

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

**MINUTES OF THE 530TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 20TH MARCH, 2018.**

The 530th Meeting of the Commission was held on 20th March, 2018 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. D. P. Singh | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. R. Subrahmanyam | Member |
| 3. Mr. Pramod Kumar Das | Member |
| 4. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar | Member |
| 5. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chander Kuhad | Member |
| 6. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy | Member |
| 7. Dr. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav | Member |

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting.

Secretary

Prof. Rajnish Jain

At the outset, the Chairman, UGC welcomed Secretary (HE), MHRD Shri R. Subrahmanyam, as the new Commission Member, new Secretary, UGC, Prof. Rajnish Jain and other Members of the Commission.

The Commission also placed on record a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation for the contributions made by Shri Kewal Kumar Sharma, the then Secretary (HE), MHRD as Member of the Commission.

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SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 529th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 8th February, 2018.

The Minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 529th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 8th February, 2018.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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

- (i) To report the action taken on the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to assess the additional financial requirement for arrangement of 105th Indian Science Congress to be hosted by the Manipur University, Imphal during 16th-20th March,2018.

Ratified. Concurrence of Ministry of Human Resource Development for financial implication be obtained.

[Action: JS(CU)]

- (ii) To inform the Commission about the decisions of the Empowered Committee of BSR.

Ratified. It was resolved that Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune may be requested to conduct an Impact Analysis of the BSR Scheme.

[Action: JS(BSR)]

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- (iii) To report the constitution of Empowered Experts Committee for declaration of Institutions of Eminence.

Noted.

[Action: JS(IoE)]

- (iv) To ratify the extension of the recommendations of the 7th CPC to the Inter University Centre/Teacher Education Centre/WRIC and EMMRC's.

Ratified.

[Action: JS(IUC)]

- (v) To report the inclusion of 137 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.01.2018 to 28.02.2018 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Noted. It was suggested to obtain affiliation report from the affiliated colleges for records.

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

- (vi) 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.

Noted.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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- (vii) To modify the decision of the Commission regarding Post Graduate Scholarship to GATE/GPAT qualified students enrolled in all universities (Central/State/Deemed/Private).

Approved.

[Action: JS(SA-III)]

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 report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Donthanapally, Shankarapalli Road, Hyderabad, Telangana – 501 203 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.02 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Chettinad Academy of Research and Education (Deemed to be University), Kelambakkam, Kanchipuram District-603103, Tamil Nadu during 09-11th January, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

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Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.03

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Ponnaiyah Ramajayam Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University), Vallam, Thanjavur – 613403, Tamil Nadu during 23-25th January 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.04

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed to be University), Nalanda, Bihar during 15-16th January, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed to be University), Nalanda, Bihar should be asked to submit compliance report, thereafter, further action will be taken.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.05

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), Periyar Nagar, Vallam, Thanjavur – 613403, Tamil Nadu during 09-11th January, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

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Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu should be asked to submit compliance report, thereafter, further action will be taken.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.06

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET) (Deemed to be University), 135, East Coast Road, Kanathur, Tamil Nadu – 603112 during 31st January - 02nd February, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.07

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Forest Reserach Institute (Deemed to be University), PO – IPE, Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun – 248195, Uttarakhand during 09-10th January, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.08 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswa Mahavidyalaya (Deemed to be University), Enathur, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu - 631561 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.09 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Jain (Deemed to be University), Jain Global Campus, Jakkasandra Post, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District – 562112, Karnataka during 21-23rd December, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.10 To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Gurukula Kangri vishwavidyalaya (Deemed to be University), Haridwar – 249404, Uttarakhand during 22-24th January, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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- 2.11** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Siksha ‘O’ Anusandhan (Deemed to be University), Khandagiri Square, Bhubaneswar – 751030, Odisha during 28-30th January, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.12** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), Valiamala PO, Thiruvananthapuram – 695547, Kerala during 21-31st January, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.13** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University), Seethakathi Estate, GST Road, Vandalur, Chennai – 600048, Tamil Nadu during 29-31st January, 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.14** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE) (Deemed to be University), Sardarshahr, Dt. Churu, Rajasthan - 331403 during 03-05th January 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

It was observed that as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, there are major irregularities. Therefore, it was resolved that a Show Cause Notice be served to the Institution regarding Deemed to be University status and seek reply within one month. Additionally, the Deemed to be University also be asked to submit compliance report in respect of the observations/suggestions of the UGC Expert Committee alongwith the reply to the Show Cause Notice.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

- 2.15** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), NH-47, Sankari Main Road, Ariyanoor, Salem, Tamil Nadu – 636308 during 04-06th January 2018 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

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It was observed that as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, there are major irregularities. Therefore, it was resolved that a Show Cause Notice be served to the Institution regarding Deemed to be University status and seek reply within one month. Additionally the Deemed to be University also be asked to submit compliance report in respect of the observations/suggestions of the UGC Expert Committee alongwith the reply to the Show Cause Notice.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.16

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), 173, Agharam Road, Selaiyur, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) during 02-04th November, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

Considered and approved with the condition that the suggestions of the visiting Expert Committee, if any, will be addressed within a period of 6 months and the compliance report would be submitted alongwith documentary proof to UGC.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.17

To consider the comments submitted by Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (Deemed to be University), No. 12, Vembuliamman Koil Street, West K.K. Nagar, Chennai-600078 (Tamil Nadu) in respect of the observations/suggestions/recommendations given by the UGC Expert Committee which visited the Deemed to be University during 20-22nd November, 2017 to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

It was resolved that a Show Cause Notice be served to the Institution regarding Deemed to be University status and seek reply within one month.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.18 To consider the recommendations of the Committee constituted by the Commission to treat 3.01 and above by NAAC as the highest grade offered for the purpose of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016.

The Commission resolved that from 2018 onwards the highest grade offered for the purpose of UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 be considered as NAAC CGPA 3.26. For all the cases prior to 2018, NAAC CGPA 3.01 will be considered as the highest grade.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.19 To consider the request received from Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu to extend the Deemed to be University status for one more year.

- 1. The Commission considered the request of Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu and decided to recommend to MHRD the extension for one more year to the Deemed to be University.**
- 2. The Commission also decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. G. Gopal Reddy, Commission Member comprising of MHRD representative (Shri Subodh Ghildiyal, DS), Financial Advisor, UGC and JS (CPP-I), UGC as Members to examine the following issues related to Amrita Vishwavidya peetham:**
 - (i) Creation of a separate Society/Trust in the name of the Deemed to be University.**
 - (ii) Transfer of the moveable and immovable assets of the Deemed to be University to the newly created Society/Trust.**

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3. **Further, the Commission advised to look into the Deemed University Regulations holistically and for this a Committee be constituted by the Chairman, UGC having representative of MHRD also.**

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

2.20

To consider the administrative issues pertaining to National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru.

The Commission considered the issues pertaining to NAAC and resolved as follows:

1.
 - (a) **Approved the proposed amendment of CRRs for the post of Finance Officer, NAAC,**
 - (b) **The amendment proposed in the CRRs for the post of Librarian, NAAC be re-examined in the light of essential qualifications required for the said post.**
 - (c) **Approved the proposal of NAAC to place the post of Senior Facilitator-cum-Liaison Officer (Sr. FLO) in NAAC as Academic, in Academic Grade Pay of Rs. 8000/- and amendment in the CRRs accordingly.**
2. **Error in the pay scale of the posts of Administrative Officer and Finance Officer, NAAC be rectified administratively after thorough examination by the Financial Advisor, UGC.**

[Action: JS(IUC)]

2.21

To consider Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CU)]

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2.22 To consider and approve the UGC draft Regulations on (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of standards in Higher Education), 2018.

The Commission deliberated in detail and approved the draft Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018 with some suggestions. It was decided that after incorporation of the suggestions, the Regulations may be sent to MHRD for concurrence.

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

2.23 To consider Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy.

Considered and approved.

[Action: AS-I]

2.24 To consider Categorization of Private Universities and Institutions Deemed to be Universities under University Grants Commission [Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy] Regulations, 2018.

The Commission considered and approved the categorization of Private and Deemed to be Universities except for off-campus privileges. A Committee will look the issues related to off-campus, thereafter, further action will be taken.

The case of Sumandeep Vidyapeeth, Piparia, Vadodara, Gujarat was deferred. It was decided that a clarification should be sought from the Institute about the complaint received.

[Action: JS(CPP-I)]

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SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

- 3.01** To consider University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2018.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

- 3.02** To consider the proposal for providing two credits like any other 'Elective' under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) to students in HEIs undertaking 15 days (100 hours) Summer Internships under Swachha Bharat Abhiyan Activities.

Considered and approved. An advisory to the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) be issued accordingly.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the issues arising for equivalence of a foreign Ph.D. degree with Indian Ph.D. degree.

Considered and approved.

[Action: AS-I]

- 4.02** 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)]

- 4.03** To consider the amendment in clause 4.1.0(A) (ii) of UGC Regulations, 2010 provided for the post of Associate Professor and Professor under clause 4.1.0.

Considered and approved the amendment as under :

“A minimum of ten years of teaching experience in University/College, and/or experience in research at the University/National level Institutions/Industries, with evidence of at least one Ph.D. awarded under his/her guidance.”

[Action: AS-I]

SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To simplify the procedure for finalization of Annual Audited Accounts of Delhi Colleges in r/o Revenue (Salary, Pension & Non-Salary).

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(DC)]

- 5.02** To consider the Special assistance for organizing International Seminar.

Considered and approved for a grant of Rs. 5.00 lakhs. It was decided to revise the concerned Guidelines for providing financial assistance towards organizing International and National Seminars.

[Action: JS(DC)/JS(SR-III)]

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SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

6.01 To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission.

Recorded Separately

(Prof. Rajnish Jain)
Secretary

(Prof. D.P. Singh)
Chairman