as per UGC fee refund policy.

It was decided that:

- **UGC shall issue a communication to all stakeholders reiterating the provisions of the UGC Fee Nivaran Policy.**
- **A list of HEIs not complying with the policy shall be compiled for necessary action.**

[Action: JS(Fee Nivaran)]

7.02 **Deemed to be Universities** – A Committee comprising of Members from UGC, AICTE and other required Statutory Bodies shall be constituted to monitor adherence to the types of courses/ programmes and student intake approved at the time of accord of Deemed to be University Status.

Noted.

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

7.03 **Implementation of four year UG Programme.**

It was observed that some Universities have introduced the four year Undergraduate programme. UGC may review the implementation of the four year undergraduate programme across the country.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

7.04 The Commission members, on the superannuation of **Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava**, Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission and the Commission Member, retiring on 1st September, 2025, placed on record their deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for his invaluable contributions during his tenure of three years at the UGC. The Commission also acknowledged and appreciated the significant contributions of the outgoing Commission Member, **Shri Sanjay Prasad**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

Noted.

(Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi)
Secretary

(Dr. Vineet Joshi)
Chairman