

**Annexure-II**

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI-110 002**

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

**Part – I – Preliminary**

<b>(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee:</b>	
UGC Vide its letter No.D.O.No.F.8-12/2015(CPP-I/PU) dated 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021 constituted a committee to visit Ajeenkya D.Y.Patil University, Pune (MH)(Private University)	
1	Dr. Dinesh Kumar Vice-Chancellor, JC Bose University of Science and Technology, Faridabad (Haryana) Chairman
2	Prof. Pragnesh B. Shah Department of Accounting and Financial Management, M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara (Gujarat) Member
3	Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R Patil Chair Professor, The Chair of Consumer Law and Practice, National Law School of India University, Bangalore (Karnataka) Member
4	Dr.Chandan Gupta Electronic Multimedia Research Centre (EMMRC), Devi Ahilya University Indore (MP) Member
5	Dr. Rajasree M.S Vice-Chancellor, APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, CET Campus, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) Member (AICTE Nominee)
6	Mr. Bhoj Chander Thakur Former Co-Chairman, Bar Council of India, Kullu (Himachal Pradesh) Member (BCI Nominee)
7	Dr. Jitendra Kumar Tripathi Joint Secretary, UGC, New Delhi Coordinating officer

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(ii)	Date (s) of the visit		29th and 30 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation / difficulties relevant to the report)		All members participated

### **Part-II-Introduction**

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	Ajeenkya DY Patil University is Established under Maharashtra Act No. III dated 27, January, 2015.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	January 27, 2015
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties / courses	Academic session in Ajeenkya DY Patil University Started from 2015. The University has Six Schools viz., 1. School of Engineering 2. School of Law 3. School of Film and Media 4. School of Design 5. School of Management 6. School of Information Technology 7. School of Liberal Arts 8. School of Hotel Management
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust / Society that governs the University	Dr. DY Patil Infra Foundation is incorporated under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. The Vision of the promoters is adequately reflected in the following vision statement "To Promote, acquire, establish, maintain and provide infrastructure facility of Schools, Colleges, hostels, institutes, canteens, laboratories, training centers, townships, special economic zones, housing projects, green technology, power projects, wind energy projects, alternative source of energy, interior design management".



**Part-III-Summary Report****A. Legal Status**

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC regulations? (refer 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	Yes
(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	Yes

**B. Organization Description**

(i)	Does the University abides by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres Yes No Not Applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	Not Applicable (No off campus centers)
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-shore campus centres Yes No Not Applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	Not Applicable (No off campus centers)
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes No Not Applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	Not Applicable (No distance learning courses offered)



**Academic Activities**

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Adequately diverse.
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms / intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC	Yes
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concern Statutory councils(s)?	Yes
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	Yes
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes, there was no complaint during the interaction with the students.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Yes and working properly.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis? (refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format)	Yes, the University has a policy for formulation of Curriculum and revision of curriculum. The concerned schools propose the changes in curriculum on the Feedback received from Students, faculty as well as through, industry interaction and placement scenarios. These key indicators are deliberated in various Statutory bodies of the University for curriculum revision.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	Fairly transparent.



**C. Admission Process**

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Yes, Fair & Transparent
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	The seats are filled on the basis of Rules of reservations as per the Prevalent Government of Maharashtra directives.

**D. Fee Structure**

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes, the fee details are displayed in the University website and also in the prospectus
(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 state fee structure?	The Students are charged consolidated fee for each course as mentioned in the website. Students who avail accommodation are charged accordingly. There are no other charges other than the above.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Presently fee is collected through Online Payment, DD, Cheque. There are no complaints of payment without receipts during interaction with the students.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Appears to be reasonable.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	ADYPU has a fee fixation committee which determines the fee structure. However, the final approval of the fee structure is given by the Board of Management.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No such indication.

**F. Faculty**

(i)	Does the University follow Pay scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	University pay to the faculty members consolidated salary which includes Basic pay as per UGC norms. However, DA, HRA etc as per university own norms.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Yes. Most of them are qualified.



(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ part-time faculty)	Adequate to meet present requirement.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes

**G. Infrastructure**

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? Land and Buildings Class Rooms Laboratories and equipment Library Sports facilities Residential accommodation including hostels	Yes  Land 15.825 acres. Yes Yes Needs further improvements. Yes Not available at present for faculty and staff. Hostel facility is available..
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**H. Financial Viability**

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes
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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, the University has constituted the following bodies which are functioning regularly. 1. Governing Body 2. Board of Management 3. Academic Council 4. Finance Committee 5. Board of Studies 6. Planning Board 7. Board of Examinations
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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?	University is in its early stages and signs of promoting research are visible. Faculty are publishing research papers.
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	(please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	But they need to Publish Papers in quality journals. In order to inculcate a Research environment, the management need to provide more support for faculty members to attend seminars, conferences etc. through a Policy document and should try to incentivize faculty members who publish papers, get research funds, file patents etc. It calls for collaboration and networking with premier institutions within the country as well as foreign countries. More initiatives on start-up and seed money is also required. The committee encourages the university to take above mentioned initiatives.
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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	Yes
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Though the University is in the Seventh year of operation and eligible for accreditation, it has not obtained necessary and desirable accreditations. The University informed the Committee that they will be submitting themselves to the Accreditation process in the near future. The committee encourages the University to obtain necessary and desirable accreditations like NAAC & NBA.

**L. Strength and Weakness of the University**

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Built on 15.825 acres campus with modern landscape and environment friendly campus.</li> <li>2. Strong brand visibility</li> <li>3. Modern academic infrastructure</li> </ol>
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		<p>4. Global Immersion initiatives</p> <p>5. Concerted efforts have been made to develop green campus with water harvesting facility, solar energy, waste management, converting waste into organic composite</p>
(ii)	Weakness of the University	<p>1. Lack of Perspective plan for future growth and expansion.</p> <p>2. Lack off funded research projects and consultancy.</p> <p>3. Insufficient linkages and tie-ups with Industry and National/international Research Institutions.</p> <p>4. Lack of industrial exposure to students to gain practical knowledge.</p> <p>5. Lack of Alumni Network</p>

**Part –IV-Recommendations**

**A. Observations of the Committee**

1. University has brand name and has relatively good and modern infrastructure.
2. The University has some Global immersion initiatives like semester abroad program, joint research projects etc.,
3. There are no external member/experts in the University’s statutory bodies/committees.
4. Central library at University level needs to be further strengthened.
5. There is no health center in the university.

**B. Suggestions of the Committee which require satisfactory compliance by the University**

1. Senior faculty members in all the schools should be appointed.
2. There should be mandatory provision for an external member / expert in all the statutory bodies/ Committees.
3. The University should have a central library well equipped with print and digital resources. The departmental level libraries should be equipped with more focus reading materials. The Central Library of the University needs to be augmented by purchasing more books and subscribing to more Journals.
4. University should have separate blocks for Administration, Finance and Examination.
5. A separate budget needs to be allocated for undertaking research and development activities in each School along with creating a good research ambience to bring out publications in journals of repute.
6. Corpus fund should be created to promote research and innovation.








7. The University needs to enhance its endeavors to organize seminars / workshops/ FDP and other academic activities for teachers to upgrade its academic standards by involving experts from educational Institutions of high repute.
8. Campus placement can be enhanced qualitatively and quantitatively through effective training and placement activities.
9. External Academic & Administrative Audit including Examination Evaluation Audit to reinforce quality benchmarks and improve quality of assessment may be undertaken by the University.
10. School of law needs to be consolidated at one place.
11. Develop Residential facilities in the campus for faculty/staff.

**C. Final Recommendations**

The Committee went for physical verification of the infrastructure, teaching-learning facilities, the academic programmes at various schools and verified documents related to various aspects of administration, funding and management of the Ajeenkya DY Patil University, Pune. It also interacted with key stakeholders, including Faculty, Students, and Non-teaching staff. After due deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommends that, “the UGC may consider granting appropriate approval to the Ajeenkya DY Patil University, Pune subject to compliance of the suggestions as listed in Part-IV (B) above.”

  
(Dr. Dinesh Kumar)  
Chairman  
30/10/21

  
(Prof. Pragnesh B. Shah)  
Member

  
(Prof. (Dr.) Ashok R. Patil)  
Member

  
(Dr. Chandan Gupta)  
Member  
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Member-AICTE Nominee  
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**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**  
**Place: Pune (MH)**