

## Autonomy to 62 Universities Granted on the Basis of (NAAC) Ratings (Download PDF)

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University Grants Commission (UGC) approved proposal to grant full autonomy to 62 higher educational institutions which have maintained high standards of excellence under Autonomous Colleges Regulation.

### **GREATER FREEDOM** Some Institutions On The List

#### **CENTRAL UNIVS**

JNU, Delhi (**Category I**);  
University of Hyderabad  
(**Cat I**); BHU, Varanasi (**Cat II**); AMU, Aligarh (**Cat II**); The English & Foreign Languages University, Telangana (**Cat II**)

#### **STATE UNIVS**

Jadavpur University, Kolkata (**Cat I**); National Law University, Delhi (**Cat I**); Panjab University, Chandigarh (**Cat II**)

#### **DEEMED UNIVS**

TISS, Mumbai (**Cat I**);  
Symbiosis International, Pune (**Cat I**); TERI School of Advanced Studied, Delhi (**Cat II**); Vellore Institute of Tech (**Cat II**); Manipal Academy of Higher Education (**Cat II**); The Indian Law Institute, New Delhi (**Cat II**)

#### **PVT UNIVERSITIES**

O P Jindal Global University, Sonipat (**Cat II**)



*Img of Basis of National Assessment and Accreditation Council*

- These 62 higher educational institutions include 5 central universities, 21 state universities, 26 private universities & 10 other colleges.

#### **Institutions having different scores as:**

- Category I – 3.5
- Category II – 3.26 to 3.5
- Category III – another remaining

## **Advantages of Autonomy Given to 62 Universities**

- Complete autonomy will allow these higher educational institutions to start new courses, new departments, new programmes, skill courses, off campuses, research parks, appoint foreign faculty, take foreign students, offer variable incentive packages, & introduce online distance learning.
- They can get into academic collaboration w/top 500 universities of world.
- They can decide their admission procedure, fee structure & curriculum, among others.
- They will not have to come to UGC again & again for seeking permission as they maintained quality & achieved benchmark of 3.26 & above NAAC (National Accreditation and Assessment Council) ranking.
- 10 colleges which are granted autonomy will have full freedom but not degree awarding powers.
- These colleges will be free to conduct admissions, decide curriculum, conduct exams on their own & evaluate them & declare results.
- Degrees awarded will have university name along w/theirs.

## **Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA)**

- Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA), not-for-profit organisation, is set up to leverage funds from market using market-based instruments duly scrutinizing future flows that institutions command.
- Total authorized equity capital of HEFA is raised to Rs. 10,000 cr. , w/facility to leverage additional resources from market, based on requirement.
- Additional Govt. Equity of Rs. 5,000 cr. , apart from existing Rs. 1,000 cr. is approved.
- Applications of 17 IITs & 2 NITs are considered & approved for giving loans under this scheme.
- HEFA Board has so far given in-principle approval to projects amounting to Rs. 10,065.37 cr. Of these, amount of Rs. 5,260.90 cr. is approved so far.

## **University Grants Commission (UGC)**

- UGC is statutory body set up by Union govt. in accordance to UGC Act 1956.
- It functions under Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- It is mandated to initiate important decisions & dialogues which have imp. bearing on entire student population of country.

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- 3 primary functions of UGC include overseeing distribution of grants to universities & colleges in India, providing scholarships & fellowships to beneficiaries & monitoring conformity to its regulations by universities & colleges.

## National Assessment and Accreditation Council

- Formed – 1994
- Headquarters – Bangalore, Karnataka
- Established by – UGC
- It is outcome of recommendations of National Policy in Education (1986) which laid special emphasis on upholding quality of higher education in India.

### Vision

- To make quality defining element of higher education in India thru combination of self & external quality evaluation, promotion & sustenance initiatives.

### Mission

- To arrange for periodic assessment & accreditation of institutions of higher education or units thereof, or specific academic programmes or projects
- To stimulate academic environment for promotion of quality of teaching-learning & research in higher education institutions;
- To encourage self-evaluation, accountability, autonomy & innovations in higher education
- To undertake quality-related research studies, consultancy & training programmes
- To collaborate w/other stakeholders of higher education for quality evaluation, promotion & sustenance.

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