



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

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES**

Part - I - Preliminary

(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee

UGC Constituted an Expert Committee vide D.O letter No. F.8-7/2019 (CPP-I/PU/BESTIU) dated 6th April 2022 to visit Bharthiya Engineering Science & Technology Innovation University, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh.

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(ii)	Date (s) of visit	15 th - 16 th July 2022
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	Prof. Deepak Shrivastava could not attend the meeting

Part – II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bharatiya Engineering, Science and Technology Innovation University (BESTIU) was established in the year 2018 as a State Private University under the Andhra Pradesh state Legislature vide Act No. 3 of 2016 i.e. A.P. Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act 2016 amended in G.O Ms. 51 dated 23.09.2021. • The main objective of establishment to provide the best quality education which is affordable and accessible to students from all strata of society. BESTIU aims to be at the forefront with cutting edge technologies in teaching and in providing a holistic approach to learning. •
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University	10-05-2018 Appendix-I of Annexure-1
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bharatiya Engineering Science & Technology Innovation University (BESTIU) campus is presently located in at Gownivaripalli, Gorantla Mandal, which is just about 1.45 hours drive from Bengaluru International Airport, in a sprawling 147 acres with state-of-the-art, eco-friendly infrastructure that includes administration blocks, academic blocks, library building, staff quarters, girls and boys hostels. BESTIU aims to be at the forefront with cutting edge technologies in teaching and in providing a holistic approach to learning.

		<p>The University offers academic programs as under in broad areas described below:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agriculture <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i). B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture – 4 Years 2. Horticulture <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i). B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture – 4 Years 3. Forestry <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i). B.Sc. (Hons) Forestry – 4 Years 4. Engineering <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i). B.Tech (CSE) – 4 Years ii). B.Tech (CSE Artificial Intelligence) – 4 Years iii). B.Tech (CSE Data Science) – 4 Years iv). B.Tech (CSE Cyber Security) – 4 Years 5. Management <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) BBA – 3 Years ii) MBA – 2 Years
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/ Society that governs the University	

Part – III – Summary Report

A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?	Yes, The university has been setup by an Act of state legislature.
(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	No off-campus centres
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centres	No off-Shore campus

(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India?	The university does not offer courses under distance mode.
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C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Adequately diverse.
(ii)	Are the lists of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act. 1956?	Yes
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is 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?	Yes, adequate support facilities for the disadvantage students as per institutional norms are present.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?	Yes, students are adequately informed.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working Properly?	Yes, Grievance Redressal Mechanism is in place and effectively working.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	The university through BoS, Academic council etc. has formulated and revised its curriculum.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?	Fairly transparent.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Yes
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Yes

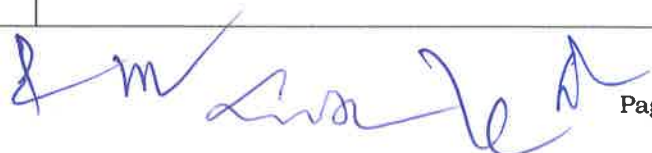



E. Fee Structure

(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 a system of fair disclosure of fees in the public domain for fair usage.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	The fee collection system is transparent and with receipts and no complaint received during interaction with the student.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes, reasonable.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fee is fixed by the committee constituted by the university and approved by the Universities bodies.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	The university is primarily being run for dissemination of knowledge in affordable and accessible manner.

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow pay Scales and service conditions laid down by UGC?	The University is paying basic pay as per UGC norms and DA etc are being paid as per their own norms
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified are well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Yes, members of the faculty satisfactorily fulfill the requirements.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty / guest faculty / Part-time faculty?	More permanent faculty need to be appointed.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes, The university has established due procedure for recruitments through selection committees.



G. Infrastructure

(i)	<p>Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land and buildings • Class Rooms • Laboratories and equipment • Library • Sports facilities • Residential accommodation including hostels 	<p>The university has acquired sufficient area for multistoried buildings with class rooms, labs, library and sufficient sports facilities including university hostel.</p> <p>Yes, 77.11 Acres of land registered and 192 acres on lease.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes, needs improvement.</p> <p>Yes, needs improvement.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Girls' hostel is inside the campus and boys' hostel is outside campus.</p> <p>Residential accommodation for faculty and staff is located outside the campus.</p>
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	The university has adequate and sufficient funds.
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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?	Governing Body, Board of Studies, Board of Management and Academic Council have been formed and working properly.
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J. Research Profile

(i)	<p>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)</p>	The University has been able to appoint full time research oriented faculty. The university has been able to provide appropriate research environment and facilities to the faculty.
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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?	Non-teaching staff is adequate and qualified and paid as per university norms.
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(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?	Being a newly established university not yet eligible.

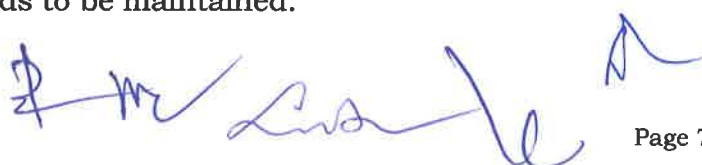
L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing education to students from rural background with affordable fees. • Qualified and experienced faculty from different parts of India. • Good and adequate infrastructure facilities • Eco friendly campus with a special focus on plastic and pollution free environment, unique water management • Adjunct /visiting faculty are industry leaders with over three decades of academic experience. • Good placements for the students of the founding batch. • International exposure, students are exposed to summer program in BGU Israel in 2022 summer program. • Scholarships for to students during Covid affected and economically backward students. • Proximity to Bangalore city for Internships and Industry exposure .
(ii)	Weaknesses of University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical challenges of working in rural and backward area of Rayalseema. • Lack of transport facility.

Part – IV – Recommendations

A. General Observations and suggestions

- Zero carbon footprint, lush green eco-friendly campus with horticulture and floriculture plantation.
- Committed and dedicated promoting Society/Trust.
- University is situated in the rural area of Rayalseema and providing various job opportunities to the local public.
- University is having experienced and qualified faculty.
- Student Teacher and cadre ratio needs to be maintained.



- During interaction with the students, faculty, non-teaching staff and Sr. Administrative staff they have shown their full their satisfaction with the university.
- University has the required land under agriculture faculty for training of students and Research in future.

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

- Research infrastructure along with library to be further strengthened.
- Teachers at all the level may be motivated for more Research & Publication.
- Academic Audit to be conducted by having external experts.
- Alumni linkages to be established to get good partnership.

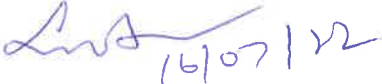
C. Final Recommendations

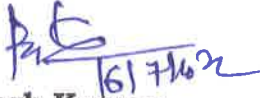
The Committee as mentioned above, visited various facilities in the University campus during two days' visit i.e. 15-16th July 2022.

After visiting various physical infrastructure, central facilities, the academic and administrative units, verification of relevant documents pertaining to academic programs, and taking into account the inputs received during interaction meetings with Faculty, Students, Non-teaching staff, and Management officials including Vice Chancellor and after careful evaluation of both direct and indirect information available and due consideration to the available facts, the Committee unanimously recommends granting approval to the Bharthiya Engineering Science & Technology Innovation University, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh subject to compliance of the suggestions as in Part- IV (B) above.


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Dated: 16th July, 2022

Place: Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh