

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

**MINUTES OF THE 595TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 30TH JANUARY, 2026.**

The 595th Meeting of the Commission was held on 30th January, 2026 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Dr. Vineet Joshi | Chairman |
| 2. Shri Ashish Kumar Chauhan | Member |
| 3. Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari | Member |
| 4. Prof. Raj Kumar Mittal | Member |
| 5. Prof. (Retd.) Sachidananda Mohanty | Member |
| 6. Prof. Shashikala Gulabrao Wanjari | Member |
| 7. Prof. Tana Showren | Member |
| 8. Prof. Vandana Mishra | Member |

Shri D.Anandan, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Shri Sridhar Vembu – members UGC could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absentia.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi

Special Invitees

- Dr. Shyama Rath, Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

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SECTION-1

1.01(a)(i) To confirm the minutes of the 594th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 6th November, 2025.

The Minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

1.01(a)(ii) To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held (by e-circulation on 26th December, 2025).

The Minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

1.01(a)(iii) To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the University Grants Commission held (by e-circulation on 10th January, 2026).

The Minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

1.01(b)(i) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 594th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 06th November, 2025.

Noted.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

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1.01(b)(ii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on 26th December, 2025).

Noted.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

1.01(b)(iii) To receive the action taken on the minutes of meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on 10th January, 2026).

Noted.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

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

- (i) To ratify the action taken on the matter of the inclusion of 135 Colleges under Section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956, between 01.10. 2025 to 31.12.2025 as per the authorization given by the Commission in its 480th meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

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

- (i) To report the comprehensive set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on UGC Framework for Universities to Conduct Examinations for SWAYAM Courses.

Noted.

[Action: JS (SWAYAM)]

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- 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 and approve the University Grants Commission (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations, 2025.

The Commission considered and advised to seek additional inputs on the above Regulations.

[Action: JS (ABC)]

- 2.02 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 Birkbeck, University of London, UK.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (IC)]

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2.03 To consider the recommendations of the UGC Standing Committee constituted to implement the monitoring process and to ascertain whether the Ph.D. degrees are awarded by the Universities following the respective UGC norms/Regulations.

Considered and approved in respect of the following four (04) Universities, excluding CMJ University, Meghalaya, for which necessary action shall be taken by the UGC in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Courts and the State Government:

- i. Sikkim Professional, University, Tadong, East Sikkim.**
- ii. Mahatma Gandhi, University, Meghalaya.**
- iii. North East Frontier, Technical University, Arunachal Pradesh.**
- iv. YBN University, Jharkhand,**

[Action: JS (IUC)]

2.04 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee made in its 83rd and 84th meetings held on 10th & 11th November, 2025 and 4th & 5th December, 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)]

2.05 To consider the matter of non-compounded advanced increments as incentives for M.Phil/Ph.D. degree and other higher qualifications.

Considered and it was resolved to forward the Committee's recommendations to the Ministry of Education for consideration.

[Action: DS (Pay Scale)]

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2.06 To consider 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 and the UGC funded Deemed to be Universities and Colleges held on 27st – 28rd October, 2025.

Considered and approved.

[Action: DS (JCRC)]

2.07 Introduction of Koren Studies as a separate subject in the UGC-National Eligibility Test.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(NET)]

2.08 To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee regarding /continuation of Institution deemed to be University status of National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

2.09 To consider the Model Cadre Recruitment Rules for the administrative and officer cadres posts of the UGC-Inter-University Centres (IUCs).

Considered and approved subject to the condition that there shall be no additional financial implications.

[Action: JS(IUC)]

2.10 To consider the Multiple Entry–Multiple Exit (MEME) Guidelines (revised).

The Commission considered and approved the proposal and resolved as follows:

- 1. To undertake a Pilot Study for the implementation of the Multiple Entry–Multiple Exit (ME–ME) guidelines at select institutions before wider rollout.**
- 2. If required, seek inputs from statutory and regulatory bodies such as NMC, AICTE, and other concerned authorities.**
- 3. The outcomes of the Pilot Study shall be placed before the Commission for further consideration.**
- 4. Based on the results of the Pilot Study, a decision regarding formal implementation shall be taken.**

[Action: JS(QIP)]

2.11 To consider the Annual Report of the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the Year 2024–25.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(Annual Report)]

2.12 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under General Category in the name of Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Institute of Research and Technology, 274C, Thuraiyur Road, Perambalur - 621 212, Tamilnadu under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.13** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under Distinct category to Tagore Institute of Higher Education and Research, 25 Mahalingam Street, Mahalingapuram, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.14** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a 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.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.15** To consider the recommendation of the Expert Committee on the compliance report submitted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi on the LoI dated 31.08.2023 issued by MoE, for Deemed to be University status under De-novo category (now Distinct Category) under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

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- 2.16** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under General Category in the name of Mount Carmel College, Bangalore Autonomous, 58, Palace Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.17** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name M N R Higher Education and Research Academy, MNR Nagar, Fasalwadi, Sangareddy, Gr. Hyderabad, Telangana under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.18** To consider the recommendation of the Expert Committee on the compliance report submitted by PK Das Institute of Social Sciences, Health Sciences and Technology, Nehru College Campus, Kuniyamuthur, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on the LoI dated 05.03.2025 issued by MoE, for Deemed to be University status under Distinct Category under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

2.19 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name of Sri Sri University, 21st Km, Kanakpura Road, Bangalore, Karnataka, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **The expert committee recommended issuing a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Sri Sri University, subject to the conditions that it should reconsider its nomenclature, as the use of word “University” by Deemed-to-be universities is the violation of the Section 23 of the UGC Act, 1956.**

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

2.20 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a 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.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.21** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name of Erba Global Institute of Medical Technology (Deemed To Be University), AMTZ Campus Pragati Maidan VM Steel Project S.O Visakhapatnam, Pin -530031 Andhra Pradesh, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.22** To consider the recommendation of the expert committee on the compliance report submitted by Karpaga Vinayaga Educational Lore for Learning, GST Road, Chinna Kolambakkam, Maduranthagam, Tamilnadu on the LoI dated 06.11.2025 issued by MoE, for for conferment of Deemed to be University under Distinct Category under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.23** To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name of PSN Institute of Higher Education and Research, Melathediyoore, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

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- 2.24 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name of Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Institute of Science and Research, NH-45, Trichy - Chennai National Highways, Siruvachu, Perambalur, Tamil Nadu, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.25 To consider the recommendation of the Expert Committee on the compliance report submitted by Dr. RVR NRI Institute of Technology, Pothavarappadu (V), Via Nunna, Agiripalli (M), Krishna (Dt), Andhra Pradesh on the LoI dated 26.09.2025 issued by MoE, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.26 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name of Chaitanya Academy of Research and Education, Chaitanya Health City, NH216, Amalapuram, Andhra Pradesh, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

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- 2.27 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name of Vaagdevi Institute of Science Technology and Research, Hunter Road, Rangasai Pet, Khila Warangal (Mandal), Warangal, Telangana, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.28 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to examine the application submitted for declaration as a Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name of Shri Venkateshwara Vidyapeeth, 13A, Pondy-Villupuram Main Road, Ariyur, Puducherry, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Deferred.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

- 2.29 To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted for screening the applications and determining the date of eligibility for promotion of faculty members under the Faculty Recharge Programme (FRP).

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-1/DU)]

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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)

(There is no item in this section)

SECTION-7

(ANY OTHER ITEM)

- 7.01 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited AL-FALAH University, Dhauj, Faridabad, Haryana (State Private University) on 16-01-2026 to assess fulfillment of criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability, etc., as laid down from time to time by UGC and other concerned statutory bodies.

Considered and approved.

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

(Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi)
Secretary

(Dr. Vineet Joshi)
Chairman