



Annexure-II

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110 002**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
GOKUL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY SIDHPUR GUJARAT**

Part – I - Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee		
	01	Prof. Rajesh Singh Chairman	Vice Chancellor, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur (U.P.)
	02	Prof. Arvind Gupta Member	Dean, Dean, Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies and Research, JC Bose University of Sciences & Technology, Faridabad
	03	Prof. V.P.Singh Member	Dean, Faculty of Ayurveda, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
	04	Prof.A.K.Varma* Member	Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Patna Medical College Hospital, Patna.
	05	Dr. (Ms) Sandhya Ghai Member	Principal, National Institute of Nursing Education, PGI Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh
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	07	Dr.B.B.Ahuja Nominee, AICTE	Director, College of Engineering, Pune, Wellesely Rd, Shivajinagar, Pune.
	08	Dr.Manikant Nominee, All India Council of Physical Therapy	Member, All India Council of Physical Therapy, B1/23 A, Sewak Park, Dwarka More, New Delhi
	09	Mr.Bhoj Chander Thakur Nominee, BCI	Advocate, Former Co-Chairman, Bar Council of India, Opp.International Angora Farm, Lower Pirdi, P.O.Shamshi, Mohal, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh.
	10	Prof. Sujata Kadam Nominee, AIYUSH	Professor & Head, All India Institute of Ayurveda.
	11	Dr.N.Gopukumar Coordinator	Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi
(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	Aug 21-22, 2021	
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	*Prof. A. K. Verma, couldn't join the committee during its visit to the university.	

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Part – II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	Gokul Foundation the Managing Trust focused in promoting educational activities. It has been running education institutions such as Hansaba college of engineering and technology, Gokul Science College, Gokul College of Commerce and Management, Gokul Law College, Gokul Integrated Law College, Gokul Physiotherapy College, Gokul Nursing Cvollege, Gokul Ayurvedic College, and Gokul Arts College. With the experience in running many educational institutions, the Trust wanted to establish a private university. The Gokul Global University, Sidhpur Opp. I.O.C. Depot, Near Sujanpur Patia, State Highway No. 41, Sidhpur-384151. District Patan, Gujarat was thus established by the trust the year 2018.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	March 23, 2018 (Please see Annexure VII)
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	It is a state private university established by Gokul Foundation (trust). The trust is registered under Bombay Public Trust Act. It runs UG, PG and PhD courses approved by concerned statutory councils such AICTE, BCI, INC, CCIM-AYUSH. 34 courses are being offered by the university in the eight faculties and through the 22 departments.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Gokul Foundation-Bahuchar Bungalows, Nr. Sujanpur Patia, Sidhpur made and executed on 12 August 2009, Siddhpur by its Chairman, Shri Balwantsinh C Rajput. Regsitration no. E 1312/Patan Gokul Foundation Trust comprises of trustees who have broad and long term vision to excel the quality of education through Gokul Global University. The University is sponsored by this Gokul Foundation (Trust), which is a non- profit making institution. (Please see Annexure I)

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)	The university is established through an Act passed in the State Assembly. Annexure and are the primary Act and Amendment for establishment of the Gokul Global University. (Please see Annexure IV to IX)
(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?	The Trust is adequately focused in promoting university on matters such as developing infrastructure, staff, students and quality improvements, and sustainable development.

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 does not have any off campus centres , as certified by the competent authority. (Please see Annexure X)
(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 does not have any off shore campus, as certified by the competent authority. (Please see Annexure X)
(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)	The university has certified that no course is being offered by the university under distance mode. (Please see Annexure X)

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?	Courses offered are of diverse in nature from most of the disciplines of traditional and professional subjects. Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary options are in place in limited way.
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	All courses run by university are as per the list under Section 22 of UGC Act 1956. A certificate to this effect has been submitted by the university (Please see Annexure XIII)
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory	The Gujarat Government Gazette extraordinary first ordinance dated 18 th October, 2019 says that the Board of Management of the university

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	Council(s)/UGC?	will determine in consultation with the Academic Council, the number of seats in different courses and programmes and alteration in the number(s) from time to time. However, the Committee finds that intake in some courses are on the higher side and suggests that intake should be fixed after detailed discussion in the Academic Council and after taking in to consideration the physical and academic infrastructure available.
(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	The courses approved have the approval of Statutory Councils concerned except AYUSH for BAMS and BCI for courses in Law. Hon'ble Court has permitted the university to offer BAMS with some conditions and for Law programmes an Expert Committee from Bar Council of India has visited on 13 th July, 2021. With regard to Physiotherapy, the courses offered with the approval of State Physiotherapy Council.
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	The university provides financial help to the socially disadvantaged groups. (Please see Annexure XVII).
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Students are informed about norms and rules, fee and scholarship, studies and examination etc. Through website, advertisement etc. Please see Annexure XIX).
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Grievance redressal mechanism is in place and functioning properly. Details are annexed as Annexure XX.
(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)	Curricula are framed after discussion in the BoS and Academic council.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	Semester and annual both patterns are in place. Semester system is for Engineering, Arts Humanities, Commerce Management, Science and Law; while annual pattern is followed for Ayurved, Nursing and Physiotherapy. The examinations system can be improved further and ICT based. Please see Annexure XXV to XXVIII.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	Admission procedure can be improved further by conducting entrance examinations for courses for which students are admitted based on academic records. By this way the university can bring in students from diverse background.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	State Government reservation rule/quota is followed by university in concerned courses such as BAMS, BPT, MPT, B Sc nursing, M Sc Nursing

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Students are sufficiently informed about the fees. Fee structure is uploaded in the university website. Further, the committee received no negative comments from students with regard to fees.
(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?	The Gujarat Government Gazette extraordinary first ordinance dated 18 th October, 2019 vide ordinance number 8 stipulates that the Board of Management of the university will determine in consultation with the Academic Council prescribes the fee for the various programmes. The committee came across no evidence to say that the university charges over and above the publicly stated fee structure.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	No complaints of payments without receipts. Also please see E (i) above.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	The fee structure prescribed by the university and from the interaction with the students it is observed the fee charged by the university is reasonable.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	The Gujarat Government Gazette extraordinary first ordinance dated 18 th October, 2019 vide ordinance number 8 stipulates that the Board of Management of the university will determine in consultation with the Academic Council prescribes the fee for the various programmes. Accordingly, the fee structure is being fixed.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	There is no such indication that the university being run solely or primarily for commercial gains.

F. Faculty







(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	University largely follows 6 th pay scale. DA is not as per 6 th pay scale. Good number of teachers are paid consolidated amount.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Most of the faculty are qualified having Master degree, while some teachers are with NET/SLET qualified, Ph D and M Phil degrees. As the committee found a good number of teachers without PhD or NET, it is suggested that the university should initiate actions to improve the quality of teaching faculty.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	Proportion of permanent faculty is adequate.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Posts are advertised, selection committee selects the faculty and recruited subsequently.

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels	The infrastructure facilities available in the university is annexed as Annexure LXXIV. More facilities need to be created / added as per the requirement of councils concerned.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	The Trust is supporting the university in all developmental activities. As the university established only in 2018 and relatively new the accounts have been audited for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 so far. For both the years, the income-expenditure is reflected in the audited statement of the trust. The auditing for the year 2020-21 is underway and the university informed the committee that from 2020-21, the income-expenditure of the university will be reflected fully in the audited statement.
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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?	The following authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the university are in place: • Governing Body • Board of Management • Academic Council • Finance Committee • Board of Studies • Academic Quality Advisors • Research council The authorities of the university include: Vice-Chancellor Registrar Finance Officer Deans etc.
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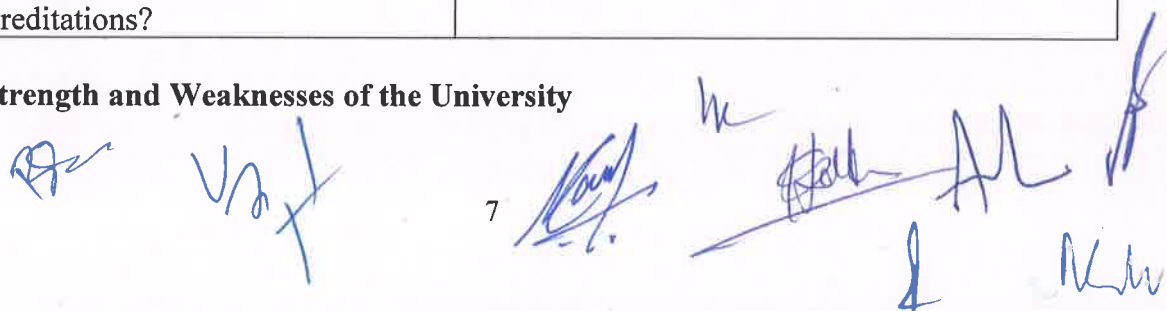
J. Research Profile

(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)	Being a new university, the university is taking proactive initiatives to improve the research profile of the university. Presently, faculty members of engineering college are active in research activities. The university, though modest, is also supporting faculty members with funds for research.
	Gokul Global University promotes researches, recruits research oriented faculty, supports and guides the students towards more research publications, patents, conferences, seminars, workshops, STTP, consultancy etc. by its departments and institutions. Research publications are there with few patents also. (Please see Annexure LXVI).	

K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government?	University has 222 non-teaching staff against 443 Teaching staff.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	The results show that issue of degrees is preceded by independent evaluation.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	University has to apply for NAAC / NBA

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University



(i)	Strengths of the University • Gokul Educational Complex was started in year 2011 and has grown up to an independent State Private University since March 23, 2018 within a short span of 7 years with eight faculties of Arts & Humanities, Commerce & Management, Engineering, Paramedical, Science, Nursing, Ayurved, and Law with purpose of philanthropic welfare and no commercial intention. It has a student strength of more than 4000 and a peaceful and constructive atmosphere prevails in the campus. • Most of students belong to economically poor and rural background to whom university facilitates education with affordable cost. • The Trust (Gokul Foundation) comprises Trustees who have broad and longterm vision to cater education through Gokul Global University to students with rural background. • Teacher student ratio is maintained as per UGC and respective statutory council norms • Infrastructure and facilities and amenities such as auditorium, canteen, hostel, transportation, playground, offices and campus are adequate. • University is an ISO 9000:2001 certified campus for various academic and administrative processes from admission to convocation. • Research courses (Ph.D.) in faculty of Law, Science, Engineering, Arts, Commerce and Management are being offered. • The only state private university in the districts of Patan, Arvalli, Banaskantha, and Sabarkantha. • MOU's with Indian and Foreign Universities, organizations and NGOs for Collaboration Programs and Value additions for Existing Programs have been initiated • Separate Hostel Facilities for Boys and Girls with adequate amenities including un -interrupted power supply, and Quality Drinking Water and Electricity Supply to in the campus are found.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University • In general, the campus needs more maintenance and cleanliness need to be focused on. More labs need to be added and Library facilities need to be improved. • Intake should be fixed after detailed discussion in the Academic Council and after taking in to consideration the physical and academic infrastructure available. • The examinations system can be improved further and ICT based.

	- Admission procedure can be improved further by conducting entrance examinations for courses for which students are admitted based on academic records. By this way the university can bring in students from diverse background. - It is suggested that the university may adopt courses offered by SWAYAM, so that students will get an opportunity to access best courses offered from other institutions also. - The Committee recommends the following cells/areas need to be improved/established: an Alumni cell need to be established. Placement cell need to be strengthened. Entrepreneurship cell needs to be established. Choice Based Credit System needs to be introduced. Internal Quality Assurance Cell needs to be established, outcomes-based education needs to be introduced with strong internship component. - Substantial initiatives in energy conservation are required. Buildings required to be differently abled friendly. - Infrastructure in terms of faculty, physical infrastructure etc. need to be upgraded as per Indian Nursing Council norms. Nursing students need to be rotated in various areas as per the requirement of INC norms. Wifi facility need to be enhanced. - Space for OPD, Operation Theatre and labour rooms in Ayurveda hospital need to be increased. - More research and innovation-oriented culture is required to be developed which will further enhance quality education.
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Part – IV – Recommendations

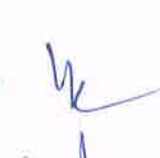
A. Observations of the Committee

- Gokul Global University is adequately supported by the managing trust. A serene and tranquil atmosphere exists in the campus which is good for teaching and learning.
- That the university located in a rural area augers well for the needs of the students coming from rural background. In its own limited way the university further supports rural students with concessions in tuition fee, hostel fee etc. to further the cause of helping rural students.

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

- Improve the admission procedure further by conducting entrance examinations for courses for which students are admitted based on academic records.

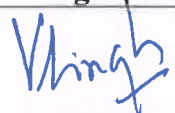
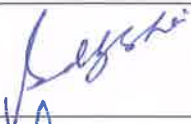
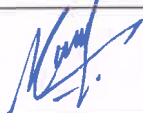
    
  

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- Substantial initiatives in energy conservation are required. All buildings required to be differently abled friendly.
- For nursing college, physical infrastructure, recruitment of faculty members etc. need to be carried as per Indian Nursing Council norms. Nursing students need to be rotated in various areas as per the requirement of INC norms.
- Space for OPD, in Ayurveda hospital need to be increased and operation theatre and labour room be made functional.

C. Final Recommendations

The Committee unanimously observed that the Gokul Global University, Sidhpur, Gujarat is offering programmes in accordance with norms and standards prescribed by the UGC /concerned statutory councils. However, the university may comply with the suggestions mentioned at part IV, B above, by the Expert Committee.

(Name and Signatures of the Expert Committee Members)

Sr	Expert Committee Member		Signature
01	Prof. Rajesh Singh	Vice Chancellor, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur (U.P.)	
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07	Dr.Manikant	Member, All India Council of Physical Therapy, B1/23 A, Sewak Park, Dwarka More, New Delhi	

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08	Mr.Bhoj Chander Thakur	Advocate, Former Co-Chairman, Bar Council of India, P.O.Shamshi, Mohal, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh.	Bhoj Chander
09	Prof. Sujata Kadam	Professor & Head, All India Institute of Ayurveda. Delhi	<u>Sujata Kadam</u>
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22nd August, 2021

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