**Annexure-II**

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION**
**BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG**
**NEW DELHI-110 002**

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

### Part – I - Preliminary

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| (i) | Constitution of the Expert Committee | Sr. No | Name of the Expert | Designation |
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| (ii) | Date(s) of the visit | **6th and 7th November 2025** | | |
| (iii) | Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/ difficulties relevant to the report | All members were present. | | |

**Part – II - Introduction**

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| (i) | Brief introduction of the University<br>(refer 1.1 of the format) | The Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM) University, promoted by the Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM), is situated in Vallabh Vidyanagar-Anand, a region famously associated with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known as the "Iron Man of India," and the iconic Statue of Unity near the Narmada Dam reservoir..<br>On the strong foundation of CVM, the Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM) University was established in 2019 through the merger of 16+ institutions (with a rich history and legacy of more than 70 years) under the Gazette notification of The Gujarat State Private Universities Act (Second Amendment) 2019. |

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| | | Spanning over 650+ acres, the campus hosts 19+ institutions under 10 faculties, and accommodates over 10,000 students from India, across 06 + states. These students partake in the educational heritage of the region.<br>At present, CVM University leads and innovates education across the following faculties:<br>• **Faculty of Engineering and Technology**<br>• **Faculty of Commerce, Management & Law**<br>• **Faculty of Science**<br>• **Faculty of Education**<br>• **Faculty of Arts**<br>• **Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences**<br>• **Faculty of Ayurvedic Medicine**<br>• **Faculty of Nursing**<br>• **Faculty of Homeopathy**<br>• **Faculty of Physiotherapy** |
| (ii) | Date of establishment of the University<br>(refer 1.4 of the format) | 25th September 2019 |
| (iii) | Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses | At present the university has 10 Faculties and 105 Programs out of which are 53 Undergraduate and are 52 Postgraduate programs. |
| (iv) | Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University | Inspired by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Shri Bhailalbhai Patel, a distinguished engineer affectionately known as Bhaikaka, and Shri Bhikhabhai Patel, a revered educationist popularly referred to as Bhikhabhai Saheb, made a firm resolve to establish a center of learning in a region once dominated by highwaymen. Generous farmers donated land for the establishment of educational institutions.<br><br>The inception of Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM) took place on the eve of Independence when the visionary ideals of Sardar Patel were embraced with great enthusiasm by Bhaikaka and Bhikhabhai Saheb. On March 3, 1945, they sat down to draft a plan for an educational township, Vidyanagar, which was later renamed Vallabh Vidyanagar as a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.<br><br>Vallabh Vidyanagar became not only the first planned university township of independent India but also a comprehensive hub of higher education, providing schools and colleges across all major academic disciplines. In just three years (from 1947 to 1950), three institutions were established: Vitthalbhai Patel Mahavidyalaya (Arts and Science), Birla Vishwakarma Mahavidyalaya (Engineering), and Bhikhabhai Jivabhai Vanijya Mahavidyalaya (Commerce).<br><br>Over its 77-year journey, Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM) continues to stand tall, nurturing future generations from kindergarten to postgraduate studies (KG to PG) and PhD programs. Charutar Vidya Mandal nurtures and educates over 35,000 students in Vallabh Vidyanagar each year, with a vast alumni network of more than 1 million individuals across the globe, who actively contribute to the university's infrastructure and uphold its core values. CVM boasts a vibrant alumni community of over 1 million individuals |

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| | | worldwide, who actively contribute to the university's infrastructure and uphold its core values. With 77 years of leadership, the campus is equipped with world-class research facilities and state-of-the-art infrastructure, earning recognition from intellectual and scientific communities across the globe. |

## 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) | The Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM) University has been established under the Gujarat Private Universities (Second Amendment) Act 2019 (Gujarat Act No. 20 of 2019). The amended Act came into effect vide the Notification No GH/SH/82/EPU/2019/1025/KH-1 Dated 25th September 2019. First Statute of the CVM University. Notification dated 11/09/2024. |
| (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, as informed, the Charutar Vidya Mandal Trust is sufficiently involved in promoting the University and focussed on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest. |

### 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) | Not applicable. The university does not have any off-campus centres. |
| (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) | Not applicable. The university does not have any offshore centres. |
| (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) | Not applicable. The university does not offer any courses under distance mode at present. |

### C. Academic Activities

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| (i) | Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focussed or adequately diverse? | The courses offered by The Charutar Vidya Mandal University are adequately diverse from commerce management, Arts, Law, engineering, Fine Arts, Education, Pharmacy, Ayurveda and Allied medical health sciences. |
| (ii) | Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956? | Yes, the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. |
| (iii) | Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC? | Yes, the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC. |
| (iv) | Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)? | Yes, all the courses which falls under the statutory councils are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s). However the approval are in the name of the constituent Institutions and not in the name of the university. |
| (v) | Are there adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students?<br>(refer 4.5 of format) | Yes, the university supports the SC/ST students and in addition the meritorious students as well. |
| (vi) | Are the students adequately informed?<br>(refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format) | Yes, the students are adequately informed through university website www.cvmu.edu.in, university social media handles and promotion through printed materials and counselling at educational fairs. |
| (vii) | Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly?<br>(refer 4.9 of the format) | Yes, the university has a Grievance Redressal Committee and has appointed the Ombudsperson. Grievance Redressal Mechanism is through an online portal and mobile App and the same is working. |
| (viii) | Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?<br>(refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format) | Yes, the university has a robust curriculum design process which ensure the active participation of faculty, students, alumni, industry and academic experts from reputed institutions and other relevant stakeholders. The university revise and update its curriculum periodically. The curriculum was last revised in the year 2022. |
| (ix) | How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?<br>(refer 5.7 to 5.14) | The university has a very fair and transparent examination system. The university follows continuous evaluation system and end semester/ year examinations. Examination Papers are being set by external experts and the end term/ year answer books have also been sent for external evaluations. Further the university also offers scrutiny of answer books by students for a fair and transparent conduct. |

**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) | • For Faculty of Science, Arts, Education, Commerce & Management, Students are admitted based on their Academic Records.<br>• For Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Pharmaceutical Sciences and MBA students are admitted through ACPC (Admission Committee for Professional |

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| | | Courses, Govt. of Gujarat) and vacant seats after 3 rounds of counselling are filled by The CVMU University based on merit.<br>• For Faculty of Ayurvedic Medicine students are admitted through ACPMEC (Admission Committee for Professional Medical Educational Courses, Govt. of Gujarat)<br>• Ph.D. students are admitted based on their Performance in Entrance Test followed by research proposal Presentation before expert committee.<br>• BE, B. Pharm, B.Sc Nursing, BPT GUJCET (Common non-Entrance Test conducting by Gujarat Secondary Education Board)<br>• M. Pharm-GPAT/CET BAMS and BHMS - NEET |
| (ii) | Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy? | Yes, as per Govt. of Gujarat norms. |

**E. Fee Structure**

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| (i) | Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable? | Yes, the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable as instructed by Fee Regulatory Committee, Govt. of Gujarat and as per the directives of UGC. |
| (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, only exam form charges are collected as approved by Fee Regulatory committee, Govt. of Gujarat. |
| (iii) | Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts? | Yes, the university totally collect its fee through electronic transactions and Demand Drafts, no other means or cash is entertained.<br>No there are no as such any complaint regarding payment without receipts intact after the online submission of fee the automatic receipt gets generated through ERP. |
| (iv) | Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions? | The university endorse the mandate of Fee Regulatory committee, Govt. of Gujarat and charge fee fixed by the Fee Regulatory committee after physical inspection in majority of the programs. |
| (v) | Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government? | Yes, as the Govt. of Gujarat has Fee Regulatory committee for most of the programs. |
| (vi) | Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primarily for commercial gains? | No, The Charutar Vidya Mandal is a Public Trust. The university/trust aims to educate rural youth at nominal costs and generously providing scholarships to the needy students. Therefore, it seems that their aim is not solely or primarily for commercial gains. |

**F. Faculty**

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| (i) | Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC? | The University follows 6th pay commission along with 151% Dearness allowance and all other benefits like PF and Gratuity for all its employees. |
| (ii) | Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department) | The faculty members are well qualified as per respective council or UGC norms and experienced, however the committee observed that some of the faculty members are not having PhD so it is recommended to recruit the PhD faculty or the existing faculty members should undergo the PhD program at the earliest. |
| (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 is adequate to run the offered programs. |
| (iv) | Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty? | The university follows due process for faculty recruitment and follows the UGC defined eligibility criteria and directives for the faculty recruitment. |

## G. Infrastructure

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| (i) | Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate?<br>➢ Land and Buildings<br>➢ Class Rooms<br>➢ Laboratories and equipment<br>➢ Library<br>➢ Sports facilities<br>➢ Residential accommodation including hostels | ➢ Yes, all the following mentioned facilities in terms of Land and Buildings, Classrooms, Laboratories and equipment, Library, Sports facilities and Residential accommodation including hostels of students are found adequate. |

## H. Financial Viability

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| (i) | Does the University have adequate and independent funds? | The University have adequate and independent funds |

## 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, the various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the University are in place and working regularly and properly. |

## 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>(please give comments separately on faculties and departments) | The university aspires to be known as a research-intensive university and is gradually moving in that direction. The present statistics of received grants, published research papers, books and patents depicts the **university's** aspiration for the same. Moreover, the university has very recently published its research policy has approved to spend Rupees 10 Crores annually during the calendar year to build a smart research ecosystem. They have got projects from ISRO, GSBTM, DST, SSIP and AICTE Idea Lab grants as well. |

## 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, the non-teaching staff is adequately recruited in numbers and as per the sate Govt. norms. Moreover, they have been trained and sensitised time to time for their upskilling. |
| (ii) | Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees? | Yes, the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees. |
| (iii) | Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations? | The university obtained 4- and 5-Star rankings from Gujarat State Institutional Rankings for some of its colleges, 5 progra under Faculty of Engineering and Technology are NBA accredited and in future the university aspires to obtain the coveted NAAC, NIRF, THE and QS rankings. |

## L. Strength and Weaknesses of the University

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| (i) | Strengths of the University | • Deep rooted 80+ years of legacy of the sponsoring trust in educational excellence since Pre Independence.<br>• Wide spectrum of UG, PG, and PhD programs across multiple faculties i.e. engineering, science, ayurveda, management, education to arts<br>• Well qualified and experienced pool of faculty and staff members supported by modern Infrastructure, Smart classrooms, well-equipped labs, libraries, and sports facilities with emphasis on research, innovation, and academic excellence.<br>• Green, peaceful, and pollution-free campus, safe & student-friendly environment. |

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| (ii) | Weaknesses of the University | • Many of the faculty members are not having Ph.D.<br>• Less number of students in management programs due to shifting priorities of students and employment opportunities.<br>• Required to strengthen research ecosystem and good number of publications.<br>• Encourage students to participate in other extracurricular activities, sports and youth festivals for holistic development.<br>• Students from outside the State are less in number presently. |

**Part – IV – Recommendations**

**A. Observations of the Committee**

1. The Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM) University has been established under the Gujarat Private Universities (Second Amendment) Act 2019(Gujarat Act No. 20 of 2019). The amended Act came into effect vide the Notification no. H/SH/82/EPU/2019/1025/KH-1 Dated 25th September 2019.
2. The university is unitary in nature. It has no off-campus/off-shore campus. It is not providing any programme through distance mode (as informed by the university during the virtual visit).
3. The university has good physical and digital infrastructure providing an enhanced learning experience to students and faculty.
4. The university follows the UGC guidelines for public self-disclosure.
5. The university is multidisciplinary having School of Engineering & Technology, Faculty of Management, Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of education, Faculty of Nursing, Faculty of Pharmacy etc.
6. The university being situated in the rural part provides for good academic avenues to the rural students.
7. University follows the 6th CPC with 151% Dearness allowance and other benefits like PF and Gratuity.
8. The University recognizes the need to enhance to strengthen research ecosystem and good number of publications and is actively investing in the faculty development, research infrastructure, and collaboration opportunities to enhance research output.
9. University is facing a shift in the students' inflow from management programmes. Less students are opting for these courses now.

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

a) The university should strive for continued and phased strengthening of NEP 2020 initiatives.
b) The website of the institution must be updated regularly.

c) The university should make the preparation to get the accreditation in due course of time by the concerned accreditation agency.
d) University should follow University Grants Commission (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018.
e) The university should strive for capacity building of the teachers for enhancing their qualifications such as having a Ph.D.
f) The university should gain on its strength of being a good academic institution in the rural settings.

## C. Final Recommendations

The university has a vast campus with multiple constituent institutions having good physical infrastructure and adequate faculty thus providing it with a potential to transform itself into a quality institution. The committee recommends that the Charutar Vidya Mandal University is complying to the laid down norms and standards and should comply to the suggestions made by the Committee based on the information, photographic and videographic evidence provided by it during the virtual visit.

**(Name and Signatures of the Expert Committee Members)**

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Chairperson

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