

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110002**

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

Part-I-Preliminary

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(ii) Date(s) of the visit	11 th and 12 th September, 2019																		
(iii) Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report	The Nominee of the NCTE did not attend. The Committee was informed that the university is not running any course under NCTE.																		

Part - II – Introduction

(i) Brief introduction of the University	St. Joseph University, Virgin Town,
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	(refer 1-1 of the format)	Ikishe Model Village ,Dimapur , Nagaland - 797 115, is a StatePrivate University Established Under Nagaland Govt.Act No.6 of 2016. The university is promoted by the registered Society of DMI Foundation, Tamil Nadu.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format)	December 19, 2016
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	St. Joseph University, Nagaland - has a green campus spread over 33 acres of land with easy accessibility to the airport and railway station within six kilometer distance. The university is equipped with necessary infrastructure, laboratories, computer labs, library and net connectivity conducive for higher learning.
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust Society that governs the University	The University is promoted by The Society of DMI Foundation, Tamil Nadu.

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)	Established by the Act of State Government of Nagaland vide Act No.06 of 2016 dated 19.12.2016
(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 Yes Not applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	The university is not running any off-campus centers.
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-Shore campuscentres Yes Not applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	The University is not running any off-Shore Campus.
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the	The University is not offering any course under distance mode.

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approval of competent authority of the Government of India?	
Yes No Not applicable	
(refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	The University is offering B.A (Hons.), B.Sc.(Hons.), M.A., M.Sc., B.Com(Hons.), BBA(Hons.), BSW(Hons.), BCA (Hons.), M.Com, MBA & B.Tech Courses
(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. The Engineering courses offered by the University is approved by AICTE.
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	Yes. Adequate facilities viz. Ramps are available. 20% tuition fee wavier is given to economically poor background students.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Prospective students are informed about the criteria for admission, rules & regulations and the facilities available through News Paper advertisements, Brochures, University Website, Hoardings and Counselling.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 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)	The Board of Studies (BoS) prepares the curriculum which is placed before the Academic Council for approval. Credit System is followed. Minimum three inter-disciplinary subjects are included. Besides, skill based enhancement courses, field visits, practical courses, internships, dissertation/project work are included.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	➤ External experts are invited to evaluate answers scripts. Only External Examiners assigned the work of evaluation of answer scripts ➤ Malpractice of any student is dealt seriously and the concerned examination of the student

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		is cancelled or further course of action is decided by the Malpractice Committee. ➤ The university follows continuous Internal Assessment. Two continuous assessment tests (CAT) are conducted for internal evaluation. ➤ Descriptive type questions for 16 Marks are included for all streams, 5 marks short answer type questions are included for Arts subjects and 2 marks short answer type questions are included for Science and Engineering subjects.
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D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	➤ Students are selected for admissions in order of merit of their academic record. ➤ A minimum qualifying marks is 40% for general category with 5% relaxation for reserved categories and PWD.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	The University follows the reservation policy of the State Govt.

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 follows its own policy for collecting fees as notified on the University Website.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	No complaints were brought into the notice of the Committee during the interaction with the students.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Can not give specific comment. However, appears to be reasonable.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	The fee structure is decided by the University itself.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains?	No such evidence found.



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F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	The University is giving the Basic Pay of 6 th Pay Commission with some allowances.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	The faculty is sufficient in numbers. But only some of them are Ph.D. and NET qualified.
(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 teachers have been appointed on permanent basis.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes, however, the Selection process should be more in consonance with the UGC Regulations issue from time to time.

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels	Yes Yes Yes. But needs augmentation. Needs up gradation. Yes Hostels capacity needs to be upgraded with more amenities.
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes. Supported by the Society.
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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	University should give more attention to research and extension activities by encouraging teachers and research scholars.
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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?	More technical staff needs to be recruited with prescribed qualifications and with appropriate salary. Proper training should be imparted periodically.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Found satisfactory. However, the external experts should be involved in setting up of question papers.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	Not yet.

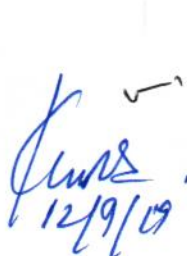
L. Strengths and Weakness of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	• The University is catering to the need of tribal people. More than 90% of the students belong to the reserve (ST) category. • The University has initiated research activities relevant to local/regional issues. • The Swacch Bharat campaign is being taken by the University in its spirit. • The University is commendably maintaining attendance record (showing over 80% of attendance of students). • The University has included skill enhancement courses in their academic programmes. • Good sports facilities exist.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	▪ Lacking in experienced faculty. ▪ Research facilities are not adequate

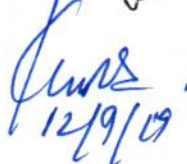
Part - IV- Recommendations

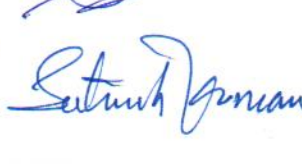
A. Observations of the Committee

- This is an upcoming University established in a remote region of North-East which has potential to grow.
- The University serves the cause of higher education of the tribal communities which predominantly represent the population of the State.
- The faculties of the University are young and energetic. However, they need exposure and mentoring.
- A very small percentage of faculties are Ph.D. degree holders.
- The participation of females in higher education is significantly observed in the University which is more than 50%.
- Academic infrastructure along with other amenities needs to be enhanced.
- The Bank / ATM facility is not available in the University.







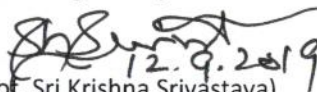


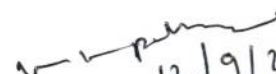
B. Suggestions of the Committee which require satisfactory compliance by the University

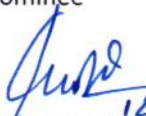
1. The University should take further initiatives for promotion of research and academic mobility by encouraging teachers with leave and financial assistance.
2. The University should establish Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and also Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).
3. The pay scale of teaching staff as well as non teaching staff should be re- structured and increased periodically.
4. The University should also adequately engage external experts in setting of question papers.
5. External experts should be invited from time to time to share their expertise for mentoring the faculty as well as students.
6. The Hostel facilities should be enhanced and should be equipped with basic amenities of proper sanitation, drinking water, common room and sufficient room space.
7. The library should be strengthened with adequate collection of books and more number of journals.
8. The campus should be made wi-fi enabled.
9. The University should take immediate steps in arranging banking/ATM facility in the campus.

C. Final Recommendations

After going through the relevant documents and in view of the physical verification of the infrastructure and other facilities, the Committee unanimously recommends that St. Joseph University, Virgin Town, Ikishe Model Village, Dimapur, Nagaland may be given necessary approval on compliance of the suggestions given by the Committee.


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