

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

**MINUTES OF THE 589<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025.**

The 589<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar	Chairman
2. Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava	Vice Chairman
3. Dr. Vineet Joshi	Member
4. Shri Sanjay Prasad	Member
5. Shri Ashish Kumar Chauhan	Member
6. Prof. Badri Narayan Tiwari	Member
7. Prof. Raj Kumar Mittal	Member
8. Prof. (Retd.) Sachidananda Mohanty	Member
9. Prof. Shashikala Gulabrao Wanjari	Member
10. Prof. Tana Showren	Member
11. Prof. Vandana Mishra	Member

Shri Sridhar Vembu, Zoho Corporation, Member - UGC, could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupations and was granted leave of absence.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

**Secretary**

Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi

**Special Invitee**

- Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

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### SECTION-1

**1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 588<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

**The minutes were confirmed.**

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

**1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 588<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

**Noted.**

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

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

- (i) To ratify the action taken on the matter of the inclusion of **35** Colleges under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956, between 01.02.2025 to 28.02.2025 as per the authorization given by the Commission in its 480<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24.08.2011.

**Ratified.**

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

**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)**

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**1.04(a)** To ratify the Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the Annual Accounts of UGC and its Inter University Centres for the financial year 2023-24.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: FA (Finance)]**

**1.04(b)** To ratify University Grants Commission's Annual Report for the year 2023-24.

**Ratified.**

**[Action: JS (Annual Report)]**

## SECTION-2

### (MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

**2.01** To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee regarding National Eligibility Test (NET).

- **Commission approved to add three new subjects i.e. Forestry, Statistics and Biotechnology in NET exam.**
- **IKS component should be incorporated in the syllabi of these subjects, wherever it is feasible/required.**

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

**2.02** To consider the Recommendations of the Expert Committee on the implementation of UGC Guidelines for Pursuing Two Academic Programmes Simultaneously.

**Considered and approved.**

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

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- 2.03** To consider the recommendations made by the Committee for Examining the issue of Cadre Merger / Rationalization of the Nursing Cadre Posts of the Aligarh Muslim University held on 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.04** To consider the recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee on verification of the compliance submitted by TCG CREST, Kolkata, West Bengal in respect of the LoI dated 11.03.2024 issued by the Ministry of Education.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.05** To consider the recommendations of the 76<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee (held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025) for conferment/extension of autonomous status to the colleges.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.06** To consider the recommendations of the UGC Standing Committee constituted to implement the monitoring process and to ascertain whether the Ph.D. degrees are awarded by the Universities following the respective UGC norms/Regulations.

**Considered and approved.**

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

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- 2.07** To consider the recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges, in its 77<sup>th</sup> meeting, (held on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025) for conferment/extension of autonomous status upon colleges.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.08** To report the matter related to recommendations of the Standing Committee constituted by UGC for “Setting-up of and operation of campuses of FHEIs in India in respect of i) Liverpool University, UK ii) Victoria University, Australia iii) Illinois Institute of Technology-Illinois Tech, USA & iv) Western Sydney University, Australia.

**Considered and approved.**

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

- 2.09** To consider the acceptance of the compliance report submitted by Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, Uttar Pradesh on the LoI dated 24.11.2023 issued by MoE, for Deemed to be University status (Distinct Category) under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

**Considered and approved.**

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

## SECTION-3

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

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

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## SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

(There is no item in this section)

## 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 the UGC.

**Recorded Separately.**

## SECTION-7

(ANY OTHER ITEM)

**7.01** The Commission members, upon superannuation of Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman, University Grants Commission on April 07, 2025 (AN), highly appreciated the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chairman for driving the UGC towards the mandate of NEP-2020 with highest accomplishment in a short span of about 3 years. The members also conveyed their best wishes and desired his continued support on policy matters in future as well.

**Noted.**

**(Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi)**  
Secretary

**(Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar)**  
Chairman