

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

Part - I - Preliminary

(i)	Constitution of the Expert Committee	• Prof. Shrinivas S. Balli, Chairperson • Prof. G. Tulasi Rao (Retd), Member • Prof. Shiv Raj Singh, Member • Prof. Nilimanka Das, Member • Sh. Madan Singh Yadav, AICTE Nominee • Prof. Tejasvi Venkappa Kattimani, AICTE Nominee • Ms. Megha Kaushik, Co-ordinating Officer
(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	16-17, December, 2024
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	NIL

Part -II - Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format)	Pragjyotishpur University, Assam is a newly established
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	17.10.2022.
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	1. Pragjyotishpur University is a State Private University established by the State Act, 2022 vide No. LGL.207/2022/14 dated 17.10.2022 Assam Act No XLVI of 2022. 2. Details of programs - School of Arts Humanities, and Social Sciences a. B.A., with Honours, and Integrated M.A. in Economics, Political Science, History, Sociology, and Psychology, Education. - School of Commerce and Business Management b. B.Com., with Honours, and Integrated M.Com. in Accounting & Taxation, Management, and Finance. - School of Natural and Applied Sciences c. B.Sc., with Honours, and Integrated M.Sc. in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Biosciences & Biotechnology, Psychology, AIML & Data Science, and Yogic Science - School of Language, Literature, and Linguistics d. B.A., with Honours, and Integrated M.A. in Sanskrit, Assamese, and English.

		School of Performing Arts e. B.P.A., with Honours, and Integrated M.P.A. in Vocal (Classical, Bargeet, and Folk) and Dance (Satriya and Folk). School of Pharmacy f. B.Pharm.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	The Shankardev Education and Research Foundation (SERF) is a trust formally established on Sunday, the 22nd of August 2021, at Guwahati, Assam. It is a voluntary organisation that envisions quality higher education along with inculcation of the sense of Bharatiya life values in students. As a part of its first objective, Pragjyotishpur University has come into being with the enactment of the Pragjyotishpur University Act No. XLVI of 2022 by the Government of Assam. Today, the SERF is the Sponsoring Body of the University.

Part-III - Summary Report

A. Legal Status

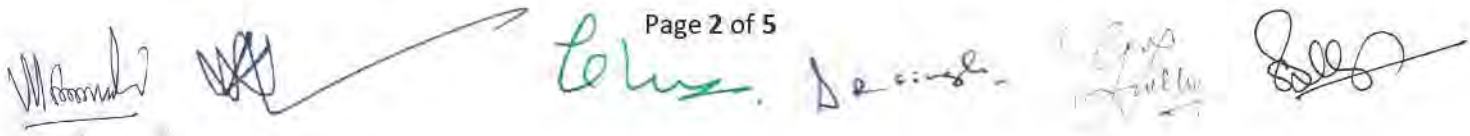
(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations? (refer 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	Yes
(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Yes

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centers Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	Not applicable
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campus centers Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	Not applicable
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes No Not applicable (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	No

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	The programmes offered are adequately diverse.
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(ii)	Are the list 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? (refer 4.5 of format)	Yes.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Yes
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	Yes
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis? (refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format)	Yes
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	The examination system is regular, fair and transparent.

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	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 publically stated fee structure?	The University has been following, its own declared policy.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Yes. No complaints observed by the Committee.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Yes
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No

F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay	University is in the process of
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	Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	implementing 7 th PRC and other service conditions as laid down by UGC.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/ department)	Yes
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty /guest faculty/ Part-time faculty?	The proportion of the permanent faculty and guest faculty is adequate for the existing number of students.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? • Land and Buildings • Class Rooms • Laboratories and equipment • Library • Sports facilities • Residential accommodation Including hostels	Adequate infrastructure facilities are available, however, standard norms are to be followed.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes
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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?	Yes
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J. Research Profile

(i)	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)	The University has been established two years ago, however, there is scope for establishing research facilities at the campus.
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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?	University is in the nascent stage, has adequate number of non-teaching staff. They are in process of implementation of State Pay Scales.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Not applicable, since the first batch is yet to pass out.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Not applicable

L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	• They have adequate land and
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		infrastructure. • It is strategically located in remote area. • Scope for the growth as multi-disciplinary courses is offered. • Focus on teaching and IKS.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	• Limited financial resources • Less connectivity to the city.

Part - IV - Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

- Sufficient land available.
- Sufficient infrastructure is available.
- Committed management for the development of the University.
- Dedicated and resourceful faculty members.

B. Suggestions of the Committee which require satisfactory compliance by the University

- To attract and retain talented teachers, adequate pay scales should be provided.
- Provision of bridge and remedial classes should be explored.
- Students should be given exposure to career planning.
- The process of admission should be widely publicized.
- More number of outreach programmes should be organized.
- Avenues for FDP and SDP are to be explored.

C. Final Recommendations

Based on the virtual tour, interactions with the management, teaching/non-teaching staff and students the committee observed that the University is fulfilling the criteria in terms of programmes, faculty, infrastructural facilities, financial viability etc as per section 13 of UGC Act, 1956 and Clause 3.4 and Clause 4 of 'UGC (Establishment of and maintenance of standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003'. Therefore, the committee recommends that the Pragjyotishpur University, Gauhati, may be granted the approval letter.

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