

Annexure-II

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
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PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT -  
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

Part - I - Preliminary

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| (i)   | Constitution of the Expert Committee                                                                                               | <p>1. Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli - Chairman<br/>Centre for East Asian Studies<br/>School of International Studies<br/>Jawaharlal Nehru University<br/>New Delhi-110067<br/>(011)-26704341/ 26704346 (O);<br/>9891385308 (M)</p> <p>2. Prof. Sudhir K. Jain - Member<br/>Department of Management Studies<br/>Indian Institute of Technology Delhi<br/>New Delhi-110016<br/>9810211681 (M)</p> <p>3. Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar - Member<br/>Department of Electronics and<br/>Communication Engineering<br/>National Institute of Technology Delhi<br/>Plot No. FA7, Zone P1, GT Karnal Road<br/>Delhi-110036<br/>9873853870 (M)</p> <p>4. Prof. Abhijeet Majumdar - Member<br/>Department of Textile and Fibre<br/>Engineering<br/>Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi Huaz<br/>Khas<br/>New Delhi- 110016</p> <p>5. Dr. Latha Kodagalli Channabasappa<br/>Education Officer<br/>University Grants Commission<br/>New Delhi<br/>UGC- Coordinator</p> |
| (ii)  | Date(s) of the visit                                                                                                               | 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| (iii) | Any other information<br>(Non-participation of members, any<br>special factor or situation/ difficulties<br>relevant to the report | NA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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## Part – II - Introduction

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| (i) Brief introduction of the University (refer 1.1 of the format) | <p>The UPL University of Sustainable Technology has been established by inclusion in the Schedule vide Section 3 (8) of Gujarat Private University Act 2009 (amended by Gujarat Act No.15 of 2021) which came into force on 1st June 2021, vide Notification No. GH/SH/81/EPU/ 2020/10012020/KH-I dated 2/6/2021 of Government of Gujarat. It is empowered to confer degrees under Section 22 of UGC Act 1956.</p> <p>The UPL University of Sustainable Technology has been established by Ankleshwar Rotary Education Society (ARES) to place Gujarat and India at one of the best education places of the World. The journey of UPL University of Sustainable Technology is started way back in 2011 with the establishment of Shroff S.R.Rotary Institute of Chemical Technology (SRICT) conducting UG (B.E.) courses in engineering in affiliation with GTU and approval of AICTE, New Delhi. The institute has also developed two special industry focused courses. They are (i) Chemical Technology having four different specializations viz. Pharmaceutical Technology, Dyes &amp; Pigments Technology, Polymer &amp; Rubber Technology, and Glass &amp; Ceramic Technology, (ii) Environmental Science &amp; Technology. Both the disciplines of the UG course have a perfect blend of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, and a concerned special Technology. For building as a research culture, the PG (M.E.) courses in Chemical and Mechanical Engineering were also started in 2015, followed by a PG (M.Sc.) course in Organic Chemistry in 2018 and that in Environmental Management in 2020. From 2021, University has also started Diploma Level Program (Chemical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Electrical Engineering &amp; Environment Engineering) and B.E. Computer Engineering. Both institutes are providing quality education in the field of Engineering and Science respectively. SRICT is one of the top engineering institutes of Gujarat and SRICT-ISR is one of the most favorite PG centers for M.Sc. in South Gujarat. Both the institutes are providing 100 % placement to all eligible students. ARES management has decided to start a Diploma Program in Information Technology and Post Graduate ( M.E.) Program in Electrical Engineering and UG program (B.Sc.) Microbiology from academic year 2022-23.</p> <p>From 2022, started Full time and part time Ph.D. Programs in Engineering, Science, Mathematics, Physics and English. Also motivating research scholars for Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research.</p> <p>The forte of the institute is its expertise in excellent teaching practices, industry connects, and job placement to all its eligible students. Research and consultancy in Environmental projects is another salient feature that has been cultivated by the management among faculty members in a relatively short span of time. Excellent</p> |
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|       |                                                                   | <p>academics and personal care of students have made them outshine, many others in the university exams with awards of University Gold Medals many times. We, at University, are also serving many industries via our Schedule-I Environmental Audit, Energy Audit, SS (Workplace Management), R &amp; D, Tailor-made Training Programs to Industries. We have NABL accredited Environmental lab, NBA Accredited Programs (BE Chemical Engineering, BE Environmental Science &amp; Technology and BE Mechanical Engineering). Shroff. S. R. Rotary Institute of Chemical Technology (SRICT) is accredited by NAAC with B++. SRICT is also awarded with 4Star (on a scale of 5) from Gujarat State Institutional Ranking Framework (GSIRF) in AY 2021 and 2022, and 5 Star in AY 2023-24.</p> <p>The institute developed a Centre of Excellence in Process Safety which provides consultancy to Industries for 3D Modelling, Qualitative &amp; Quantitative Risk Analysis Study, Process Hazard Identification, Safety Training, Certificate and Diploma courses to Students and Industry persons.</p> |
| (ii)  | Date of establishment of the University (refer 1.4 of the format) | 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| (iii) | Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses     | <p>Presently, University offers following programs at Diploma, UG, PG and Doctorate Level</p> <p><b>Shroff S.R.Rotary Institute of Chemical Technology (Engineering College since 2011)</b></p> <p><b>Diploma Programs</b><br/> Diploma Chemical Engineering<br/> Diploma Computer Engineering<br/> Diploma Information Technology<br/> Diploma Mechanical Engineering<br/> Diploma Electrical Engineering<br/> Diploma Environmental Engineering</p> <p><b>BE Programs</b><br/> BE Chemical Engineering<br/> BE Computer Engineering<br/> BE Information Technology<br/> BE Chemical Technology<br/> BE Mechanical Engineering<br/> BE Electrical Engineering<br/> BE Environmental Science &amp; Technology</p> <p><b>ME Programs</b><br/> ME Chemical Engineering<br/> ME Mechanical Engineering<br/> ME Electrical Engineering</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|      |                                                                    | <p>ME Environmental Management</p> <p><b>SRICT Institute of Science &amp; Research (Science College since 2018)</b><br/> B.Sc. (Hons.) Chemistry<br/> B.Sc. (Hons.) Microbiology<br/> M.Sc. Chemistry ( Regular)<br/> M.Sc. Chemistry ( Evening )</p> <p><b>Research &amp; Development</b><br/> Full Time Ph.D.<br/> Part Time Ph.D.</p> <p><b>PG Diploma</b><br/> Process Safety<br/> Instrumentation, Automation &amp; Robotics<br/> Environmental Compliance &amp; Sustainability</p> <p><b>Centre of Excellence in Process Safety</b><br/> <b>Post Graduate Diploma in Process Safety</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| (iv) | Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University | <p>Ankleshwar Rotary Education Society (ARES) is registered under Bombay Public Trust Act 1950 and The Society registration Act 1860.</p> <p>Ankleshwar Rotary Education Society is promoted by an International NGO, the Rotary Club of Ankleshwar, and strongly supported by the world-renowned Agrochemical doyen, UPL Ltd., the university is committed to work with a philanthropic approach to impart world class education to students in the fields of Science, Engineering, Technology, and Management. Using research in science and technology for building a sustainable future for all and developing youth power of India through skill development for good employment is the vision of the university. The university moving ahead in this direction with an unassuming support from other industries, such as Sajjan India Ltd., Zydus Cadila, GRP Ltd, BEIL Infrastructure Ltd., Gharda Chemicals, Colourtex Ltd., and many others in Bharuch District.</p> <p><b>Aims and objective of ARES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To carry on activities for the promotion of education and physical and cultural training keeping in view of the objectives of the Rotary international and without making any difference or distinction of caste, creed and/or religion.</li> <li>• To carry on activities for promotion of health, hunger and humanity and to fight poverty, Illiteracy and hunger, keeping in view of the objectives of, the Rotary international and without Making difference or distinction of caste, creed and/or religion.</li> <li>• To carry on public youth activities for the promotion of sports, education by way of healthy competition and humanitarian activities for all people belonging to all religions without making any difference or distinction of caste, creed and / or religion.</li> <li>• To carry on activities for the promotion of friendship, brother-hood and knowledge without</li> </ul> |

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|  |  | <p>making difference or distinction of caste, creed and/or religion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To carry on activities for bringing mass awareness among the public in general of their duties as good citizens without making any difference or distinction of caste, creed and/or religion.</li> <li>• To carry on activities for the promotion of education and research concerning the Ankleshwar and Bharuch region in particular and Gujarat State and India, in general, without making any difference or distinction of caste, creed and/or religion.</li> <li>• To carry on other public charitable activities without making any difference or distinction of caste, creed and/or religion.</li> <li>• To create infrastructure to facilitate society to meet aims and objectives of the Society.</li> <li>• The basic academic philosophy of the Ankleshwar Rotary Education Society is to focus on Education in Engineering, Science, Management and Sustainable Technology.</li> <li>• Financial support to the students from economically weaker family through its Scholarship Scheme.</li> <li>• Felicitate students for their achievements in university exams as well as state and national level competitions</li> </ul> <p>Presently, Ankleshwar Education Society is managing UPL University of Sustainable Technology. UPL University of Sustainable Technology, the first university of Bharuch District, is a unique seat of Higher Education located amidst industries – small and big – near Ankleshwar, one of the biggest hubs of process industry in India. Recently established as a University but adequately experienced in technical education as a GTU affiliated Engineering College by the name Shroff. S. R. Rotary Institute of Chemical Technology (SRICT), UPL University of Sustainable Technology is committed to industry focused education.</p> |
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### Part – III – Summary Report

#### **A. Legal Status**

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

#### **B. Organization Description**

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

**C. Academic Activities**

|       |                                                                                                                     |                              |
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| (i)   | Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse?                                  | Yes, Diverse                 |
| (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?<br>(refer 4.5 of format) | Yes, Ramp and Lift facility. |
| (vi)  | Are the students adequately informed?<br>(refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)                                          | Yes                          |
| (vii) | Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly?                                              | Yes                          |

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|        | (refer 4.9 of the format)                                                                                                                          |      |
| (viii) | Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?<br><br>(refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format) | Yes  |
| (ix)   | How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?<br>(refer 5.7 to 5.14)                                                                | Yes, |

#### D. Admission Process

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| (i)  | Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?<br>(refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format) | Yes                     |
| (ii) | Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?                                          | As per the state policy |

#### E. Fee Structure

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| (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? | No  |
| (iii) | Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?                                                                   | Yes |
| (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

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| (i)   | Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?                                                                        | Yes |
| (ii)  | Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses?<br>(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? | Yes |
| (iv)  | Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?                                                                                       | Yes |

#### G. Infrastructure

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| (i) | Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Land and Buildings</li> <li>&gt; Class Rooms</li> <li>&gt; Laboratories and equipment</li> <li>&gt; Library</li> <li>&gt; Sports facilities</li> <li>&gt; Residential accommodation including hostels</li> </ul> | Yes |
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#### H. Financial Viability

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| (i) | Does the University have adequate and independent funds? | Yes |
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#### I. Governance System

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| (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

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| (i) | How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilities and output?<br><br>(please give comments separately on faculties and departments) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research work is going on but it needs to be strengthened more.</li> <li>• Faculties are appointed as per the sanctioned strength</li> <li>• Active Faculties with PhD and some are pursuing</li> <li>• Departments are established.</li> </ul> |
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#### K. Miscellaneous

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| (i)   | Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned State Government? | Yes |
| (ii)  | Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?     | Yes |
| (iii) | Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?                                             | Yes |

#### L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

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| (i)  | Strengths of the University  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location is rural which attract rural crowd</li> <li>• Motivated faculties handling rural crowd with good placement.</li> <li>• Supportive Management.</li> <li>• Supporting local employers business</li> </ul> |
| (ii) | Weaknesses of the University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission number is limited because of the rural location.</li> <li>• Though placement records are good, comparatively package is less.</li> </ul>                                                               |

#### Part – IV – Recommendations

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**A. Observations of the Committee:**

1. UPL University of sustainable technology has been established by Ankleshwar Rotary Education Society (ARES), Gujarat.
2. The journey of UPL University of Sustainable Technology is started way back in 2011 with the establishment of Shroff S.R. Rotary Institute of Chemical Technology (SRICT) conducting UG (B.E.) courses in engineering in affiliation with GTU and approval of AICTE, New Delhi.
3. Infrastructure is adequate with Library, sports facilities, hostel, transportation for both faculty and students, EPF, RO water facility, CCTV enabled campus, Biogas plant which generates energy for kitchen.
4. All departments have adequate number of systems, equipment/instruments and required software. Language lab is modestly functional.
5. Statutory bodies/committees are in place.
6. Good hostel facilities for both boys and girls with gym and indoor games are available.
7. Website is updated and active.
8. Campus stay training specially for tribal, skill enhancement program with job opportunity is provided.
9. Placement Cell, Medical Facility, Safety Office, Feedback System, Common Room Facility etc. are available; NSS, Summer Projects etc. are in practice.
10. Professor of Practice system is operational.
11. Financial Assistance to students from Economically Weaker Section Families is available.
12. System of Cash awards for good performance in Exams, UPL Gold Medal, University Gold Medal etc. is in place.
13. Financial Assistance for Projects / Participation in Conferences and State/National level competitions is provided.
14. Stipend to PG students and Fellowship to Full-time Ph.D. students is provided.
15. Book Bank Facility for poor students and Hostel Facility for Economically Weaker Section Students is available.

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16. Internship and Placement Assistance are in place.
17. Faculty centric policies like Pair/Peer Learning Awards and Performance Appraisal are in place.
18. Career Advancement / Promotion Policy and Support for Paper Presentation / Publication at National and International Level are in place.
19. Industrial Training (Paid) and Support for Higher Education – Ph.D., STTP/ Workshop/FDP, etc., are in place.
20. Health Insurance of Family and Coverage of Personal Accident is in place.
21. Profit Sharing in Consultancy is in place. Special Leave during serious health issues and 3-month paid Maternity Leave for female staff is given. Full salary was paid to all staff during the Pandemic.
22. Interaction with students and alumni revealed positive remarks about the Institute.
23. Teaching staff and non-teaching staff interaction was also satisfactory.

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

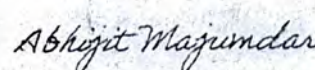
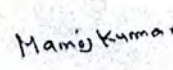
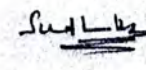
1. Non-Ph.D. faculty members should be encouraged and incentivized for completing doctoral degree at the earliest.
2. All faculty members should be encouraged and incentivized for research publications in high impact factor journals.
3. Course backlog system may be reviewed, and summer semester system may be introduced suitably so as to prevent loss of year to students having backlog courses for whatever reasons.
4. Library should be kept open for longer hours and all 7-days in a week, except on major festivals and national holidays and A Medical Centre should be made functional with essential facilities, including Emergency attendance system.
5. Pure drinking water (RO) system should be installed at various well-identified locations and depending on the power disruption scenario, back-up power generation system should be in place effectively with essential emergency power supply to the faculty rooms, classrooms, labs, offices etc.

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6. All minutes of meetings, such as IQAC, EC and AC, should be uploaded on the university website and updated regularly.
7. The number of full-time Ph.D. scholars should be increased. Furthermore, they should be actively involved in the development of departmental laboratories.
8. Basic labs should have an increased number of kits/setup, and advanced tools, including simulators, and should also be well utilized.
9. Indoor and outdoor sports facilities should be improved, with good opportunity and encouragement to shy/introvert students.
10. The number of faculty rooms is currently limited and should be increased and more emphasis should be given to the quality of publications by faculty and scholars.
11. The ratio of Professors to Assistant Professor is very low. Efforts should be made to make it more balanced and Teaching feedback should be analyzed year-wise (1st to 4th year of B.Tech. programs and so on) and department-wise and a benchmark should be developed.
12. In the Chemical Technology laboratories, sophisticated equipment like DSC, TGA, X-ray, Rheometer, computerized color matching etc. can be explored in the long term through research projects.

### C. Final Recommendations

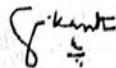
   



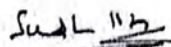
After perusal of all records , evaluation , interaction with students, alumni , faculties, non-teaching staff and Employers through virtual inspection the committee unanimously recommends that UPL University of Sustainable Technology, at & PO Vataria, Taluka Valia, District Bharuch, Gujarat ( State Private University) fullfills the criteria in terms of programmes, faculty , infrastructural facilities , financial viability etc, as per Section 13 of UGC Act,1956.

(Name and Signatures of the Expert Committee Members)

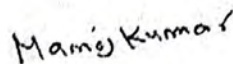
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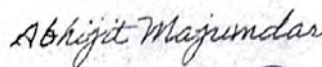
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