

**PROFORMA FOR REPORT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE TO DECLARE  
THE UNIVERSITY ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CENTRAL ASSISTANCE  
UNDER SECTION 12B  
OF THE UGC ACT, 1956**

**I. Introduction:**

Uttarakhand Open University was established in the Year 2005, vide The Uttaranchal Open University Act, 2005 (Act No. 23 of 2005) of Uttaranchal Govt. Later, when the name of the State was changed from 'Uttaranchal' to 'Uttarakhand', the nomenclature of the University also changed from 'Uttaranchal Open University' to 'Uttarakhand Open University'. It was a visionary decision of the State Govt. to establish a State Open University way back in 2005, whereas the State itself was created on 09th November 2000. It indicates that in the first few years of its existence the State Govt. took a decision of promoting Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in Uttarakhand by establishing a State Open University. The headquarters of the University was created at Haldwani which is a very important trading and commercial feeder-town in the entire Division of the State known as Kumaun Division (the other administrative Division of the State is Garhwal Uttarakhand has these two Divisions only). The Uttarakhand Open University tried its level best and persuaded the officers of the Govt. to abolish the system of private examinees in the State. After a long period of time, these efforts of Uttarakhand Open University yielded the desired result and private system of examination was abolished (vide G.O. No.: 1238/ XXIV(6)/2016-12(134)/15, dated 14th Dec 2016). It acted as a boost to the enrollments in Uttarakhand Open University and all those learners who used to appear at examination as private examinees gradually started getting enrolled at Uttarakhand Open University.

The University has established 08 Regional Centres and 126 Learner Support Centres across the state of Uttarakhand. As it has jurisdiction over the whole state of Uttarakhand.

It is open to all persons irrespective of classes, castes, creed, religion or sex. The University offers 80+ programmes with on roll enrolment of more than 99,000+ learners.

The university has completed 29 silver years of a fruitful existence that has brought it to the forefront in terms of its academic excellence.

**Vision:**

"To make higher education the potent medium of growth by creating knowledge and to provide easily accessible and convenient opportunities for value-based quality higher education to the people of Uttarakhand especially to youth, educationally deprived, and employed persons so that they are motivated for lifelong learning thereby ensuring their proficiency in different skills, securing self-employment, and employment with the motto of appropriate services to the State, Nation and Humanity."

**Mission:**

"To make Uttarakhand Open University the preferred destination of learners seeking flexible, affordable, and high quality university education."

The University has emerged as a leader in academic achievement during the course of its 20 years of successful operation.

- UOU has been **recognized under section 2 (f) of the UGC Act, 1956** by University Grants Commission (UGC)
- All the programmes of the university are approved by the Distance Education Bureau (DEB), University Grants Commission (UGC).
- University, is **accredited with B++ Grade (with 2.77 CGPA on 4 Point Scale) by National Assessment Accreditation Council (NAAC)** in October 2022 in its very first cycle.
- In the year 2021, University has been **awarded with National Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) by the Hon'ble President of India in recognition of its outstanding performance as Punravas Peshewaron ke Vikas mein Salangn Sarvshrestha Sanagathan.**

## **II. Background of the Institution:**

Following the philosophy of Open and Distance Learning (ODL), Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) was established in the year 2005 (vide Act No. 23 of the Uttarakhand Government) with an objective to take education to the doorsteps of various sections of society. UOU is progressing leaps and bounds due to its new, innovative and useful educational programmes. The University shall endeavor through education, research, training and extension to play a positive role in the development of the State, and based on the rich heritage of the State to promote and advance the culture of the people of Uttarakhand and its human resources and towards this end, it shall:

- Provide access to higher education for large segments of the population, and in particular, the disadvantaged groups such as those living in remote and rural areas including working people, housewives and other adults who wish to upgrade or acquire knowledge through studies in various fields;
- Provide an innovative system of University level of education, flexible and open, in regard to method and pace of learning combination of courses, eligibility for enrolment, age of entry, conduct of examination and operation of programmes with a view to promote learning and encourage excellence in new fields of knowledge;
- Provide education and training in the various arts, crafts and skills of the country, raising their quality and improving their availability to the people;
- Provide or arrange training of teachers required for such activities or institutions;

## **III. Composition of the Expert Committee**

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| <b>Chairperson</b> | 1. | Prof. Kedar Singh<br>School of Physical Science, |
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|                             |    | Jawahar Lal Nehru University<br>New Delhi-110067   |
| <b>Members</b>              | 2. | Prof. Pankaj Srivastava<br>Head Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi<br>New Delhi-110016  |
|                             | 3. | Prof. D. S. Guru<br>Department of Studies in Computer Science,<br>University of Mysore,<br>Vishwavidyalaya Karya Soudha, Crawford Hall, Mysuru-570005        |
|                             | 4. | Prof. Udhay Shankar Dixit<br>Department of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati<br>Guwahati-781039, India <b>(AICTE Nominee)</b> |
|                             | 5. | Dr. Ajit Yadav<br>ADG (EQ&AR), Education Division<br>ICAR, KAB-II, New Delhi-110012 <b>(ICAR Nominee)</b>  |
|                             | 6. | Prof. HCS Rathore<br>Chairperson, Northern Regional Committee<br>National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) <b>(NCTE Nominee)</b>                         |
| <b>Coordinating Officer</b> |    | Dr. Amol M. Andhare , Deputy Secretary, UGC, New Delhi   |

#### IV. Inspection Report

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| 1 | Name of the University with Notification No. & date of State Govt.   | Uttarakhand Open University<br>Established by the Act Act, 2005 (Act No. 23 of 2005) dated 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2005 Notification No. No.608/Vidhayee and Sansadiya Karya/2005 ( <a href="#">View</a> )  |
| 2 | Registered Office of the University  | Uttarakhand Open University, Behind Transport Nagar, Vishwavidyalaya Marg, Haldwani (Nainital) 263139 Uttarakhand   |
| 3 | Name & Headquarters of the Society / Promoting Agency  | -- Not Applicable --  |
| 4 | Whether the Society/Agency is involved in promoting / running any other University / Institution? If yes, give details:          | -- Not Applicable --  |
| 5 | Territorial Jurisdiction   | The University as per, in exercise of its power, has jurisdiction over the whole state of Uttarakhand.  |
| 6 | Date of Virtual Inspection   | 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 2024  |
| 7 | Whether administrative authorities like Governing Council, Academic Council & BOS formed?  | Board of Studies (BOS): <a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/bos-minutes">https://www.uou.ac.in/bos-minutes</a><br>Planning Board : <a href="https://uou.ac.in/planning-board-0">https://uou.ac.in/planning-board-0</a><br>Finance Committee (FC): <a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/fc-minutes">https://www.uou.ac.in/fc-minutes</a><br>Executive Council: <a href="https://uou.ac.in/executive-council">https://uou.ac.in/executive-council</a><br>Academic Council: <a href="https://uou.ac.in/academic-council">https://uou.ac.in/academic-council</a> |
| 8 | Whether Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Financial Officer and Administrative Officers appointed?                                     | Yes   |
| 9 | Source of finance and quantum of funds available –<br>From fees:<br>From State Govt.<br>From UGC<br>From other sources (details) | As on Financial Year : 2023-24<br>Fees: Rs. 47,16, 24, 801/-<br>State Govt.: Rs.42,09,75,275/-<br>UGC-DEB/MHRD.: Rs. 1,00,00,000/-<br>( <a href="#">As per Attachment</a> )   |

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| 10 | Corpus Fund of the Society/trust shown to the Inspection Committee<br>(Attested copy to be attached)  | Corpus Fund of the University: Rs. 1,49,28,43,678.89/- ( <a href="#">View</a> )  |
| 11 | Statement of income & expenditure for the last 3 year.  | As per attachment ( <a href="#">View</a> )<br>Financial Year: 2021 – 22<br>Financial Year: 2022 – 23<br>Financial Year: 2023 – 24  |
| 12 | Land documents, if shown, area of land registered in the name of the University and its location in the State.  | Area of land registered and its location in the state <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Headquarters, Haldwani - 10 Hectare (<a href="#">View</a>)<br/>(Value Rs. 12272128/- as on Dt 05-05-2011)<br/>(Valuation Document)</li> <li>Dehradun Campus, Dehradun – 1.220 Hectare (<a href="#">View</a>)</li> </ul> |
| 13 | Administrative Office<br>i) Total plinth area,<br>ii) Built up area.<br>iii) Separate offices for Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Finance Officer, Controller of Examination, Administrative Office, Committee Room, students waiting room etc. available or not. | Administrative office<br>(i) Total plinth area: 5553.00sqm<br>(ii) Built up area: 6663.60sqm<br>(iii) Separate offices – Yes, available  |
| 14 | Details of the academic buildings<br>(give details).<br>(i) Owned by the University.<br>(ii) Temporary / Leased property, if any.   | Academic Buildings (details)<br>(i) Owned by university: Yes, 8643.6sqm<br>(II) Temporary / Leased property, if any : Yes  |
| 15 | Number of Classrooms, give details.   | No. of Classrooms: 09<br>ICT Enabled Classrooms: 06<br>Digital Classrooms: 01  |
| 16 | Details of Library<br>i) covered area,<br>ii) No. of books<br>iii) No. of journals<br>a) National<br>b) International   | Details of library<br>(i) Covered area : 2000 Square Meter<br>(ii) No. of books: 26622 + 280<br>Pearson e-books on science subjects: 65<br>(iii) No. of Journals<br>(a) National: 01<br>(iv) No. of Magazines: 13  |
| 17 | Number of Laboratories, give details.   | Number of laboratories:<br>Computer Lab: 01<br>Science lab: -- 06<br>Home Science Lab: - 01<br>Psychology Lab: - 01  |
| 18 | Whether students already admitted?<br>If yes, details of courses and the number of students admitted in each course during the last three years.  | Yes ( <a href="#">As per Attachment</a> )<br>Academic Year: 2021 – 22<br>Academic Year: 2022 – 23<br>Academic Year: 2023 – 24  |
| 19 | Whether any Off-Campus or Study/ offshore Centre or Admission Centre/ established outside the State/abroad.   | No   |
| 20 | Details of new educational and Communication technologies being used.   | New educational and Communication technologies:<br>( <a href="#">As per Attachment</a> )<br><a href="https://elearning.uou.ac.in/">https://elearning.uou.ac.in/</a>  |
| 21 | Whether functioning of the University have been   | Yes, functioning of the University have been Computerized  |

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|    | Computerized?<br>If yes, to what extent?   | 100% Digitization ( <a href="#">Attachment</a> )  |
| 22 | a. Research and Extension Facility<br>b. List of Research Publications for last 3 years.<br>c. List of ongoing research projects with their source of funding.   | a. Research and Extension Facility ( <a href="#">Attachment</a> )<br>b. List of Research Publications for last 3 years ( <a href="#">View</a> )<br>c. List of ongoing research projects with their source of funding ( <a href="#">View</a> )   |
| 23 | Future plans for starting new courses  | University is planning to start new courses based on latest trends in information technology including skill based and job-oriented courses (Vocational and NCVET) to fulfil the local aspirations. The list of the courses is as follows:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. P G Courses in Indian Knowledge System</li> <li>2. Master in Human Rights</li> <li>3. Courses in Women Studies</li> <li>4. Priest Training Based Courses</li> <li>5. Solar Technology Based Courses</li> <li>6. Customer Support Operations based Courses</li> <li>7. Home Stay Operation Based Courses</li> <li>8. Courses Based on GST and Tally Accounting</li> <li>9. Educational Technology Based Courses</li> <li>10. Entrepreneurship Skills and Digital Marketing Strategies</li> <li>11. Web Technology</li> </ol> |
| 24 | Whether courses in emerging areas introduced/proposed.   | Courses in emerging areas introduced/proposed:<br>Yes<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Master of Science-Cyber Security</li> <li>2. Master of Science Information Technology</li> <li>3. Master of Computer Applications</li> <li>4. Master of Geo-informatics</li> <li>5. Master of Yoga</li> <li>6. Master of Tourism and Travel Management</li> <li>7. Master of Business Administration</li> <li>8. Master Journalism and Mass Communication</li> <li>9. Bachelor of Science</li> <li>10. Bachelor of Computer Applications</li> <li>11. Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management</li> </ol>   |
| 25 | a. Whether the University is running courses on distance mode.<br>b. If yes, give details of courses run and whether prior approval taken from DEC/UGC for running courses under distance mode. If so, please attach copies of approval. | a. Yes (by act university is established as State Open University)<br>b. Details of courses run: link<br>Yes, Prior approval from UGC-DEB is being taken<br><a href="https://uou.ac.in/book/recognition-letters">https://uou.ac.in/book/recognition-letters</a>   |
| 26 | Whether approval of relevant statutory bodies obtained for starting professional/ courses/ increased intake.   | Yes<br>Letter from NCTE:<br><a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/book/2020/01/NCTE-Recognition.pdf">https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/book/2020/01/NCTE-Recognition.pdf</a><br>Letter from RCI:<br><a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/book/2023/05/RCI-MOU-2020-25.pdf">https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/book/2023/05/RCI-MOU-2020-25.pdf</a><br><a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/book/2022/09/rci-approval-22.pdf">https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/book/2022/09/rci-approval-22.pdf</a>   |

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|    |   | Letter from AICTE:<br><a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/book/2022/11/noc1-1127795179.pdf">https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/book/2022/11/noc1-1127795179.pdf</a>  |
| 27 | Linkages with other Institutions (National & International, give details).  | <a href="#">As per Attachment</a>  |
| 28 | Admission Procedure.  | <a href="#">As per Attachment</a><br><a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/mom-admission">https://www.uou.ac.in/mom-admission</a>   |
| 29 | Fee structure for the different courses run by the University.  | <a href="#">As per Attachment</a>  |
| 30 | Examination System.   | <a href="#">As per Attachment</a><br><a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/2021-09/UOU_Manual_Handbook_Term_end_Examination.pdf">https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/2021-09/UOU_Manual_Handbook_Term_end_Examination.pdf</a>   |
| 31 | Number of Sanctioned posts –<br>Professors –<br>Associate Professor –<br>Assistant Professors –                       | No. of Sanctioned posts:<br>Professors – 14<br>Associate Professors – 10<br>Assistant Professors – 46  |
| 32 | Names, designations, qualifications and publications of the existing teaching staff (department-wise).                | <a href="#">As per Attachment</a>  |
| 33 | Whether the faculty members organized or Attended International / National Conferences Workshops, if so, give details | Organized /attended International/National Conferences /Workshops – Yes<br><a href="#">As per Attachment</a>   |
| 34 | Whether Non-teaching staff appointed, if yes, give details  | Non-teaching Staff appointed – Yes<br><a href="#">As per Attachment</a>  |
| 35 | Whether institute of following UGC pay scales for teaching staff.   | Yes, UGC pay scales are applicable for teaching staff along with the approval from State Government.   |
| 36 | Facilities for faculty and staff  | Facilities for faculty and staff<br><a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/naac/4.6.3.1">https://www.uou.ac.in/naac/4.6.3.1</a><br><a href="https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/2021-10/welfare-policy_0.pdf">https://www.uou.ac.in/sites/default/files/2021-10/welfare-policy_0.pdf</a><br>As per Staff Welfare Policy  |
| 37 | Facilities for students.  | Facilities for students – as per Staff Welfare Policy ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )<br>Facilities for the Students: <a href="#">As per attachment</a><br><a href="https://elearning.uou.ac.in/">https://elearning.uou.ac.in/</a><br><a href="https://online.uou.ac.in/StudentCorner.aspx">https://online.uou.ac.in/StudentCorner.aspx</a><br><a href="https://online.uou.ac.in/">https://online.uou.ac.in/</a><br><a href="https://oneview.uou.ac.in/">https://oneview.uou.ac.in/</a> |
| 38 | Sports and Games facilities with details  | Sports and Games facilities with details<br>Available ( <a href="#">View</a> )   |
| 39 | Hostel facilities available, if any.  | Not required as being State Open University no programmes are being offered on conventional/full time/residential mode   |
| 40 | Other facilities available at the Institute(s), give details.   | All the available facilities are listed on the University website –<br><a href="https://www.uou.ac.in">https://www.uou.ac.in</a>   |
| 41 | Any other information   | Proposals Under Institutional Development Planning:<br>1. Five-Year Plan for the Establishment of the Center for Vocational Education and Skill Development.<br>2. Proposal for NCVET Recognition.<br>3. Establishment of IT Academy for Open and Distance Learning in Uttarakhand.<br>4. Proposal for Centre of Excellence in Online and Digital  |

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|  |  | <p>Learning by Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani.</p> <p>5. Awareness and Sensitization of Key Functionaries of Uttarakhand Government, Local Bodies for The Empowerment and Other Services of Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p><a href="https://uou.ac.in/downloads/12b/Other-Important-Documents/Proposals-Under-IDP/">https://uou.ac.in/downloads/12b/Other-Important-Documents/Proposals-Under-IDP/</a></p> |
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#### V. Other Requirements

| Status with regard to fulfilment of conditions under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 |  |                              |
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| Sr. No.   | UGC Requirements   | Compliance of the university |
| i.  | Whether the University is a university established or incorporated by or under a State Act.  |                              |
| ii.   | <p>In the case of any other University, the establishment of the University is justified on one or more of the following grounds, namely :-</p> <p>a. Inadequacy of the facility for higher education and research in the area in which the University is situated and the inability of the existing University or Universities of the state concerned to provide for such facilities either in its or their existing faculties or schools or by the establishment of post-graduate centres or campuses.</p> <p>b. The University has or shall have some special features or new programme and activities which will augment the existing academic resources in the country.</p> <p>c. Whether the University has or shall have programmes for the upliftment of backward areas or removal of regional imbalances.</p> |                              |
| iii.  | Whether the law under which the University is established contain a provision for the establishment of a Planning Board of Committee consisting of eminent educationists to indicate the lines on which the University shall develop.  |                              |
| iv.   | <p>Whether the law under which the University, established, due weight has been given to the recommendations made by :-</p> <p>a. The Education Commission (1964-66) constituted by a resolution of the Government of India.</p> <p>b. The committee on the Governance of Universities appointed by the Commission; and</p> <p>c. The committee of Panels appointed by the Commission during the last ten years.</p>   |                              |
| v.  | Whether the University is not merely affiliating University but a multi-faculty University having adequate facilities for teaching and research in a number of subjects.   |                              |
| vi.   | Whether the University has powers to provide instruction through correspondence courses and to declare a college, department, centre or campus as an autonomous college, department, centre-or campus, respectively.   |                              |
| vii.  | Whether every teaching department, centre discipline in the University has a provision for a minimum staff of one Professor,   |                              |

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|       | two Readers and an adequate number of Lectures along with the necessary supporting staff.   |  |
| viii. | Whether adequate machinery for the health residence and welfare for the students has either been provided in, or resources are being made available for the purpose to the University.  |  |
| ix.   | Whether the University has been provided with adequate facilities in respect of building, equipment, books, library, hostel and staff quarters, excluding college library, institutions affiliated or admitted to its privileges, whose aggregate value is not less than Rs. 2 Crores along with the developed land or the State Government is prepared to give an assurance to the Commission that a minimum amount of Rs. 2 crores shall be made available to the University during the initial period of five years for the provision of the above mentioned facilities in addition to the developed land. |  |
| x.    | Whether having valid NAAC accreditation   |  |

**VI. Observations of the Committee.**

**VII. Suggestions of the Committee.**

**VIII. Recommendations of the Committee.**

**Names and signatures of the Members of the Committee along with the Coordinator.**

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| <b>Chairperson</b>          | 1. | Prof. Kedar Singh<br>School of Physical Science,<br>Jawahar Lal Nehru University<br>New Delhi-110067   |
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