

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

**MINUTES OF THE 548TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2020.**

The 548th Meeting of the Commission was held on 9th September, 2020 in which the following were present:

1. Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh	Chairman
2. Dr. Bhushan Keshav Patwardhan	Vice Chairman
3. Shri Amit Khare	Member
4. Shri Rajeev Ranjan	Member
5. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari	Member
6. Dr. Uma Chandrashekhar Vaidya,	Member
7. Dr. Kiran Hazarika	Member
8. Prof. (Dr.) Nagesh Thakur	Member
9. Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav	Member
10. Prof. E. Suresh Kumar	Member
11. Prof. M.K. Sridhar	Member
12. Dr. Shivaraj	Member

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Rajnish Jain

SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** (i) To confirm the Minutes of the 547th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 29th May, 2020.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- (ii) To confirm the Minutes of the Agenda (by e-circulation on 8th July, 2020) of the University Grants Commission

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)** (i) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 547th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 29th May, 2020.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- (ii) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the Agenda (by e-circulation on 8th July, 2020) of the University Grants Commission.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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

- (i) To report the extension of accreditation granted to Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission to conduct Himachal Pradesh-SET for a further period of one year, i.e., till 13.06.2021 due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Ratified.

[Action: JS(NET)]

- (ii) To report the inclusion of 69 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.03.2020 to 31.08.2020 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Ratified.

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

- (iii) To report the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Commission with regard to approval of institutions under Sections 2(f), 12 (B) and compliance under Section 13 of the UGC Act, 1956.

Considered and approved.

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

- (iv) To consider and ratify the decisions of the Standing Committee on Autonomous Colleges for grant of fresh/ extension of autonomous status to colleges.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(AC)]

- 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)**

SECTION-2

(MATTERS RELATING TO STANDARDS)

- 2.01** To consider the recommendations of the Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) on the Spot and online/virtual visits undertaken by the Expert Committee duly constituted by the EEC to assess the readiness of private institutions recommended for Institutions of Eminence.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(IoE)]

- 2.02** To consider the recommendations of the Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) on (i) Establishment of new off-campus by Institutions of Eminence (IoE), and (ii) Continuation of Work Integrated Learning Programme (WILP) by BITS, Pilani.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **Further, the Commission approved the recommendations of the Empowered Expert Committee to allow BITS, Pilani to continue with its WILP Programme. However, BITS, Pilani will have to strictly comply with the UGC Guidelines in this regard as and when issued.**

[Action: JS(IoE)]

2.03

To consider the UGC (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through SWAYAM) Regulations, 2020.

Considered and approved.

[Action: JS(SWAYAM)]

2.04

To consider the requests of Govt. of Odisha, Govt. of West Bengal, IGNOU and Govt. of Meghalaya for extension of time for conducting final semester/ year UG and PG examination beyond 30.09.2020.

- **Considered and approved.**
- **Also considered and approved the request received from Punjab Government.**
- **Chairman, UGC is authorized for decision on such requests from other States.**

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

2.05

To consider the report of the UGC Expert Committee constituted to examine (i) Action Plan about improving the quality of research & publications, and innovations (ii) Performance and Academic Outcomes of Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE) (Deemed to be University), Sardarshahr, Dt. Churu, Rajasthan.

The Commission considered the reports of the UGC Expert Committees. The Commission was also briefed about some uniqueness and rural focus of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE) (Deemed to be University), Sardarshahr, Dt. Churu, Rajasthan.

IASE is Conceptualized as a Rural University. It is located amidst the Thar desert in rural area, providing education to rural and women population. It offers courses in the field of Education, Hindi, History, Life Sciences and Geography and Management; and indigenous knowledge systems like Ayurveda and value based education. It also supports rural welfare activities and provide rural exposure to students and teachers.

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Taking into consideration the above, the Commission resolved to recommend continuation of Deemed to be University status to Institute of Advanced Studies in Education (IASE), Sardarshahr, Dt. Churu, Rajasthan.

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

- 2.06** To consider the recommendations of the UGC Standing Committee constituted to consider the proposals received from Institutions Deemed to be Universities for starting new course(s)/ programme(s)/ department(s)/ Faculty (ies)/school(s).

Considered and approved.

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

SECTION-3

(REFERENCE FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER NATIONAL BODIES)

(There is no item in this section)

SECTION-4

(SPECIAL PROGRAMMES, QUALITY PROGRAMMES ETC)

- 4.01** To consider the document on “Good Academic Research Practices”.

The Commission considered and approved the document on “Good Academic Research Practices”, and it was resolved that Good Academic Research Practices given in the document may be adopted by the Universities/Colleges to promote academic integrity and ethics.

[Action: JS(QIP)]

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 UGC

Recorded Separately.

[Action: JS(Admn)]

**(Prof. Rajnish Jain)
Secretary**

**(Prof. Dhirendra Pal Singh)
Chairman**