

CONFIDENTIAL

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

**MINUTES OF THE 560TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 18TH AUGUST, 2022.**

The 560th Meeting of the Commission was held on 18th August, 2022 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar | Chairman |
| 2. Shri K. Sanjay Murthy * | Member |
| 3. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav | Member |
| 4. Prof. E. Suresh Kumar | Member |
| 5. Prof. M.K. Sridhar | Member |
| 6. Dr. Shivaraj | Member |

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Rajnish Jain

** Represented by Ms Kamini Chauhan Ratan, Joint Secretary (HE), Ministry of Education.*

Dr. Vineet Joshi, Addl. Secretary (HE), Member UGC could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupations and was granted leave of absence.

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SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)(i)** To confirm the minutes of the 559th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13th June, 2022.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(a)(ii)** To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on July 11, 2022).

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(a)(iii)** To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on August 02, 2022).

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)(i)** To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 559th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13th June, 2022.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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- 1.01(b)(ii)** To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the Meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on 11th July, 2022).

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)(iii)** To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the Meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on August 02, 2022)

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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

- (i) To report the inclusion of 132 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.04.2022 to 31.07.2022 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

[Action: AS-II(CPP-I/C)]

- (ii) To report the notification of University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Second Amendment Regulations, 2022.

Noted.

[Action: JS(DEB)]

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- (iii) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission with regard to approval of institutions under Sections 2(f), 12 B and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Ratified.

[Action: AS-II(CPP-I/PU)]

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

The Commission considered and resolved to approve the agenda. However, the representative of the Ministry of Education expressed inability to give opinion owing to pending inputs from the Finance Section of the Ministry of Education. In view of this, the agenda was deferred.

[Action: JS(SAP)]

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- 2.02** To consider draft University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2022.

The Commission considered and resolved that the inputs from the Commission Members may be obtained on the Draft Regulations and after suitably incorporating the inputs, they may be placed in the public domain for obtaining the feedback from the stakeholders and the public. Further, the Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to finalize the Regulations after suitably incorporating the feedback.

[Action: AS-II(CPP-II)]

- 2.03** To review the earlier decision of the Commission and declaring NAAC or NBA accreditation mandatory for universities and colleges for recognition under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956.

The Commission considered and resolved that the issue of NAAC or NBA accreditation or NIRF ranking as mandatory requirement for universities and colleges for recognition under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956, may be examined with the help of a Committee. The recommendations of the Committee may be placed before the Commission for consideration.

[Action: AS –II(CPP-II)]

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- 2.04** To consider the matter of inclusion of Shivaji University, Periyar University and University of Mumbai under Category-I as per the UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulation, 2018.

The Commission considered and resolved the inclusion of Shivaji University under Category-I as per the UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulation, 2018.

It was further resolved that the observations about Periyar University and University of Mumbai be obtained and examined by the concerned bureaus and presented for consideration under Category-I as per the UGC [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulation, 2018.

[Action: JS(SU)]

- 2.05** To consider the Guidelines for Credit Based Course on Pedagogical Aspects for Teaching Divyangjans and Specific Learning Disabilities (SLDs).

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(SCT)]

- 2.06 To consider the matters referred by the DEB Working Group in its 13th meeting held on 31stMay, 2022.

Agenda Items:

1. Matter related to Category – I HEIs

The Commission after detailed deliberations decided to refer back this matter to the DEB Working Group for making explicit recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

2. Matter related to HEIs violating UGC regulations in ODL mode but offering Online programmes under Entitled Category and vice-versa.

The Commission decided that the punitive actions to be taken only for the mode; ODL or Online as the case may be; where violation has been confirmed. This means, HEIs found violating UGC regulations in ODL mode may continue to offer Online programmes and vice versa; punitive actions only for the respective mode violations.

3. Matter related to Gauhati University

The Commission considered the response received from the State Government and the recommendations of the DEB Working Group. After detailed deliberations and to promote ODL education, the Commission decided the following:

- i. Gauhati University, Assam should be permitted to apply afresh for the academic session beginning January-February, 2023.
- ii. The Online application submission portal may be opened accordingly till 30th September, 2022 for the Gauhati University to submit the application, so as to ensure compliance for receiving application at least three months in advance from the beginning of academic session.
- iii. The Gauhati University may be informed as above for taking needful actions within the defined timelines.

[Action: JS(DEB)]

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- 2.07 UGC Regulations on appointment of Ombudsperson under University Grants Commission (Redress of Grievance Students) Regulations, 2019.

The Commission considered and resolved to examine the Regulations in view of the NEP 2020 through a Committee.

[Action: JS(CU)]

- 2.08 To re-consider the decision of Commission on the matter of audit observation captioned Excess payment and undue financial benefit to Dr. Neelima Mondal, Associate Professor of Jawaharlal Nehru University.

The commission considered and resolved that the matter be referred back to Ministry of Education for reconsideration in consultation with Audit.

[Action: JS(CU)]

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

The Commission considered and resolved to approve the agenda. However, the representative of the Ministry of Education expressed inability to give opinion owing to pending inputs from the Finance Section of the Ministry of Education. In view of this, the agenda was deferred.

[Action: JS(NS/PE)]

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- 2.10** To review the Guidelines for Admission and Supernumerary seats of International Students in Higher Educational Institutions in India.

The Commission considered and approved the Guidelines in principle with the input that HEIs may adopt a transparent admission process for admitting international students. The Commission further resolved that these Guidelines be placed in in public domain for obtaining the feedback from the stakeholders and the public. Further, the Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to finalize the Guidelines after suitably incorporating the feedback.

[Action: AS-II(CPP-II)]

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

The Commission considered the draft guidelines and resolved as under:

- **In no. 2 (i) Eligibility, the last sentence should be modified as below:**
Those who have proven expertise in their specific profession or role with at least 15 years of service/experience will be eligible for Professor of Practice.
- **In clause no.8, Tenure, the second para should be modified as below:**
The maximum duration of service of Professor of Practice at a given institution should not exceed three years, extendable by one more year.
- **The last sentence “Professor of Practice cannot serve in the institution after attaining the age of 70 years or completion of four years in an institution whichever is earlier” should be removed.**
- **The draft guidelines may be uploaded on the UGC website seeking inputs/suggestions from stakeholders.**

[Action: JS(PS)]

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

Deferred.

[Action: JS(QIP)]

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)

- 6.01 To consider certain establishment matters of UGC

Recorded Separately.

(Prof. Rajnish Jain)
Secretary

(Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar)
Chairman