

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

**MINUTES OF THE 591ST MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 24TH JUNE, 2025.**

The 591st Meeting of the Commission was held on 24th June, 2025 in which the following were present:

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

Shri Sridhar Vembu, Zoho Corporation, Member - UGC, could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupations and was granted leave of absence.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi

Special Invitee

- Prof. T G Sitharam, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.
- Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice-Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 590th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 14th May, 2025.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

1.01(b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 590th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 14th May, 2025.

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 55 Colleges under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956, between 01.04.2025 to 31.05.2025 as per the authorization given by the Commission in its 480th meeting held on 24.08.2011.

- **Ratified.**
- **It was discussed that in order to check whether the already included colleges u/s 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 maintain the prescribed standards, an appropriate mechanism is to be evolved.**

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

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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1.04 To approve the Annual Accounts of UGC for the financial year 2024-25

Considered and approved.

[Action: Financial Advisor].

SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

2.01 To consider the recommendations of the 80th meeting of the Standing Committee held on 5th and 6th June, 2025 for conferment/extension of autonomous status upon the colleges.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (Autonomous Colleges)]

2.02 To consider the matter of inclusion of State Universities under Category-I as per the UGC [Categorisation of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

As proposed in the agenda the matter of inclusion of the following two State Universities under Category-I as per the UGC [Categorisation of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018 is considered and approved-

- 1. Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya, Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh.**
- 2. Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh.**

[Action: JS(State University)]

- 2.03** To exempt the condition of NAAC accreditation till the guidelines are revised for fresh selections under National Scholarship for PG studies (NSPG) and Ishan Uday scholarship for NER schemes implemented through National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(SA)]

- 2.04** To consider the acceptance of the compliance report submitted by Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, AU Block Outer Ring Road, Pitampura, Delhi, on the LoI dated 21.01.2025 issued by MoE, for Deemed to be University status (Distinct Category) under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

- 2.05** To consider and approve 12 (B) status to the Institution Deemed to be University with valid NAAC-A grade and above.

As proposed in the agenda the 12 (B) status for the following Institution Deemed to be University with valid NAAC-A grade and above is considered and approved-

- 1. Maharishi Markandeshwar, Mullana, Ambala, Haryana.**
- 2. Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, Vasantha Nagar, Kanuru, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.**

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

2.06 To consider Draft Guidelines for the Implementation of Multiple Entry and Exit in Academic Programmes Offered in Higher Education Institutions.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **It was resolved to place the Draft Guidelines in the public domain for stakeholders' feedback/comments.**
- **It was decided to share the guidelines to all the Statutory Councils including AICTE.**

[Action: JS(QIP)]

2.07 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 21st-23rd April, 2025.

The Commission considered and approved the recommendations made by the Standing Committee to Examine the Anomalous Cases, except item-2 i.e. re-designation of the post of Senior Scientist as Professor in BHU.

[Action: DS(JCRC)]

2.08 To consider the specific request received from the Principal Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, for granting NET exemption to the teachers who have acquired M.Phil. degrees before 11th July 2009.

Considered and approved.

[Action: DS(Pay Scale)]

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2.09 To consider and approve the Public Notice with final suggestive parameters along with the final list of 1474 CARE-listed Journals for uploading on the UGC website for referencing purposes.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **It was decided to share the suggestive parameters to all the Statutory Councils.**

[Action: DS(Journal)]

2.10 To consider the proposal for Categorization of State Private University as per the UGC [Categorization of University (Only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulation, 2018.

The Commission considered and approved the proposal for categorization of Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences, Solan, Himachal Pradesh as per the UGC [Categorization of University (Only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulation, 2018.

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

2.11 To consider the recommendations of the FHEI Standing Committee constituted by UGC for “Setting-up of and operation of campuses of FHEIs in India in respect of the University of Bristol, UK.

Considered and approved the recommendations of the FHEI Standing Committee constituted by UGC for “Setting-up of and operation of campuses of FHEIs in India” in respect of the University of Bristol, UK.

[Action: JS(IC)]

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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 Items)

7.01 Selection of Director, UGC-DAE CSR, Indore.

Noted.

[Action: JS(IUC)]

(Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi)
Secretary

(Dr. Vineet Joshi)
Chairman