

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

**MINUTES OF THE 561ST MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2022.**

The 561st Meeting of the Commission was held on 22nd September, 2022 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar	Chairman
2. Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava	Vice-Chairman
3. Shri K. Sanjay Murthy	Member
4. Shri Vineet Joshi	Member
5. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadava	Member
6. Prof. E. Suresh Kumar	Member
7. Prof. M.K. Sridhar	Member
8. Dr. Shivaraj	Member

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Rajnish Jain

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SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the Minutes of the 560th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 18th August, 2022.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

1.01(b) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 560th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 18th August, 2022.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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

- (i) To report the inclusion of 40 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.08.2022 to 31.08.2022 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

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

- (ii) To ratify the decisions of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh autonomous status/ extension of autonomous status to colleges.

Ratified.

[Action: JS(AC)]

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 consider the recommendation of the Committee for Formulation of Model Cadre Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching Staff of Adoption by the Central Universities.

The Commission discussed and considered the agenda item in detail and after due deliberation, approved the Model Cadre Recruitment Rules for non-teaching staff of Central Universities with suitable modifications, wherever required, except for the post of school teachers and agriculture staff, which may be excluded. Further it was decided that UGC may send the Model CRRs to all Central Universities for taking appropriate action, wherever the CRRs approved by their competent authority are not available. The Universities having approved CRRs may continue with the recruitment processes for non-teaching positions as per their approved CRRs. Also, the dying cadre posts are not to be filled up.

[Action: JS(JCRC)]

- 2.02** To consider and resolve the Anomaly Cases of Non-Teaching Staff of Central Universities/Deemed to be Universities received in the JCRC Section.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(JCRC)]

- 2.03** To consider the proposals for establishment of Chairs in the Universities in the name of illustrious persons of India.

Considered and approved.

Action: JS (Chairs)]

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2.04 To consider the Guidelines for

- (I) Basic Facilities and Amenities for Safe, Secure Environment for Women
- (II) Women Cell (for sensitization, policy implementation, monitoring and grievance redressal) in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(Legal/RTI/PG/Sports/RUSA)]

2.05 To consider the Guidelines for

- (i) Introduction of courses on Agriculture, Health and Law for Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education

Considered and approved.

It was further resolved that MOOCs on Agriculture, Health and Law for Holistic and Multidisciplinary Education be developed by the same Expert Committee. Additional subject experts may be coopted by the committee wherever required.

[Action: JS(Legal/RTI/PG/Sports/RUSA)]

2.06 To consider the Guidelines for Pedagogical Approaches and Evaluation/Assessment.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(Legal/RTI/PG/Sports/RUSA)]

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- 2.07 To consider exemption of CEED from entrance examination for admission to Ph.D. in Universities under UGC.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(Pay Scale)]

- 2.08 To consider the recommendations made by the DEB Working Group in its fourteenth meeting held on 1st September, 2022.

1. Discussion items:

- i)** Matter related to Category – I HEIs

The Commission noted that matter is still under consideration of the Working Group.

- ii)** Letter received from Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu regarding violations by Periyar University, Tamil Nadu and Bharathiar University, Tamil Nadu

a. Periyar University

The Commission approved the following recommendations of the DEB Working Group:

- i.** The State Governments may be requested again for fact finding along with the needful action as required.
- ii.** No new application to be considered from the University for recognition process for a period of '2' years, 2022-23 & 2023-24, as a punitive measure, as per the earlier decision of the Commission.

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- b. Bharathiar University

The Commission approved the following recommendations of the DEB Working Group:

- i. The State Governments may be requested again for fact finding along with the needful action as required.**
- ii. No new application to be considered from the University for recognition process for the current academic year 2022-23, as a punitive measure.**

- c. To consider the recommendations of Complaint Redressal Committee meeting held on 28th June, 2022

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations of the DEB Working Group in respect of the following:

- 1. Bharati Vidyapeeth, Maharashtra**
- 2. Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu**
- 3. University of Kalyani, West Bengal**

- d. To consider and decide on the letters received from Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Jagan Nath University, Jaipur for opening UGC DEB webportal for inviting applications from all eligible HEIs to offer ODL/Online programmes for academic session January-February, 2023

The Commission approved the recommendation of the Working Group that at present the practice of inviting applications every year for July-August Academic Session only may continue.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

- i. Letter received from U.P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University regarding reconsideration of some provisions of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 applicable to State Open Universities

The Commission noted that matter is still under consideration of the Working Group.

- ii. Methodology of Physical/ Onsite Visit of HEIs wherein virtual visits have been undertaken

The Commission approved the following recommendations of the Working Group:

“10% of the HEIs accorded recognition based on virtual visits may be randomly selected for on-site visits. This practice to be initiated considering the academic sessions 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 combinedly by randomly selecting of 10% of HEIs falling in this category.

The remaining 90% HEIs to be carried forward to the next academic year along with new HEIs and will be considered for short listing 10% HEIs for the academic year 2023-24. The same practice to be continued for subsequent years.”

- iii. Extension of last date of according recognition by the UGC for academic session September, 2022

The Commission decided the following:

- **Last date of according recognition by UGC – 15th October, 2022.**
- **Last date of admission by the HEIs – 15th November, 2022.**
- **Last date for uploading admission details on portal by the HEIs – 30th November, 2022.**

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- iv. Information to State Governments regarding Regulations including staffing norms

The Commission approved the recommendations of the Working Group that UGC may write to Education Secretary of all the States to inform that about Regulations and mandatory compliance of requirements including staffing norms for offering ODL and/or Online programmes by the universities in the state.

Further, the Commission also deliberated on the faculty related issues, especially in Open Universities and in the Distance Department of dual mode universities. The Commission observed that a mechanism needs to be put into place so as to ensure availability of competent and qualified faculty members on full time dedicated basis for ODL and/or Online Programmes. The mechanism may also ensure the compliance to salary/benefits norms of the UGC. The Commission decided that considering the importance of the matter, the Working Group may deliberate and recommend a mechanism for consideration of the Commission.

[Action: JS(DEB)]

- 2.09** To consider the report submitted by the Expert Committee constituted to make recommendations on the feasibility of offering Yoga Programmes through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online (OL) Mode.

The Commission considered and approved the report of the Expert Committee. Further, the Commission approved recommendations made by the Expert Committee.

The Commission also resolved that development and notification of model curriculum on Yoga be done expeditiously.

[Action: JS(DEB)]

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- 2.10** To consider the draft University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

Approved.

[Action: JS(QIP)]

- 2.11** To consider the issues of faculty members working under Faculty Recharge Programme (FRP) of UGC, including those pertaining to peer review of performance and assessment, extension/elevation or termination of tenure and timely release of salary.

Considered and approved. Further, the Commission resolved that an extension of tenure on the same terms and conditions may be granted up to 31st March, 2023 to such FRP faculty members whose tenure of five years is already over or going to be over before 31st March, 2023.

[Action: JS(BSR)]

- 2.12** To allow the State Nodal Agencies identified by the respective State Governments to conduct State Eligibility Test (SET) without requiring the accreditation from UGC.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(NET)]

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- 2.13** To consider discontinuation of release of grants on reimbursement basis to HEIs in respect of the schemes whose tenure had got over at the end of 12th Five Year Plan or at the end of previous Plan periods but had been extended on year-to-year basis for the purpose of settlement of accounts.

Considered and approved. It was further resolved to authorize Chairman, UGC to decide the cut-off date for discontinuation of reimbursement.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

- 2.14** To consider the draft Guidelines for engaging Professor of Practice in Universities and Colleges.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(Pay Scale)]

- 2.15** To consider the amendments proposed by the Expert Committee in the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(Pay Scale)]

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- 2.16 To consider relaxation of certain provisions of the UGC Guidelines of Special Assistance Programme (SAP) for the purpose of the settlement of accounts.

Considered and approved that settlement of accounts be done with Utilization Certificate of amount released under both recurring and non-recurring grants within the approved allocation, but for approved items and Heads, within the approved tenure of the project, instead of insisting on year-wise break-up of expenditure.

It was further resolved to accept digital copy of documents including Utilization Certificate and Statement of Expenditure, duly signed by the competent authority received through e-mail from the Official e-mail ID of the Institution.

[Action: JS(SAP)]

- 2.17 To consider the relaxation of certain provisions of the UGC guidelines for schemes of Excellence (CPE / UPE / CPEPA) for the purpose of the settlement of accounts.

Considered and approved that:

- (i) Settlement of accounts be done with Utilization Certificate of amount released under both recurring and non-recurring grants within the approved allocation, but for approved items and Heads, within the approved tenure of the project, instead of insisting on year-wise break-up of expenditure.**

- (ii) To allow relaxation of period of 18 months for utilization of non-recurring grants up to the approved period the project, subject to the condition that the grants-in-aid has been utilized for the purpose it was allocated.**

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- (iii) **To allow the expenditure to be admitted beyond XIIth Plan period but up to the period of extensions allowed, in view of extensions granted for the schemes through Public Notice(s) and in view of the closure of institution during COVID-19 pandemic.**

It was further resolved to accept digital copy of documents including Utilization Certificate and Statement of Expenditure, duly signed by the competent authority received through e-mail from the Official e-mail ID of the Institution.

[Action: JS(NS/PE)]

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)

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SECTION-6

(MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01 To consider certain establishment matters of UGC

Recorded Separately.

Any other item:

Women Hostel

The matter regarding some requests for use of Women Hostel, constructed with the financial support of UGC in the colleges, for other academic purposes was discussed. It was resolved that in exceptional circumstances, where a college is unable to get any request for hostel facilities by Girl Students, women hostel may be used as Boys Hostel, if required, only till the time fresh requests from Girl Students for hostel facilities are received.

Action : JS (CPP II)

NEP 2020 Monitoring Portal

A portal for monitoring of NEP 2020 implementation initiatives is being developed by UGC. The link of the portal be shared with the Commission members.

Action : DS (E-Gov)

Common Faculty Recruitment Portal

A common faculty recruitment portal for Central Universities is being developed by “Samarth”, to provide an integrated platform for facilitating a seamless recruitment process and mapping of the faculty recruitment status.

Action : JS (CU)

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Common University Entrance Test

Common University Entrance Test (CUET) has been successfully conducted for Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses by National Testing Agency (NTA), for the first time in the country for Central Universities. Many State Universities, Deemed to be Universities and Private Universities also participated in it. The Commission placed its appreciation on records for NTA and all other organizations and officials involved in the process.

Action : JS (CU)

**(Prof. Rajnish Jain)
Secretary**

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