

SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY,

KATRA, J&K.

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D.O.No.F.9-6/2008 (XI Plan)

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Dear Prof. Bansal,

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This is in continuation of the visit of the UGC Visiting Committee to consider the XI Plan General Development Grant Allocation to your University.

2. Based on the Report submitted by the XI Plan UGC Visiting Committee and availability of funds from the Government of India, UGC has approved the tentative XI Plan Allocation, subject to availability of funds from Government of India, in respect of your University as under:

(Rs. in Lakhs)	
i) General Development Grant	500.00
ii) Merged Schemes	503.70
iii) Internal Quality assurance cell	5.00
Total	1008.70

3. The 'on account' grant already under the above schemes released by UGC during XI Plan Period will be a part of XI Plan Allocation of the university. Further, funds for Merged Schemes is based on the eligibility criteria indicated in the XI Plan Guidelines. Therefore, the grant for each of the merged scheme will be released subject to the fulfillment of the eligibility criteria and other related norms as laid down for the purpose.
4. A new scheme called Internal Quality Assurance Cell has also been included in the merged schemes and an additional amount of Rs.5.00 lakhs has been allocated to each State University. The Guidelines of this Scheme may be seen on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in
5. The XI Plan Allocation is subject to compliance of the Academic Reforms as already circulated by the UGC vide its D.O.No.F.1-2/2008 (XI Plan) dated 30<sup>th</sup> March/21<sup>st</sup> April, 2009 which is also available on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in.

6. In addition to above, the following Administrative Reforms may also be implemented:

- Implementation of the Govt. of India Reservation Policy of SC/ST.
  - All Statutory posts should be filled up the appointment through Selection Committee as per the UGC Regulations.
  - All vacant Teaching Posts should be filled up expeditiously.
- Annual Accounts, Annual Reports and Quality assessment Status Report should be submitted in time i.e. by 31<sup>st</sup> December of every year.

7. The release of grant will also be linked to Academic and Administrative Reforms as well as compliance of various policies of Government of India rules.

8. You are also requested to utilize proportionate grant on half yearly basis. Any portion which remain unutilized will be considered to be lapsed. UGC will also consider to

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allocate the unutilized grant of the university to other universities which are better performing and are also following the various academic reforms as well as implementation of various policies of Government of India. Therefore, the University is advised to utilize the grant fully.

9. The amount recommended by the Visiting Committee for various merged schemes may be utilized as per guidelines of respective schemes available on UGC website. The anomaly if any as per pattern of assistance/guidelines may be brought to the notice of the Commission.
10. You are, therefore requested to re-work the priorities of university within the General Development Grant allocation as decided by the Commission and keeping in view the recommendation of the Visiting Committee. The revised proposal (item-wise and year-wise plan) in the prescribed format UGC (copy enclosed) may be sent within 15 days in duplicate along with the soft copy within the ceiling conveyed to University. After receipt of the item-wise allocation within the amount as decided by the Committee, the UGC will convey the final approval of XI Plan Allocation to the University.
11. A copy of the Report of the Visiting Committee is enclosed herewith for further necessary action at the University level.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.K. Chauhan)

Prof. N.K.Bansal,  
Vice Chancellor,  
Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University,  
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**Encls:**

1. Report of the UGC Visiting Committee
2. Copy of the Academic Reforms
3. Proforma for XI Plan Allocation

✓ Copy to : Joint Secretary (SU), UGC, New Delhi.

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(V.K. Jaiswal)  
Deputy Secretary

REPORT OF THE  
XI PLAN  
VISITING COMMITTEE

21ST, 22ND & 23RD OCTOBER 2009

AT

SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY, KATRA

REPORT OF THE XI PLAN VISTING COMMITTEE

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SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI UNIVERSITY, KATRA

Report of the XI Plan Visiting Committee constituted by the Chairman, UGC to visit the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 to review the performance of the University during the X plan and assess its requirement for the XI Plan.

In a pre-visit meeting Prof.R.C.Sobti, Convener of the Committee welcomed the members and briefed them about the University and the work to be done by the committee. Thereafter, the committee had a meeting with Prof. N.K.Bansal, Vice Chancellor of the University who welcomed the committee members and presented a brief profile of the University and gave information about the University's activities and achievements. He also put forth before the committee a blue print of the proposed activities of the University along with the financial requirements for the XI Plan period.

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra was included in Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956 vide Office Memorandum No. F.93/2004 (CPP-I) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 of the UGC and is thus eligible to receive grants from the UGC. The University is situated in a rural and hilly area, around 50 Kms from the city of Jammu, winter capital of the state of J&K, on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. The University has been created by an Act of J&K State Legislature, "The Jammu and Kashmir Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Act 1999", Act No. XII of 1999.

The members of the Committee during their visits to the departments and centralized facilities, had in depth discussion with the members of the faculty and got themselves acquainted with their activities. They also interacted with the Administrative Staff of the University as well as a group of Students to know from them their assessment of the achievements of the University so far and also about the problems and difficulties which they are facing. The members of the Committee also interacted with the non-teaching staff to know their problems and difficulties they might be confronting on a daily basis.

The members of the Committee also went through the documents of the University very thoroughly. They also had a detailed discussion with the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar and the Heads of various University Departments, about various issues related to the University. On the basis of these discussions which the members of the committee had and the documents which the members of the committee perused, the following are the observations, suggestions and recommendations of the Committee under the XI Plan.

*Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University*

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## Background of the Institution

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was established through an Act of J&K Legislature in the year 1999 Act XII dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 1999. The initial grant of Rs. 1.00 lac was given by the Government of J&K along with 1252 Kanals & 13 Marlas of transfer of land to the University. Later additional land of 470 acres was acquired by the Revenue Department of District Udhampur, J&K.

The possession of land was taken-up in the year 2001 and the construction started in the following year.

According to the Act, a Corpus Grant of Rs. 20.00 Crores was provided by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, a statutory body of J&K Government Chaired by His Excellency Governor of the State of J&K. The Board also promised continuous support in terms of a recurring grant of Rs. 3.00 crores per year and Capital Grant as per requirement. So far, the Board has provided total Grants-in-Aid of Rs. 130 crores to the University.

The University started functioning from Academic Session 2004 onwards and the inauguration was done by Dr. Abdul K. Kalam, Former President of Republic of India. Since then the University has grown in size and the first Convocation of the University was addressed on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008 by Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

Executive Council, the highest body of the University is Chaired by the Governor, who is also the Chancellor of the University, eminent Industrialists, Academicians & Bureaucrats are members of the Executive Council of the University. As per statutes, rules and regulations, two Deans and two Directors are also members of the Executive Council on rotation basis.

The administrative set-up of the University is identical to any other University in the Country. The academic set-up is however, different and in tune and requirement of the present world. So far the University has established Four Colleges representing basic faculties of Engineering, Management, Science and Humanities and Natural Sciences. Each college has several schools like departments of a University. The Head of a School is a Professor amongst the faculty and is designated as Director, while a professor of the constituent school is appointed as Dean, who is responsible for maintaining the academic standards of all the Schools under his college.

The University has adopted academic and evaluation pattern of the IIT's. The admissions are made on the basis of merit of All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) for Engineering Students and through CAT/MAT for MBA Students. For all other Post Graduate and Ph.D Courses, the admissions are granted on the basis of examination and interview. The University also takes adequate care of its students. However, the University is yet to cater to

the students belonging to Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribes and OBC Classes, which it plans to start from the next academic session in august 2010.

Several innovative programmes have been initiated by the University like granting full tuition waiver to meritorious students and offering them a financial assistance of Rs.1000/- per month, under earn while learn scheme.

University also lays extreme importance to academic-industry interaction. A Corporate Relations & Scientific Research Division has been established to co-ordinate sponsored R&D and consulting work and to organize special lectures, seminars and workshops. This division also maintains liaison with prospective employees to facilitate training and placement.

Emphasis is being laid on Research and Development in the University. A number of sponsored projects are already being executed in contemporary fields of science, technology and management.

The Government of India has sponsored the establishment of a Bio-informatics Centre at the School of Bio-technology. The State Department of Environment and Forest has funded the establishment of a Herbal Park, while the State Forest Research Institute has approved two projects related with National Bamboo Mission Projects entitled, "Fermentative Production of Lactic Acid from Mahua Flowers" in collaboration with IIT Delhi, "Bio-prospecting of Actinomycetes from selected Niches of North-Western Himalayas in J&K State" and "Exploitation of Microbial Diversity of North-Western Himalayas for Novel Enzymes, Bioactive molecules & Biotransformation processes" are expected to be approved by the sponsoring agencies soon.

The University is in the process of establishing best Academic and Physical infrastructure. State of art laboratories, class rooms, hostels, sports facilities, faculty and staff residences and students hostels have been created and there is continuous effort for up gradation and improvements. The University has constructed an academic complex which is provided with all modern facilities.

Buildings for a Central Library, School of Architecture, Student Hostel, Residential Quarters, Shopping Complex and Sports Complex with a total area of about 7,00,000 sq.ft. are under construction whereas 1.2 million sq.ft is already in place. Enough care is being taken to provide all basic facilities for a healthy and happy stay and to provide a learning environment. A 33 KV Sub-Station on the campus ensures almost un-interrupted power supply and a Dug-Well provides water supply of 250000 GPD. The quality of water is good enough for human consumption and is checked regularly for quality.

The University has signed MOU's with leading National and International Institutions like IIT Delhi, IIIM-Jammu, Aachen University and Bochum Universities in Germany, Orel State Technical University in Russia and Kun Shan University, Taiwan. MoU's have also been signed

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with State Forest Research Institute Jammu & Kashmir under National Bamboo Mission and also with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise in Jammu to create Business Skills amongst students. Besides this MoU's have also been signed with M/S. Prathista Industries, Hyd., M/s. Dabur India Ltd., Jammu University, Thappar University Patiala and Kurukshetra University, Haryana, to name but a few.

The vision of the University is the establishment of a Scientific & technical University of Excellence to nurture young & talented human resources for the service of Indian Society & World at large preserving the integrity and sanctity of human values. The logo of the University reflects the vision of the University with the inscription i.e. Science is God.

In a nut shell the University has progressed very well during the last 5 years under the stewardship of the present Vice Chancellor and his dedicated team of University fraternity.



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