



PART- B

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT -
Adichunchanagiri University, Karnataka(Private University)**

Part – I - Preliminary

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(ii)	Date(s) of the meeting	12-07-2023 and 22.07.2023
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	All members participated in the meeting virtually. On the basis of virtual live tour as as visualized on the days of online meeting with the team of university authority, this report is being submitted.

Part – II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	Adichunchanagiri University of Karnataka has started its journey, as on record, in Jan2018. It has so far spread its 6 major wings including Medical, Engineering, Pharmacy, Nursing, Commerce, and Education. According to the current assessment attempt by our expert team, the current activities and presented futuristic plans appear to be holistic and conducive for all round development with due weightage on sustainability factors. The University is situated in a Lush Green Campus of 67 acres at B.G. Nagara, Nagamangala Tq., Mandya District, Karnataka on the Bangalore – Mangalore National Highway No. 75, 105 Kms from Bangalore, the Capital City of Karnataka.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	22.01.2018
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	The University consists of seven constituent units colleges in the disciplines of Medicine, Pharmacy, nursing, Engineering, Management, Commerce and Education. The environment-friendly campus has adequate infrastructure and physical facilities for Academics and Research Around 1797 students and 522 teachers, 1123 number of non-

		teaching staff make the campus a vibrant one.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Adichunchanagiri University is established by the Sponsoring body Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust® .(SAST). Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust® is established in the year 1974 and is engaged in the social services in the field education providing education to the rural poor people by establishing educational institutions across the state and country. The Trust has nearly 450 educational institutions spread across the country which cater quality education with affordable cost to the rural poor people.

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. The Adichunchanagiri university was established through an Act passed in the Karnataka State Assembly.
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focussed on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	YES. The managing Trust is involved in managing around 500 educational institutions.

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	The university has certified that it is no off-campus centre is being run by the University (Appendix Va).
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	The University has certified that it has no off-shore campus (Appendix VIa)
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes No Not applicable	The University has certified that it is not offering any course in distance mode. (Appendix VI b and Appendix VII a).

	(refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	
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C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?	YES. The programs currently being offered are wide and spread across major disciplines such as Medicines, Engineering, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Education.
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	YES. Degrees offered are as per the Section 22 of UGC Act 1956.
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	The University has certified that the sanctioned intake is as per norms/intake sanctioned by the respective Councils.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Approval for current year (2023-24) for some PG programs in Medical Education and INC are awaited.
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	YES. Details of support facilities attached as Annexure 3 of report part-I.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	YES. Students are informed via website, electronic and print media etc.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	YES. The committee suggests that the university grievance redressal mechanism should be as Per UGC Student Grievance Redressal Regulations 2023.
(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. Statutory bodies approvals are obtained.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	Examinations are conducted regularly as per the Calendar of Events. The examination system is fair and transparent.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	YES. University level examinations, State level examinations like CET and National Level Entrance test like NEET are being followed to admit students.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	As per ACU Act, 2012 and relevant State Government Guidelines.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	YES. Fee structure displayed in the Website, students are informed. Received no negative feedback from students during the interactions.
(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 stated fee structure?	Fees collected only as per ACU Policy.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	YES. As claimed by the University. Fee is collected through NEFT/RTGS/Cheque/DD/Direct deposit in university bank account.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	The Committee found the fees reasonable.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	YES.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	The committee got no indication during its interaction with students and teachers.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	Most of the teachers' salary are not as per 7 th CPC.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	A good number of teachers in medical education are tutors with just UG qualifications. In Nursing, and Pharmacy teachers with master's qualification are noticed. In general education, such as Arts, Commerce and Science, most of the teachers are not as per

		UGC qualifications.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	Faculty are appointed mostly on permanent basis.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Faculty are appointed through Staff Recruitment & Promotion Committee

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. As per the Act 60 Acres of land is required. The university has 67 acre of land. Other Facilities are adequate.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	YES. The university has adequate funds.
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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. Board of Governors, Board of Management, Academic Council, Finance committee, Board of Studies are constituted and meetings are conducted regularly.
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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? (please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	The university has good facilities for research in biological and chemical sciences. However, research facilities for physical sciences need to be upgraded. Overall, the quality of research needs improvement.
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate,	As per the information submitted by the
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	well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	university, there are 941 technical staff and 284 administrative staff working in the university.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	The examinations and evaluation system in the university is good.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	The University lacks accreditation by NAAC, NBA, NABH etc.

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	1. Adichunchanagiri University of Karnataka has started its journey, as on record, in Jan2018. It has so far spread its 6 major wings including Medical, Engineering, Pharmacy, Nursing, Commerce, and Education. According to the current assessment attempt by our expert team, the current activities and presented futuristic plans appear to be holistic and conducive for all round development with due weightage on sustainability factors. 2. In a span of last 5 years, the visible developments in infrastructure deserve appreciation. 3. Sincere attempts have been made by the university authority for strengthening common and central facilities. 4. The general outlook, overall cleanliness, accommodation, and other amenities like playgrounds, amphitheater, libraries, medical supports, etc. are excellent which give ample avenues for nurturing healthy and all-round development of its stakeholders. 5. The infrastructure built to run its medical, pharmacy and nursing wings deserves special mention. Modern facilities in the ICUs,
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		N-ICUs, advanced diagnostic tools, and high-tech cardiac and neuro divisions catch immediate attentions. 6. It leaves a signature of vibrant current activities and also demonstrates its potential of steadily rising quality and service. 7. Nursing facilities, pharmacy projects and various training programs in these disciplines are indeed excellently designed serving independent as well as complementary roles to the medical units. 8. The authority has been trying its level best to encourage interdisciplinary research activities keeping in consideration the demand of the hour. 9. University's pharmacy wing is playing pivotal role along with medical wing to bring various projects to generate revenues and keep up their pace of development. Strategies for more investment, revenue generation, bringing funds through Govt funded and industry-sponsored projects/consultancies. 10. Authority has taken remarkably good numbers of sustainable activities like setting up solar panels, rain harvesting, provisions for electronic waste disposals and special drives to keep the campus tobacco free etc.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	• Improvement in number of high quality publications in peer reviewed journals across all disciplines and MOUs with National / International Institutions/ Centres of Excellence for academics and research to be strengthened. • To Augment multidisciplinary programs and courses in line with NEP-2020

		• Lack of extramural funded research projects • Number of functional MoUs with National / International Institutions / Centres of Excellence for Academics and Research. • MoUs with National/International Institutions/Centres of Excellence for Academics and Research to be strengthened. • Admission of NRI/Oversees to be enhanced. • IPR with product & commercialisation are needed • Staff & student exchange programs to be strengthened.
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Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

1. The infrastructure built to run its medical, pharmacy and nursing wings deserves special mention. Modern facilities in the ICUs, N-ICUs, advanced diagnostic tools, and high-tech cardiac and neuro divisions are needed.
2. It leaves a signature of vibrant current activities and also demonstrates its potential of steadily rising quality and service.
3. Nursing facilities, pharmacy projects and various training programs in these disciplines are indeed excellently designed serving independent as well as complementary roles to the medical units.
4. The University has been trying its level best to encourage interdisciplinary research activities keeping in consideration the demand of the hour.
5. University's pharmacy wing is playing pivotal role along with medical wing to bring various projects to generate revenues and keep up their pace of development. Strategies for more investment, revenue generation, bringing funds through Govt funded and industry-sponsored projects/consultancies.
6. During interaction with the Academic Staff by the Committee Members, it was observed that replies on the issue relating to the Salary(in terms of scale/consolidated amount) and various components of the gross salary, Increments, Promotional avenues, mode of appointment etc were not given freely and clearly not open.
7. Similar position was noticed during interaction with the non-academic staff.

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

1. Approval from the regulatory Councils for all the programs required.
2. The university has eight faculties. In some places, these are also shown as constituent units and constituent colleges. The constituent colleges are not mentioned in the University ACT. The ACT says it is a unitary university. There is a lack of clarity.

3. The university needs to provide the required UGC scale and State Scales to teachers and non-teaching staff, respectively.
4. It is felt that rapid and strong drive must be initiated for central research facility development, which requires strategies for more investment, revenue generation, and bringing funds through Govt.-funded and industry-sponsored projects/consultancies.
5. Inviting peers to give talk to motivate faculty/staffs and students and to chalk out improved strategies to sustain and excel more in both academic and research front.
6. Higher fund investment in research front by strengthening central facilities and improvement of strategies to generate revenues through engineering infrastructure.
7. Maintaining an improved gender ratio to a realistic extent in employment, considering aspect of women empowerment.
8. More teachers with the qualifications as prescribed by the regulatory body, concerned, may be appointed.
9. The engineering division left a few areas for a good scope of modernization, where immediate attention should be given. For example, the machine tool lab requires CNC machines, the measurement/metrology lab requires advanced machines like CMM and AE and ML lab require more facilities to interface software and physical systems. Industrial interfaces like establishing some CoEs with leading private sector industries have also been noticed. It is felt necessary that the university should do more to strengthen the academia-industry interface and it should be more prioritized through various training/project-based programmes for the students to give them more exposure to industries or inviting industries for workshops to align the mindset of students to the industrial requirement.
10. The university should obtain the necessary accreditations.

C. Final Recommendations

The Committee after conducting virtual visit to Adichunchanagiri University, Karnataka, interaction with Students, Teachers and non teaching staff and based on submitted records recommends to UGC that UGC may consider issuing approval letter to Adichunchanagiri University, Karataka subject to the compliance of suggestions mentioned at part IV (B) above.

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