

**CONFIDENTIAL**

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

**MINUTES OF THE 556<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

The 556<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 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

At the outset, the Commission placed on record a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the contributions made by Prof. Nagesh Thakur as Member of the Commission.

**SECTION-1**

- 1.01(a)(i)** To confirm the Minutes of the 555<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 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 February 23, 2022).

**The minutes were confirmed.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- 1.01(b)(i)** To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 555<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

**Noted.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

- 1.01(b)(ii)** To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the Meeting of the University Grants Commission (by e-circulation on February 23, 2022).

**Noted.**

**[Action: JS(Admn.)]**

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

- (i) To report the categorization of Universities/Deemed to be Universities under University Grants Commission [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

**Ratified. The Commission further resolved that NAAC Grade status and credentials of the Universities under Category I and Category II be reviewed and analyzed.**

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

- (ii) To report action taken on matter related to recognition of Open and Distance Learning Programmes of Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad for January-February 2022 academic session for ratification.

**Ratified.**

[Action: JS(DEB)]

- (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/DU)]

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- (iv) To ratify the decisions of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: AS-II(AC)]**

**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 the Guidelines of the Scheme for Trans-Disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) – Version 2.0.

**Considered and approved. However, it was decided that under Component-1 of the Scheme, eligible universities and colleges will be considered and selected with financial support only. No institution will be considered for recognition as a UGC-STRIDE Centre for Research Capacity Building on a Self-finance mode. It was emphasized that there should not be any duplication of research work with other research schemes. Further, it was resolved that the funds for the implementation of the STRIDE Scheme will be provided from the UGC Block Grants.**

**It was further resolved that the document be uploaded on the UGC website for seeking comments from stakeholders and suitable incorporation by Expert Committee. The Commission authorized the Chairman UGC to finalize the document.**

**[Action: JS(STRIDE)]**

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**2.02** To consider the proposals for establishment of Chairs in the universities in the name of illustrious persons of India.

**The Commission deliberated on the agenda item and resolved as under:**

- 1. To establish Chair in the name of Mahima Guru at Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.**
- 2. To establish Chair in the name of Bhima Bhoi at University of Delhi.**

**[Action: JS(CHAIRS)]**

**2.03** To consider the views of the Government of Karnataka on the proposal submitted by Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Chennai (Tamil Nadu) for inclusion of Raja Rajeswari Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru under its ambit.

**The Commission considered the views of the Government of Karnataka on the inclusion of Raja Rajeswari Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru under the ambit of Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), Chennai (TN) and decided to recommend to the Ministry of Education for withdrawal of the Notification No. 10/4/2018-U.3(A) dated 14.02.2019.**

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

**2.04** To consider the NET Syllabus of 'Hindu Studies' for its inclusion as a separate academic discipline among the subject list of UGC-NET.

**The Commission approved the inclusion of 'Hindu Studies' among the subject list of UGC-NET.**

**[Action: AS-II(NET)]**

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**2.05** To consider the recommendations of the Search Committee for appointment of Director, Inter-University Centre for Teacher Education, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

**Prof. Prem Narayan Singh is appointed as Director, Inter-University Centre for Teacher Education, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.**

**[Action: JS(IUC)]**

## SECTION-3

**(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)**

**(There is no item in this section)**

## SECTION-4

**(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)**

**4.01** To consider the National Higher Education Qualification Framework (NHEQF).

**The Commission considered and approved NHEQF with the following suggestion:**

- **In order to give flexibility to the Higher Education Institutions a minimum credit may be mentioned in the NHEQF, instead of giving a credit range.**

**[Action: JS(QIP)]**

**4.02** To consider the Curricular Framework and Credit System for the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP).

**The commission considered and resolved that the Curriculum Framework and Credit System in Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) may be placed in public domain for suggestion/feedback from stakeholders. The Expert Committee may consider the suggestions/feedback and revise the Curriculum Framework and Credit System in FYUGP accordingly and may be placed before Commission for approval.**

**[Action: JS(QIP)]**

**4.03** To consider:

- I. Draft Handbook on Basics of Digital Hygiene for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- II. Draft syllabus of Cybersecurity Course for Undergraduate and Post Graduation along with Credit scheme

**Considered and Approved. It was further resolved that:**

- **The HEIs should designate a faculty member as Cyber Security Officer and also strive for ISO certification.**
- **HEIs should focus on having Cyber Security protocols in place.**
- **A MOOC course on Cybersecurity at UG and PG level be developed for SWAYAM and SWAYAMPRAKASH.**
- **HEIs may consider offering a Course on Cybersecurity to all the students to create awareness.**
- **Capacity building for teaching of Cybersecurity course should be done.**

**It was further resolved that the document be uploaded on the UGC website for seeking comments from stakeholders and suitable incorporation by Expert Committee. The Commission authorized the Chairman UGC to finalize the document.**

**[Action: DS (e. Gov/ UBA)]**

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- 4.04** To consider “Mulya Pravah - Inculcation of Human Values and Professional Ethics in Higher Education Institutions 2.0”.

**Considered and approved. It was further resolved that the document be uploaded on the UGC website for seeking comments from stakeholders and suitable incorporation by Expert Committee. The Commission authorized the Chairman UGC to finalize the document.**

**[Action: DS (QIP)]**

## **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**