



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI-110002

PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPART COMMITTEE REPORT- STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

PART- I- Preliminary

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(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	11 th & 12 th August, 2016
(iii)	Any other information (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Somnath Biswas Nominee of AICTE Dept. of computer Science Engg. IIT, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh 2. Prof. B.K.Shreedhar Nominee of AICTE National Institute of Engineering, Mysore, Mananthavady road, Mysore-570 008. Karnataka 3. Dr. K.B. Akhilesh Professor of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Science, Mysore-570 008, Karnataka 4. Dr. Ashok Kumar Dubey Dept. of Bio Technology Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology Azad Hind Fauz Marg, Sector-3 Dwarka, New Dehi- 110 078

PART- II- Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University (Refer 1.1 of the format)	Techno India University EM 4, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, West Bengal, India
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University(refer 1.4 of the format)	27.08.2012
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Techno India is a registered trust, which came into existence in the year 2001 by way of imparting technical education in the state of West Bengal. In its decade long journey it has already established a good no. of technical institutions in West Bengal, Jharkhand and Tripura.

PART- III- Summary Report

A. Legal status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?(refer 1.10 and 1.11 of the format)	Yes. The University came into existence by the "The Techno India University, West Bengal Act, 2012" enacted by the State Legislative Assembly of the State of West Bengal.
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(ii)	Is the Trust/Society involved in promoting the University sufficiently focused on educational activities and independent of their business or any other interest, if any?	Yes.
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B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus Centres Yes No Not Applicable (refer 2.4 of the format)	Not Applicable University has not started any off Campus Centres
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-shore campus Centres Yes No Not Applicable (refer 2.5 of the format)	Not Applicable University has not started any off shore Campus Centres
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of the competent authority of the Government of India (refer 2.6 and 2.7 of the format)	No, the University is not running any course(s) under distance mode.

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse	
(ii)	Are the list of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes.
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake is as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned statutory council(s)/UGC?	Sanctioning by Board of Governors to be as per norms and duly recorded.

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(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned statutory council(s)?	Yes
(v)	Are there adequate support facilities for students especially for disadvantaged students? (refer 4.5 of format)	Toilets for PH to be provided.
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed? (refer 4.7 and 4.8 of the format)	Website needs to be updated with complete details.
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly? (refer 4.9 of the format)	There is a grievance redressal committee.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis? (refer 5.1 to 5.4 of the format)	Refer IV-B
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent the examination system? (refer 5.7 to 5.14)	<p>Student Evaluation is based on class/tutorial participation, assignment work, class tests, quizzes and mid-semester assessments and end semester assessments all of which contribute to the final grade awarded to the subject. Student performance is evaluated based on Continuous Semester Assessments by Faculty members, Mid-Semester Assessments, Viva-Voce and End Semester Assessment.</p> <p>Evaluations of answer are to be done internally by the respective faculty through centralized evaluation process.</p> <p>Students are evaluated based on class/tutorial participation, assignment work, class tests, quizzes and mid-semester examinations and end semester examination all of which contribute to the final grade awarded to the subject.</p> <p>The questions for a particular assessment are set by the respective faculty members, which are moderated by the Moderation Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Academic Council. The Role of the moderators in the Moderation Committee is to ensure the standards of questions are set as per the objectives of the courses of the University.</p> <p>No malpractice has been reported so far.</p>

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission? (refer 6.1 and 6.7 of the format)	<p>Yes, the University maintains transparent procedure for admission;</p> <p>The University admits through various national Level and State Level Entrance Exams(wherever applicable) for its Engineering, Architecture, Law</p>
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		and Management courses while the University conducts its own entrance examination for other courses.
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Not yet. However, in pursuant to Section 3(5) of the Techno India University, West Bengal, and Act 2012; the University reserves 5% of the total intake to be filled from economically weaker persons in the manner as to be laid down by the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes. Fees structure given in University's website.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charged over and above the publicly state fees structure?	Yes.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Yes. The mode of fees collection is completely uniform in the form of Pay Order/DD.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to cost involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Yes.
(v)	Is the fee structure based on the policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fees structure is completely based on BOG resolutions as the Govt. of West Bengal is yet to frame out such policy for the private universities functioning in the state till date.
(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely and primarily for commercial gains?	No

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F. Faculty

(i)	Does the University follow Pay Scales and service conditions laid down by the UGC?	Partially
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required , please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Refer IV- A & B
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty/guest faculty/part-time faculty?	Adequate
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Refer IV- B

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodation including hostels </div>	Refer IV- B Yes Yes Yes Refer IV- B Hired hostel
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Yes.
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I. Governance System

(i)	Are various authorities and bodies responsible for the governance of the university in place and working regularly and properly?	In place, However record of working to be properly maintained.
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J. Governance System

(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of Research orientation, environment, facilities and output?	Research facilities particularly for Science & Technology faculty need argumentation.
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K. Miscellaneous

(i)	Is the Non-teaching staff adequate, well qualified and paid as per the norms of the concerned state Government?	Yes.
(ii)	Do the academic results show evidence of independent and rigorous evaluation prior to the issue of degrees?	Yes.
(iii)	Has the University obtained necessary and desirable accreditations?	No

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L. Strength and weakness of the University

(i)	Strength of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Geographical Location: The University is housed in Sector-V, Salt Lake, the IT Hub of West Bengal and therefore it enjoys facilities b. Infrastructure includes centrally air-conditioned building, Wi-fi facility etc c. Academicians well supported by technically sound manpower d. Ample amenities like in campus Bank, ATM, Food Court e. Good governance well backed by its governing Trust having almost 20 years of experience in imparting technical education f. Financial support from its parent Trust "Techno India" g. The university has been able to create a strong industry interface with the help of its parent Trust. h. Student to computer ratio is 4:1 which is good. i. All faculty of science departments is highly qualified. j. Very good biotechnology and microbiology department.
(ii)	Weakness of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yet to get accreditation from several accreditation bodies such as NBA, NAAC etc b. Sports achievements are moderate. c. Cultural participation is moderate. d. Yet to get professional membership e. Fee structure is high. f. Unable to implement Sixth Pay Commission. g. Laboratories in electrical & Electronics department need improvement. h. Maintenance is campus is poor.

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Part-IV- Recommendations

A. General observations and suggestions

(Please avoid repetitions of the points mentioned above)

The total number of institution established by the Society is three. The Society is financially strong and seems able to assisting the university even in adverse time. Even a foundation is started having equity of the order of 42 billion dollars, largest in the world.

The institution is located in a central area in Kolkata and established by persons with experience running educational institutions has been able to attract experienced, qualified faculty. The Institution is using 'Modular Objective Orient Dynamic Learning Environment' (MODULE) which is innovative.

However, it is noted that in the institution, started in 2013, in the current year, the student's strength in admission has dropped by 40%. The institutions is running a number of UG & PG programs and the student strength is quite a few programs is low, making it unviable for offering these programs effectively. The institution may consolidate some of these programs, initially, and then gradually diversify.

The faculty strength is as per AICTE/ACI/Bar Council of India. The cadre ratio is as a whole is 12.5:1, which is quite satisfactory. The faculty is qualified and retention ratio is also satisfactory.

B. Operations recommendations, which require satisfactory compliance by the University before issue of Approval Letter.

1. An additional new building, built in the play ground area earmarked in the site, needs to be regularized by due approval of the statutory body.
2. The basement and ground floor of the main block has a built up area more than the approved plan. Further this area, earmarked as parking space is now being used as classrooms. This deviation also needs to be regularized by the due statutory body.
3. The faculty strength, with proper cadre ratio, for each department must be duly approved by the board of governors. Then the posts should be notified and with a proper selection committee selection shall be made.. The faculty selection made, including regularizing the already appointed faculty, who hold qualifications as per norms.
4. Board of studies with experts for each programs should be constituted and the syllabus of the all programs should be reviewed/ratified.
5. Various statutory committees such as Anti Ragging Committee, Sexual Harassment Cell and SC/ST Cell need to be duly constituted.

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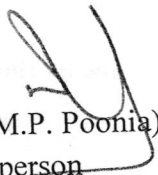
6. An Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) must be formed for ensuring quality in all aspects of teaching and learning.
7. The website of the university needs to be updated and the profile of all faculty members department-wise must be furnished.
8. Norms for Ph. D programs in accordance with UGC Regulations need to be implemented.
9. Research faculty such as laboratories need to be augmented for Science & Technology faculties.

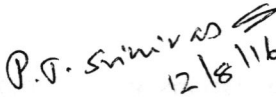
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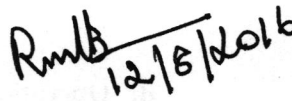
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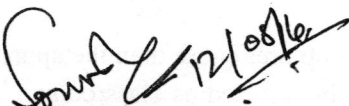
The Committee visited the university on 11th and 12th August, 2016. Feedback from all the stakeholders such as students, faculty & staff has been obtained. Available infrastructure has been inspected by Committee. On the basis of the observations, Committee recommends that university should be given 2(f) & 12B status conditionally and approval letter shall be issued subjected to compliance of the operational fulfillment of all requirements pointed out by the Committee.


(Name and Signature of the Expert Committee Members)

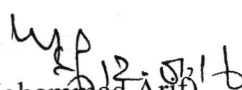

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