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## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION NEW DELHI

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD FROM 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2004 AND 22<sup>ND</sup> TO 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2004 FOR SCREENING THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY STATUS

As per Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 the Central Government may, on the advise of the Commission, declare by notification in the Official Gazette that any institution for higher education other than University shall be a Deemed to be University. Under this provision, the Commission receives proposals from various institutions for according them the status of Deemed to be University. In the last 2 years, the proposals received from various institutions were kept pending for want of revised guidelines for conferring the status of Deemed to be University. However, the Commission in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2004 while considering new gu. lines for Deemed to be Universities advised that the guidelines of the year 2000 shall continue till the new guidelines are finalized. Accordingly, the UGC again started the processing of the proposals pending with the UGC for conferment of Deemed to be University status.

The UGC had received about 90 proposals for consideration of Deemed to be University status. It was thought fit that since it will not be advisable either physically or academically to assess all these proposals by visiting these institutions, a screening committee may be constituted to assess the academic viability of these proposals, before a committee is sent to visit them and assess their suitability for the award of Deemed to be University status. This proposal was sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for approval. The M/HRD agreed with the suggestion and suggested that UGC may constitute a screening committee to evaluate these proposals.

The Chairman, UGC accordingly constituted a committee consisting of experts from various fields such as Engineering, Technology, Management, Medical, Dental, Sciences & representative of AICTE, MCI & DCI. The following was the composition of the committee.

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| 5.  | Dr. Naseem Shah<br>Professor of Dental Surgery,<br>All India Institute of Medical Sciences,<br>New Delhi   | Member       |
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| 8.  | Dr. P.N. Razdan<br>Advisor (QA)<br>All India Council for Technical Educatio<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, East Tower,<br>NBCC Palace, Lodhi Road,<br>New Delhi – 110 003 | Member<br>on |
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Prof. M.S.Ananth & Prof. R.S. Sirohi who were the members of the committee could not attend the meetings.

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Since there were about 90 proposals, about 15-16 institutions were called every day spread over six days. The meetings were held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 and 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2004. The list of committee members who attended the meetings on above six days is enclosed as Annexure-L

The institutions were told in advance to give presentation of about 10 minutes covering the following points.

- 1. The programmes and activities of the institute including aims, objectives and achievements.
- 2. The conformity to the major requirements laid down by the UGC for conferment of Deemed to be University status. The institute was required to provide information about 'No Objection' from the State Government and it should have clearance of courses from the concerned statutory council. The institute was required to provide information about the physical and academic infrastucture.
- 3. The Innovativeness in programmes being conducted by the institute.
- 4. The manner in which conversion as Deemed to be University, would be beneficial to the institute.

After the presentation, 10 minutes were given to each institution for discussions with the expert committee to enable them to bring out their positive contributions as well as their strengths and weakness in the context of the award of the Deemed to be university status.

After thorough discussions spread over six days, the committee gave its recommendations separately for each and every institution. The committee recommended following four institutions for visit of the visiting committee.

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1. North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Tech. Itanagar

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- 2. National School of Drama, New Delhi.
- 3. Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, Distt. Satara
- 4. Dutta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur

The committee further recommended following fourteen institutions for visit after they fulfill the conditions / requirements laid down by the committee.

- 1. National Institute of Technology (NIT), Patna
- 2. National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi
- 3. Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh-Ladakh (J & K)
- 4. K.L.E. Academy of Higher Education, Belgaum-590 001
- 5. J.S.S. Mahavidyapeetham, Mysore 57 004
- 6. Narayana Hrudayalaya Institute of Medical Sciences, Bangalore
- 7. Madhav Institute of Technology & Science, Gwalior
- 8. Shri Govind Ram Seksarai Institute of Technology & Science, Indore
- 9. The Anjuman-I-Islam, Budruddin Tyabji Marg, Mumbai
- 10. D.Y. Patil Education Society, Kolhapur
- 11. Homi Bhabha National Institute, Mumbai
- 12. Sant Longwal Institute of Engineering & Technology Sangrur
- 13. Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Chennai 600 077

14. Nav Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda, - 803 111

The committee rejected 54 proposals since they were either academically not viable or not fulfilling some of the key criteria needed for conferment of deemed to be university status.

For two institutions namely Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) New Delhi & National Power Training Institute, Faridabad the committee thought that the Commission may take a policy decision regarding their consideration for deemed to be university status.

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The detailed recommendations in respect of each institute are enclosed as Annexure-II.

The committee places on record the excellent secretarial assistance provided by Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Member Secretary of the Committee and her team.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

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