

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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

**MINUTES OF THE 557<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022.**

The 557<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar | Chairman |
| 2. Shri K. Sanjay Murthy         | Member   |
| 3. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav      | Member   |
| 4. Prof. E. Suresh Kumar         | Member   |
| 5. Prof. M.K. Sridhar            | Member   |
| 6. Dr. Shivaraj                  | Member   |

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

**Secretary**

Prof. Rajnish Jain

## SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)(i)** To confirm the minutes of the 556<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

**The minutes were confirmed.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- 1.01(a)(ii)** To confirm the minutes of the Emergent Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 in online mode.

**The minutes were confirmed.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- 1.01(b)(i)** To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 556<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

**Noted.**

**It was further resolved that with respect to Agenda Item No.2.01, a review of the implementation of STRIDE may be done before announcement of STRIDE 2.0.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

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**1.01(b)(ii)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the Emergent Meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Noted.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

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

- (i) To report actions taken with respect to Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu based on the decision of the Commission in its 555<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup>Feb, 2022.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: JS(DEB)]**

- (ii) To report the inclusion of 178 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.10.2021 to 31.03.2022 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: AS-II(CPP-I/C)]**

**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 examine the possibility of introducing 'Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)' as a new subject in National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET).

**The Commission approved the inclusion of 'Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)' as a subject in National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET). An Expert Committee be constituted by the Chairman, UGC for framing the syllabus of this subject. Further, the Commission authorized the Chairman UGC to finalize the syllabus and modalities for implementing the conduct of UGC-NET in 'Indian Knowledge Systems' from the next UGC NET.**

**[Action: AS-II(NET)]**

## SECTION-3

### (REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

**(There is no item in this section)**

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## SECTION-4

### (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

**4.01** To consider notification of the revised draft University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022 without prior approval from the Central Government.

**The Ministry of Education vide its letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 has advised:**

*“Under the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 26 of The UGC Act, 1956 it has been stated that previous approval of the Central Government is required for the regulations being made under clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (h), (i) or (j) of sub-section (1) only. Previous approval of the Central Government is not mandated for the Regulations being notified under the provisions of clauses (f) and (g) of sub-section (1) of section 26 of the UGC Act, 1956.”*

**In view of above, the Commission approved that UGC shall notify Regulations without prior approval from the Central Government which come under the provisions of the clauses (f) and (g) of the sub section (1) of section 26 of the UGC Act, 1956.**

**The Commission approved University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022 with the suggestion to incorporate the following clause suitably in the regulations:**

*“Fee structure should be reasonable so as to make quality Higher Education accessible and affordable to all sections of the society.”*

**The Commission also resolved that UGC shall notify these regulations without prior approval from the Central Government.**

**[Action: JS(IC)]**

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**4.02** To consider the Integration of UGC's:

- (a) e-content developed under e-PG Pathshala Project
- (b) SWAYAM Courses already developed under UG and PG Non-Engineering and
- (c) 27 PG Non-Engineering SWAYAM Courses in 8 Regional Languages

for last mile content delivery through [digitalseva.csc.gov.in](http://digitalseva.csc.gov.in) a portal of Common Service Centres (CSCs)/ Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in rural India, managed and operated by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs)\*.

**Considered and approved.**

**It was further resolved that:**

- 1. Common Service Centres(CSC) to specify Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for integration of the UGC e-content/MOOCs with CSC's [digitalseva.csc.gov.in](http://digitalseva.csc.gov.in) portal.**
- 2. Reasonable fee from the students on monthly basis to be discussed with CSCs team at Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).**

**[Action: DS(SWAYAM)]**

## **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 UGC

**Recorded Separately.**

**(Prof. Rajnish Jain)**  
**Secretary**

**(Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar)**  
**Chairman**