

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

**MINUTES OF THE 525<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017.**

The 525<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 in which the following were present:

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| 1. Prof. V.S. Chauhan               | Chairman (Acting) |
| 2. Mr. Kewal Kumar Sharma           | Member            |
| 3. Mr. Pramod Kumar Das*            | Member            |
| 4. Prof. Inder Mohan Kapahy         | Member            |
| 5. Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chander Kuhad | Member            |
| 6. Dr. G. Gopal Reddy               | Member            |
| 7. Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar          | Member            |
| 8. Dr. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav           | Member            |

The following officers of the UGC also attended the meeting.

**Secretary (officiating)**

Mr. P.K. Thakur could not attend the meeting due to his illness and was granted leave.

**Additional Secretary**

Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal

*\* Represented by Shri Dilip Kapur, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance.*

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### **AGENDA** **SECTION-1**

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 524<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

***The minutes were confirmed. However, following observations were made:-***

- (i) *Dr. G. Gopal Reddy, Member raised the issue regarding Item No.2.01, relating to College of Engineering, Pune and mentioned that NBA accreditation to the programmes run by the College was only for 2 cycles, whereas the regulations mention that 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of NBA accreditation should be on.***

***It was resolved that since the College of Engineering, Pune was a reputed Govt. college with 158 years of standing, the recommendation of the Commission be forwarded to the MHRD alongwith these observations.***

- (ii) *Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, invited the attention of the Commission to the issue raised by him regarding CAS selections and promotions and requested it to be addressed expeditiously.***
- (iii) *For Item No.1.02 - The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to nominate three Commission Members on the Selection Committee for Secretary, UGC.***

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

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 524<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

***To be taken up for 524<sup>th</sup> & 525<sup>th</sup> meeting together in the next meeting of the Commission.***

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

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

- (i) To report notification of UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 in the official Gazette and actions taken by UGC after its notification. **(Deferred item no. 1.02(a)(i) of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***This was noted. The Commission also considered Item No.4.06 alongwith this item and resolved as under:***

***The Commission discussed the proposal to make amendment in UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 and observed that proposed amendment may not be feasible as Regulations are in force by virtue of para 1 sub-para (4) of Part-I of the Regulations. The Commission also observed that in 2016, UGC while according recognition to ODL Universities/Standalone Institutions, has accorded two years (2016-17 and 2017-18) recognition to Universities and one year (2016-17) recognition to Standalone Institutions and accordingly directed that Standalone Institutions may also be given recognition for two years (2016-17 and 2017-18) to eliminate discrimination and to ensure natural justice. This will also provide them the time for getting converted into a University as per the***

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**Clause 19(2) of the Regulations. UGC may take necessary action after appropriately amending the Clause 19(2) of the Regulations in consultation with the Ministry, which may be replaced as under:-**

**“Certificates or Diplomas or Post Graduate Diplomas awarded by the Standalone Institutions which also have been approved by the Commission based on the policies of the then Distance Education Council of the Indira Gandhi National Open University for running Open and Distance Learning Programmes till the academic year 2016-17 shall remain valid programmes in the field of Open and Distance Learning mode of education till the academic session 2017-18 and thereafter they shall be free to get converted their Standalone Institutions status to University or Deemed to be University for the purpose of these Open and Distance Learning Regulations, failing which, the Commission shall not accord any approval to the Open and Distance Learning programmes of Standalone Institutions.”**

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

- (ii) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission in its 497<sup>th</sup> 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. (Deferred item no. 1.02(a)(ii) of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)

**Considered and Approved.**

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

- (iii) To report the inclusion of 126 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.05.2017 to 31.07.2017 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011. **(Deferred item no. 1.02(a)(iii) of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***Considered and Approved.***

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

**SECTION-2**

**(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)**

- 2.01** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal submitted by Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (Deemed to be University), Vaddeswaram, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh for starting an off-campus centre at Hyderabad. **(Deferred item no. 2.06 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***The Commission resolved that the proposal submitted by Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (Deemed to be University), Vaddeswaram, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh for starting an off-campus centre at Hyderabad be approved subject to submission of the compliance report as per the suggestions given by UGC/AICTE visiting Committee.***

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

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- 2.02** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed to be University), At/Post – Loni (Bk), tal – Rahata, Dist.–Ahmednagar – 413737, Maharashtra to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016. **(Deferred item no. 2.07 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***Considered and Approved.***

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

- 2.03** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee which visited Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Nerul, Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra) to review its functioning as required under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016. **(Deferred item no. 2.08 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***Considered and Approved.***

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

- 2.04** To consider the draft UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and measures for maintenance of standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2017. **(Deferred item no. 2.09 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***Deferred.***

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

- 2.05 To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal for Deemed to University status under de-novo category to Central Institute of Technology, Balagaon, BTAD, Kokrajhar (Assam)\_under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. **(Deferred item no. 2.10 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***Considered and Approved.***

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

- 2.06 To consider the re-constitution of UGC Committee constituted by the Commission to look into all aspects of the issue of off-campus of Institutions Deemed to be Universities consequent upon the completion of the tenure of two members. **(Deferred item no. 2.11 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to reconstitute the Committee to look into all aspects of the issue of off-campus of Institutions Deemed to be Universities consequent upon the completion of the tenure of two members.***

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

- 2.07 To consider the Report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to assess the proposal submitted by Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pune (Maharashtra) for starting Department of Law at its off-campus centre at Delhi. **(Deferred item no. 2.12 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***Considered and Approved.***

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

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## SECTION-3

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

- 3.01** To consider the rejection of the proposals received for Deemed to be University status to the Ministry of HRD. (Deferred item no. 3.03 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)

*The Commission authorized the Chairman, UGC to constitute a Committee to consider the suggestions given by the UGC Secretariat.*

[Action : JS(CPP-I)]

- 3.02** To consider the comments of Ministry of Finance on the report of the UGC Committee based on the comments/submissions of the HNB Garhwal Local Committee submitted to the UGC on the report of the Rationalization Committee pertaining to the pay and allowances and rationalization of pay scales of the non-teaching staff of the HNBSGU consequent upon its conversion as a Central University.

*Considered and Approved.*

[Action : JS(CU)]

## SECTION-4

### (SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the recommendation of the Expert Committee to assess the proposal of Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad for establishment of Polytechnic at Kadappa (Andhra Pradesh) and Polytechnic and Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Cuttack (Odisha). (Deferred item no. 4.01 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)

*Considered and Approved.*

[Action : JS(CU)]

**4.02** To consider the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/extension of autonomous status to colleges. (Deferred item no. 4.02 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)

***Considered and Approved.***

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

**4.03** To consider the issues arising out of the minutes of the UGC Standing Committee on Journals held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. (Deferred item no. 4.06 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)

***Deferred. It was resolved that this issue may be discussed at length by the full Commission at the earliest.***

**[Action : JS(DU/ARC)]**

**4.04** To consider the possibility of giving suitable preference in admission to graduate courses in Physiotherapy to those candidates have requisite expertise in Yoga. (Deferred item no. 4.07 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)

***Considered and Approved.***

**[Action : JS(CPP-II)]**

**4.05** To consider UGC (Categorisation of Universities for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2017. (Deferred item no. 4.05 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)

***Deferred.***

**[Action : JS(CPP-II)]**

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**4.06** To consider amendment in UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.

***Discussed alongwith Item No.1.02(a)(i). The Commission resolution may be seen at Item No.1.02(a)(i).***

**[Action : JS(CPP-II)]**

**4.07** To consider University Grants Commission (Recognition and Monitoring of Assessment and Accreditation Agencies) Regulations, 2017. **(Deferred item no. 4.04 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***Deferred.***

**[Action : JS(CPP-II)]**

## **SECTION-5 (GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)**

**5.01** To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee for Annual Allocation of grants to Central Universities under Capital Assets. **(Deferred item no. 5.01 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***Considered and Approved.***

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

**5.02** To consider permitting Utilization of Gran-in-Aid under the scheme of Community College and B.Voc. degree programme beyond XII Plan Period. **(Deferred item no. 5.02 of 524<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission dated 24.08.2017)**

***Deferred.***

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

## SECTION-6 (MISCELLANEOUS)

**6.01** To consider certain establishment matter of University Grants Commission

**Recorded Separately.**

### Any other item

***It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Commission on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 11:00 hrs. in the UGC main office.***

**(PANKAJ MITTAL)  
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY**

**(V.S. CHAUHAN)  
CHAIRMAN**