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

**MINUTES OF THE 581ST MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS
COMMISSION HELD ON 25TH JUNE, 2024.**

The 581st Meeting of the Commission was held on 25th June, 2024 in which the following were present:

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

*Ms. Rina Sonowal Kouli, Joint Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Education (MoE) represented Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

Shri Sridhar Vembu, CEO and Founder, Zoho Foundation, 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

- Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice-Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.
- Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi.

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** To confirm the minutes of the 580th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 15th May, 2024.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)** To receive the action taken on the minutes of the 580th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 15th May, 2024.

Noted.

[Action: JS (Admn.)]

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

- (i) To report the inclusion of 67 more colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.05.2024 to 31.05.2024, as per the decision of the Commission dated 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

[Action: DS (CPP-I/Colleges)]

- (ii) To report the assigning of Unique Identification Numbers to Regulations issued from time to time.

Noted.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

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- (iii) To report the action taken regarding scholarships to GPAT-qualified students pursuing M. Pharm.

Noted.

[Action: JS(SA)]

- (iv) Mandatory registration for ODL/Online Learner on DEB Portal through unique DEB ID.

The agenda was thoroughly discussed, with relevant suggestions provided. These suggestions have been approved for implementation and inclusion in the proposed regulations.

[Action: JS(DEB)]

- (v) To report the following

1. Framework for Universities to Conduct Examinations and Re-examinations for SWAYAM Courses.
2. Steps for adopting MOOCs through the SWAYAM Platform (www.swayam.gov.in) for Universities & Colleges.

- **Noted.**
- **A few suggestions proposed in the framework.**

[Action: DS(SWAYAM)]

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)**

1.04 To approve the Annual Accounts of UGC for the financial year 2023-24.

Considered and approved.

[Action: Financial Advisor)]

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SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** Introduction of Ayurveda Biology as a separate subject in the UGC-National Eligibility Test.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (NET)]

- 2.02** To consider the policy on sharing the scores of UGC-NET with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), or other organizations for their recruitment/admission.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (NET)]

- 2.03** To consider the continuation of UGC schemes during the financial year 2024-25.

Considered and approved with the following:

- (a) The scheme ‘Establishment of Centre’s in Universities for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy’ listed at S.No.1 of Annexure-II be renamed as ‘Establishment of Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion in Universities’**
- (b) In Annexure-II, the heading ‘List of schemes for the settlement of accounts regarding financial commitments already made and for disbursal of fellowships/scholarship in respect of selections made earlier’ be renamed as ‘List of schemes for the settlement of accounts regarding financial commitments already made and for disbursal of fellowships/scholarships/establishment expenditure in respect of the selections/appointments made earlier’**

- (c) In Annexure-II, the schemes listed at S.No.2,9 and 14 under the heading 'List of the UGC schemes to be continued during Financial Year 2024-25' be listed under the heading 'List of schemes for the settlement of accounts regarding financial commitments already made and for disbursal of fellowships/scholarships/establishment expenditure in respect of the selections/appointments made earlier' after s.no.20:

21. Women's Studies in Higher Education Institutions

22. Faculty Recharge Programme (FRP)

23. Human Resource Development Centres (HRDCs)

- (d) The recommendations of the UGC Expert Committee that reviewed the performance of the Residential Coaching Academies (S.No.12 of Annexure-II: list of the UGC Schemes to be continued during Financial Year 2024-25) and action taken thereon were approved.

- (e) Proposal(s) for Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), wherever required, may be prepared in consultation with the Ministry of Education.

[Action: JS (CPP-II)]

- 2.04** To consider the application received from Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur under UGC (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018.

Considered and approved.

[Action: DS (CU)]

- 2.05** To consider the recommendations made by the 'Standing Committee to Examine the Anomalous Cases for Non-Teaching Posts' to resolve the anomaly cases of non-teaching staff of Central Universities held on 24th May, 2024.

Considered and approved.

[Action: DS (JCRC)]

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- 2.06** To consider and approve the report of the Expert Committee constituted to determine Land Requirements for Higher Education Institutions.

Considered and approved.

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

- 2.07** To consider the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Operationalization of the National Credit Framework (NCrF) in Higher Education, Vocational Education Training and Skilling (VETS) and School Education.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS (QIP)]

- 2.08** To consider the recommendations made in the 69th, 70th and 71st meetings of the Standing Committee held on 30th April, 1st May 2024, 27th, 28th May 2024 and 9th June 2024 for grant of conferment/extension of autonomous status to the colleges.

Considered and approved.

[Action: DS (AC)]

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There is no item in this section)

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

(There is no item in this section)

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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 To consider the revision of Sitting Fee for experts attending UGC meetings.

Considered and approved.

[Action: Financial Advisor]

7.02 To consider the report of the Expert Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC for virtual inspection to consider the application submitted for conferment of Deemed to be University under Distinct Category in the name of Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth, Suraram, Hyderabad under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

(Prof. Manish Ratnakar Joshi)
Secretary

(Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar)
Chairman