

CONFIDENTIAL

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

**MINUTES OF THE 521ST MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION HELD ON
22ND FEBRUARY, 2017.**

The 521st Meeting of the Commission was held on 22nd February, 2017 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. Ved Prakash | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Vinay Sheel Oberoi | Member |
| 3. Prof. V.S. Chauhan | Member |
| 4. Prof. Mohammad Miyan | Member |
| 5. Dr. K.N. Shanti | Member |
| 6. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy | Member |
| 7. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar | Member |
| 8. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy | Member |

Shri Pramod Kumar Das and Prof. R.C. Kuhad, could not attend the meeting due to pre-occupation. .

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu

In his opening address, the Chairman, UGC welcomed the Members. He apprised the members of the appointment of Dr. G. Gopal Reddy as a new Member of the Commission and extended a hearty welcome to Dr. Reddy to the UGC family and expressed hope that his expertise and experience would further enrich the functioning of the UGC.

SECTION-1

1.01(a) To confirm the minutes of the 520th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **14th December, 2016.**

Confirmed.

[Action : JS(Admn.)]

1.01(b) To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 520th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on **14th December, 2016.**

Noted.

[Action : JS(Admn.)]

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

(i) To report the inclusion of 98 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.12.2016 to 31.01.2017 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Noted and approved.

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

1.02 (b) To receive the items of information. **(No item)**

1.03 To receive the position of funds of UGC and Related Issues. **(No item)**

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SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To consider Review of the Institutions Deemed to be Universities placed in category 'B' by Ministry of HRD Review Committee (Tandon Committee) – Reference Ministry of HRD letter No. F. 12-2/2016-U3(A) dated 19.01.2017.

Considered and approved. The Commission also resolved that the Terms of References of the Expert Committees, Guidelines for the Expert Committees, Guidelines for the UGC Coordinating Officers, format for writing the Report and panel of Experts will remain the same as approved by the Commission in its 515th meeting held on 20th May, 2016 for the Review of Category 'A' Deemed to be Universities.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.02** To consider (i) UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017 and (ii) UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.03** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Deemed to be University), Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the deficiencies pointed out, if any, would be rectified and the suggestions given by the Expert Committee would be implemented within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

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2.04 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited NITTE University (Deemed to be University), Deralakatte, Mangalore (Karnataka) to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the deficiencies pointed out, if any, would be rectified and the suggestions given by the Expert Committee would be implemented within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

2.05 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the deficiencies pointed out, if any, would be rectified and the suggestions given by the Expert Committee would be implemented within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

2.06 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pune (Maharashtra) to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the deficiencies pointed out, if any, would be rectified and the suggestions given by the Expert Committee would be implemented within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

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2.07 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the deficiencies pointed out, if any, would be rectified and the suggestions given by the Expert Committee would be implemented within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

2.08 To define the word “Regular Mode” with reference to the Ph.D Degree as mentioned in Clause 3 of UGC Regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) (4th Amendment), 2016.

Considered and approved. However, the Ph.D. under distance mode is not permitted.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

2.09 To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission in its 497th meeting held on 10.01.2014 with regard to approval of institutions under sections 2(f), 12 (B) and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

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- 2.10** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(AC)]

- 2.11** Directions to the Universities and Institutions Deemed to be Universities to upload information about infrastructure, faculty, programmes, research activities, etc. on their website for the information of students and also to follow all the Rules and Regulations notified by the Central Government and UGC.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CPP-II)]

- 2.12** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Institute of Chemical Technology (Deemed to be University), Nathlal Parekh Marg, Matunga, Mumbai to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the deficiencies pointed out, if any, would be rectified and the suggestions given by the Expert Committee would be implemented within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.13** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Jain Vishva Bharati (Deemed to be University), Ladnun, Rajasthan to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the deficiencies pointed out, if any, would be rectified and the suggestions given by the Expert Committee would be implemented within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted along with documentary proof to UGC.

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

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SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

- 3.01** To consider the Report of the Pay Review Committee for pay revision of academic staff of universities and colleges.

Considered and approved the forwarding of the PRC Report to MHRD.

[Action : FA]

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To include the Establishment of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Chair in the Guidelines for the UGC Chairs in Universities during XII Plan (2012-17).

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(SU)]

- 4.02** To consider the proposal of IUCAA, Pune for augmenting the core Faculty and Technical Expertise in order to undertake the prestigious LIGO India Mega-Science Project.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(IUC)]

- 4.03** To consider and ratify the minutes of 4th meeting of High Powered Distance Education Committee (HPDEC) Meeting held on 07.12.2016.

Considered and approved.

[Action : AS(II)]

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SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

5.01 To consider SAP assistance to Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad with effect from 6th September, 2016 in view of the fact that Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad has become IIT; and IITs are not funded by the UGC.

Considered and approved. It was decided that no funds from UGC will be allocated to Indian School of Mines due to its conversion to IIT.

[Action : JS(SAP)]

5.02 To consider granting further accreditation to West Bengal College Service Commission(WBCSC) for conducting SET on behalf of the state of West Bengal.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(NET)]

5.03 To consider further amendment in Clause 5.5 of the UGC guidelines for General Development Assistance to Central Universities, State Universities and institutions Deemed to be Universities during XII Plan.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

- 5.04** To ratify the name of the courses and allocation made for providing manpower, infrastructure development and other recurring expenses for the newly created Yoga Departments.

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

- 5.05** To apprise the action taken on the Minutes of the UGC Expert Committee for review of allocation of plan grants to certain central universities during XII Plan and specific issue of Gandhigram Rural Institute (deemed to be university).

Considered and approved.

[Action : JS(CU)]

- 5.06** To consider the issue of refund of interest actually earned on unspent amount by State Govt., Govt. aided and Self financing/Private Colleges along with unutilized grant in aid on submission of requisite supporting documents for settlement of accounts.

Considered and approved. However, the institutions concerned shall submit a certificate from the bank regarding the interest earned, if any, on the funds to be refunded to the UGC.

[Action : AS-II]

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SECTION-6

(MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01 To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission

Recorded Separately.

**(JASPAL SINGH SANDHU)
SECRETARY**

**(VED PRAKASH)
CHAIRMAN**