

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT

ON

JK LAKSHMIPAT UNIVERSITY, JAIPUR

**EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT – STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
J K LAKSHMIPAT UNIVERSITY**

Part – I – Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee	Expert Committee Details		
		S.No	Name	Designation
		a)	Prof. Mihir K. Chaudhuri Vice-Chancellor Tezpur University Tezpur – 784 028 Assam	Chairman
		b)	Prof. K. Anantha Padmanabhan Fellow, Indian Academy of Sciences University Chair Professor School of Engineering Science & Technology University of Hyderabad Hyderabad – 500 046	Member
		c)	Prof. Suman Chakraborty Fellow, National Academy of Sciences Department of Mechanical Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur – 721 302	Member
		d)	Prof. L. Venugopal Reddy Former VC, Andhra University Plot No. 34, Road No. 11 Banjara Hills Hyderabad – 500 034	Member
		e)	Prof. Yogesh Singh Vice Chancellor MS University Baroda Fatehgunj Vadodara – 390002 Gujarat	AICTE Nominee
		f)	Dr. (Ms.) Ratnabali Banerjee Former Joint Secretary, UGC 163/7/4, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Road Regent Grove, Tollygunge, Kolkata – 700 040 West Bengal	Coordinating Officer
(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	March 24-25, 2014		
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report)	(i) Prof. K. Anantha Padmanabhan expressed his inability to attend. (ii) Prof. L. Venugopal Reddy could not attend due to sudden unavoidable reasons.		

Part – II Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	JK Lakshmipat University Laliya Ka Vas, P.O. Mahapura, Ajmer Road, Jaipur – 302 026 JK Lakshmipat University was established as a State Private University in September, 2011, by an Act of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. The University has been promoted by the JK Organization, one of the leading Industrial Conglomerates of India, through the Lakshmipat Singhania Foundation for Higher Learning. The Institute of Management and the Institute of Engineering and Technology are the main constituent Institutes of the University. MBA and B.Tech are the main programmes offered. There are other programmes, including Integrated Dual Degree programmes as well as a Ph.D. programme. <u>Vision</u> “To encourage a value based innovative learning environment that engages deep intellectual, spiritual and moral stimulation and to promote holistic personality development for nurturing leadership.” <u>Mission</u> “To practise a ‘mentoring’ based education system with intellectual, moral and spiritual culture of its own rooted in Indian ethos and in tune with the global vision of the times; To inculcate learning through understanding, knowledge enhancement, skill development and positive attitude formation; To encourage innovative thinking; To develop a mindset for action without fear, with self-discipline and care for society.” Vision and Mission are as stated by the University.
(ii)	Date of Establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	September 15, 2011
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	Set up in Jaipur, the University is situated approximately 19.5 km from the town on the Jaipur - Ajmer National Highway No.8. This 30 acre campus provides an academic environment which should encourage creativity. The entire campus is Wi-Fi enabled and has several state-of-the-art lecture theatres of different sizes, reasonably spacious tutorial rooms, laboratories, a computer centre, a computerised library, a Management Development Centre, sports facilities, academic and administrative blocks, conference rooms, Students’ Activity Centre and some other required facilities.

		The University currently has two institutes – Institute of Management and Institute of Engineering and Technology. The Details of Current academic programmes/courses offered by the University are attached as Appendix – IX to the Report submitted by the University.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Lakshmipat Singhania Foundation For Higher Learning is a Private Company incorporated on 25th November, 2008. It is classified as Company licensed under Section 25 and is registered at Registrar of Companies, Delhi. Its main objective is to promote education and research of all kinds and in all disciplines by establishing, running and managing Education and Research Institutions for the benefit of all sections of the society, not with the motive of profit. The details are attached as Attachment–I to the Report. The composition of the Trust/Society promoting the University is at Appendix–I to the Report.

Part – III – Summary Report

A. Legal Status

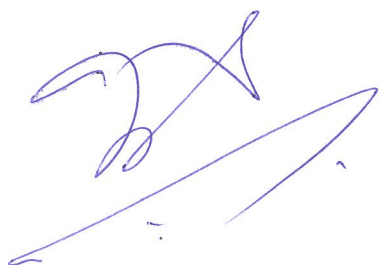
(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?	The University has been established by the enactment of "The JK Lakshmipat University, Jaipur Act, 2011 (Act No. 19 of 2011)" (Notification No. F. 2 (23) Vidhi/2/2011) Rajasthan Gazette dated September 15, 2011. Copy of the Act is given as Attachment – 2 of the Report.
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Yes

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)	Not Applicable
(ii)	Does the University abide by UBD Regulations on off-shore campus Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	Not Applicable
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India ? Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	No.

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Adequately diverse.
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes.
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake as per the norms / intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	Yes.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council (s)?	Yes.
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	Yes.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressed Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Yes. The University has been advised to appoint an Ombudsman as early as possible.
(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.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	It appears to the Committee to be alright.



D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Yes. Faculty-wise/Institute-wise information is given as Attachment – 6 of University Report. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No</th><th>Programme</th><th>Eligibility Test</th><th>GD/PI/ Counseling Conducted By</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4">Management</td></tr> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>MBA (FT)</td><td>MAT/ CAT/ ATMA/ ZAT/ ASFUCET</td><td>JKLU</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>BBA+MBA(I)</td><td>UGATE/ Interview</td><td>JKLU</td></tr> <tr> <td>3.</td><td>Ph.D (Management)</td><td colspan="2">Written Test and Interview</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Engineering</td></tr> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>M.Tech (Computer Science Engineering)</td><td rowspan="2">GATE/ JKLU- PGEET/</td><td rowspan="2">Counseling Conducted By JKLU</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>M.Tech (Electronics & Communication Engineering)</td></tr> <tr> <td>3.</td><td>B.Tech (Chemical Engineering)</td><td rowspan="9">JEE/ RPET/ MPET/ or Equivalent</td><td rowspan="9">JKLU</td></tr> <tr> <td>4.</td><td>B.Tech (Civil Engineering)</td></tr> <tr> <td>5.</td><td>B.Tech (Computer Science Engineering)</td></tr> <tr> <td>6.</td><td>B.Tech (Electronics & Communication Engineering)</td></tr> <tr> <td>7.</td><td>B.Tech (Electrical Engineering)</td></tr> <tr> <td>9.</td><td>B.Tech (Information Technology)</td></tr> <tr> <td>10.</td><td>B.Tech (Mechanical Engineering)</td></tr> <tr> <td>11.</td><td>B.Tech+M.Tech</td></tr> <tr> <td>12.</td><td>B.Tech+MBA</td></tr> <tr> <td>13.</td><td>Ph.D (Engineering)</td><td colspan="2">Written Test and Interview</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	S. No	Programme	Eligibility Test	GD/PI/ Counseling Conducted By	Management				1.	MBA (FT)	MAT/ CAT/ ATMA/ ZAT/ ASFUCET	JKLU	2.	BBA+MBA(I)	UGATE/ Interview	JKLU	3.	Ph.D (Management)	Written Test and Interview		Engineering				1.	M.Tech (Computer Science Engineering)	GATE/ JKLU- PGEET/	Counseling Conducted By JKLU	2.	M.Tech (Electronics & Communication Engineering)	3.	B.Tech (Chemical Engineering)	JEE/ RPET/ MPET/ or Equivalent	JKLU	4.	B.Tech (Civil Engineering)	5.	B.Tech (Computer Science Engineering)	6.	B.Tech (Electronics & Communication Engineering)	7.	B.Tech (Electrical Engineering)	9.	B.Tech (Information Technology)	10.	B.Tech (Mechanical Engineering)	11.	B.Tech+M.Tech	12.	B.Tech+MBA	13.	Ph.D (Engineering)	Written Test and Interview	
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Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publicly stated fee structure?	The University follows the publicly stated fee structure. No fee or charges over and above the publicly stated fee structure is collected.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Mode of fee collection is transparent. Fee is collected through Bank transfer/ Cheque/DD/Cash and receipt for the amount collected is given. The Committee members were informed that no complaints were received.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes. However, the University has yet to achieve break-even in its income- expenditure statement, because of the wide gap between approved intake and the number of admitted students.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	The Vice Chancellor informed that the Govt. of Rajasthan is in the process of constituting a separate Council for Private Universities in the State. This Council will be responsible for approving the fee structure of a Private University. Details of the fees structure may be seen at Attachment – 8 of the Report. A comparative statement of the fee structure in reputed Private Universities of Rajasthan may also be seen at Attachment – 8 of the Report (submitted to the UGC).
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No

E. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow pay scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	Yes
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty / department)	Yes, the faculty is qualified as per UGC norms. However, the Committee advised the University to encourage completion of Ph.D. by the younger faculty members of IET.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty / guest faculty / Part-time faculty?	As of now, the number is adequate. However, with the advancement of the programmes and with time, more faculty members shall be required for IET.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes.

F. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? • Land and Buildings • Classrooms • Laboratories and equipment • Library • Sports facilities • Residential accommodation including hostels	Yes. Yes. Yes. The Library needs considerable improvement. (As of now the University is just two and a half years old.) Yes. Yes.
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G. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes.
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H. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University in place and working regularly and properly ?	Yes Details are attached as Appendix-XVII of the University Report.
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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)	Perceivably good. Some of the faculty members, including the Vice Chancellor, have already started publishing from the University. However, the faculty members may be encouraged to publish their work in peer reviewed and scientifically indexed journals. The younger faculty members may be encouraged to complete their Ph.D.
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	Yes.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	The University, being in its third year, is not eligible for NAAC and NBA accreditation.



L. Strengths and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	• Qualified faculty. • Excellent infrastructure for its age. • State-of-the-art curriculum and teaching methodologies. • JKLU Mentoring Programme - A unique one-on-one student mentoring programme for all-round personality development. • Strong Industry Linkages. • Wi-Fi enabled campus. • Interactive learning from foreign resources through Video Conferencing. • State-of-the-art classrooms. • Facilities for extensive sports, recreation, team building and soft skills. • Modern hostel facilities and a shopping arcade.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	• Distance from the city. • Lack of public transport facility. • Difficulty in recruiting highly qualified faculty members in IET.

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. General Observations and suggestions:

(Please avoid repetitions of the points mentioned above)

In all the pertinent aspects, the University has been doing quite well so far. The Committee has suggested strengthening of faculty of IET and the library. Research facilities should be developed with preference so as to enable attract and retain academically strong faculty members and attract quality students.

The University may also consider inviting retired, acknowledged experts in different areas of academics and administration to help guide and establish strong academic units.

With the increase in student population on the campus, commensurating sports and recreational facilities and amenities may be created.

The University may consider establishing innovation – incubation centre to encourage students to nurture their creative learning skills.

Since this University is backed by a well-established group of Industry House, the students should be encouraged to accrue the benefit fully. This is expected to enable their market-readiness and employability.

B. Operations recommendations which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval Letter

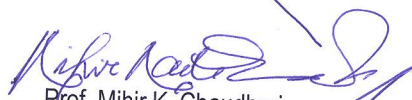
Nothing specific.



C. Final Recommendations

(Whether the University should be granted Approval Letter / Approval Letter subject to compliance / Should not be granted Approval Letter)

The Committee recommends that the University be granted Approval Letter.

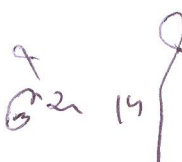

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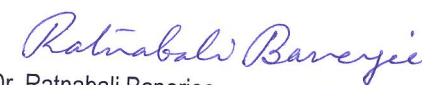
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