

CONFIDENTIAL

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

**MINUTES OF THE 549TH MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER, 2020.**

The 549th Meeting of the Commission was held on 22nd October, 2020 in which the following were present:

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

Shri Amit Khare, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation.

The following officer of the UGC also attended the meeting:

Secretary

Prof. Rajnish Jain

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SECTION-1

- 1.01(a)** (i) To confirm the Minutes of the 548th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 9th September, 2020.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- (ii) To confirm the Minutes of the Emergent meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 21st September, 2020.

The minutes were confirmed.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- 1.01(b)** (i) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the 548th meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 9th September, 2020.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

- (ii) To receive the action taken on the Minutes of the Emergent meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 21st September, 2020.

Noted.

[Action: JS(Admn.)]

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

- (i) To report the inclusion of 40 Colleges (as approved by the Chairman, UGC) under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 between 01.09.2020 to 30.09.2020 as per authorization given by the Commission at its meeting held on 24.08.2011.

Reported.

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

- (ii) To report the acquisition of the land for Inter University Centre for Yogic Sciences (IUC-YS), Bengaluru.

Reported. The Commission appreciated the generous contribution of land made by S-VYASA and Bangalore University to IUC-YS, Bengaluru.

[Action: JS (IUC)]

- 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 Continuation of UGC Schemes Beyond 30/09/2020.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

- 2.02 To consider the issues related to Work Integrated Learning Program (WILP) offered by Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Deemed to be University, Pilani (Rajasthan)

The matter was considered and it was resolved that:

1. Commission members may give their suggestions on the 'Guidelines for Work Integrated Learning Program (WILP)' within one week.
2. Chairman, UGC was authorized to approve the 'Guidelines for WILP'.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

- 2.03** To consider Guidelines for Dissection and Animal Experimentation in Education and Research.

Withdrawn.

[Action: JS(CPP-II)]

- 2.04** To consider the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted to look/re-examine the matter of audit observation captioned "Excess payment and undue financial benefit to Dr. Neelima Mondal, Associate Professor of Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Considered and Approved.

[Action: JS(CU)]

- 2.05** To consider revision of Guidelines/Schemes of Fellowships/ Scholarships related to Teachers and Students.

The matter was considered and it was resolved that:

- 1. Commission members may give their suggestions on revision of Guidelines/Schemes of Fellowships/ Scholarships related to Teachers and Students within one week.**
- 2. Chairman of the Committee will finalise the Guidelines in consultation with other Committee members upon receiving suggestions from the Commission members**
- 3. Chairman, UGC was authorized to approve the Guidelines/Schemes of Fellowships/Scholarships.**

Action: JS(SA)]

- 2.06** To consider amendment in UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019.

Considered and approved. It was further resolved that:

- 1. Proposed amendments in UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019 be legally vetted.**
- 2. Chairman, UGC was authorized to finalize the Amendments in UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019.**

[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 recommendations of the Search Committee for appointment of Director, Inter University Centre for Astronomy & Astrophysics' (IUCAA), Pune.

Considered and approved. Prof. Somak Raychaudhury may be appointed as Director, Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune.

[Action: JS(IUC)]

- 4.02** To consider the recommendations of the Search Committee for appointment of Director, UGC-DAE Consortium for Scientific Research, Indore.

Considered and approved. Prof. Amlan Jyoti Pal may be appointed as Director, UGC-DAE Consortium for Scientific Research, Indore.

[Action: JS(IUC)]

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SECTION-5

(GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES)

- 5.01** To consider the request of V.C., Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), Belur Math, Howrah for fixed maintenance grant amounting to Rs. 10.00 Cr.

In the light of the Ministry of Education letter dated 06.10.2020, the Commission considered and resolved to give fixed annual maintenance grant amounting to Rs.10.00 crore or the actual expenditure on regular staff as on date whichever is less beginning with the financial year 2020-21, to Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), Belur Math, Howrah.

[Action: JS(DU)]

SECTION-6

(MISCELLANEOUS)

(Any other item)

The Ministry of Education (MoE) letter No.F.8-1/2019-U.I, dated 22nd October, 2020 regarding STRIDE was discussed. It was agreed that as communicated by the MoE, action may be taken by UGC in respect of STRIDE, for its implementation.

[Action: JS(STRIDE)]

(Prof. Rajnish Jain)
Secretary

(Prof. Dharendra Pal Singh)
Chairman

Date : 26.10.2020

Place : UGC, New Delhi