



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG
NEW DELHI - 110002**

**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORT
STATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
(AVANTIKA UNIVERSITY, UJJAIN)**

Part - I - Preliminary

(i) Constitution of the Expert Committee

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(ii)	Date(s) of the visit	22 nd and 23 rd March 2019
(iii)	Any other (Non-participation of members, any special factor or situation/difficulties relevant to the report	Nil

Part -II – Introduction

(i)	Brief introduction of the University	Avantika University, Ujjain, has been established by an Act of State Legislature of Madhya Pradesh as a Private University, vide The Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapana Avam Sanchalan), Tritiya Sanshodhan Adhinyam, 2016 (No. 5 of 2017) published in the “Madhya Pradesh Gazette (Extraordinary)”, dated 12 th January 2017.
(ii)	Date of establishment of the University	12 th January 2017
(iii)	Brief description of the University and its faculties/courses	Avantika University, promoted by MIT Group of Institutions, Pune. The university is established under an Act of State Legislature, vide The Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapana Avam Sanchalan), Tritiya Sanshodhan Adhinyam, 2016 (No. 5 of 2017) published in the “Madhya Pradesh Gazette (Extraordinary)”, dated 12 th January 2017. University Offering following courses School of Design 1. Bachelor of Design a. Industrial Design b. Communication Design c. Digital Experience Design 2. Master of Design a. Industrial Design b. Communication Design School of Engineering 1. Bachelor of Technology a. Computer Science and Engineering b. Mechanical Engineering
(iv)	Brief description of the Trust/Society that governs the University	Avantika University is established by Maharashtra Academy of Engineering & Educational Research (MAEER'S), Pune, Maharashtra. The Trust started the journey in 1983 with the establishment of Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT), one of the first private

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	engineering college in Maharashtra. MIT Group of Institutions was established as a society and charitable trust.
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Part – III – Summary Report

A. Legal Status

(i)	Is the University duly established under the law and as required in the UGC Regulations?	Yes, the university is established under an Act of State Legislature, vide The Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapana Avam Sanchalan), Tritiya Sanshodhan Adhinyam, 2016 (No. 5 of 2017) published in the "Madhya Pradesh Gazette (Extraordinary)", dated 12th January 2017
(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, Avantika University is a part of MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions, which has the legacy of 35 years in the field of education.

B. Organization Description

(i)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulations on off-campus centres? Yes / No / Not Applicable	Not applicable as University does not have any off-campus centres
(ii)	Does the University abide by UGC Regulation on off-Shore campus centres? Yes / No / Not applicable	Not applicable as University does not have any off-Shore campus centres
(iii)	Does the University offer courses under distance mode with the approval of competent authority of the Government of India? Yes / No / Not applicable	Not applicable as Avantika University does not offer any course under distance mode

C. Academic Activities

(i)	Are the courses offered by the University narrowly focused or adequately diverse?	Courses are adequately focused and emphasis is being given on design based teaching and learning..
(ii)	Are the lists of courses for the award of degree as per the Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956?	Yes
(iii)	Is the sanctioned intake as per the norms/intake sanctioned by the concerned Statutory Council(s)/UGC?	Yes

(iv)	Whether courses run are approved by concerned Statutory Council(s)?	Yes
(v)	Are the adequate support facilities for students, especially for disadvantaged students?	Yes
(vi)	Are the students adequately informed?	Yes
(vii)	Is there a Grievance Redressal Mechanism and is that working properly?	University has committees that deals with specific grievances like Anti-Ragging, Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) etc.
(viii)	Is the University following proper procedure for formulation and revision of curriculum on periodic basis?	Yes, the university is newly established, and it has formulated Board of Studies and Academic Council which are taking care of updating and regulating the curriculum.
(ix)	How regular, fair and transparent is the examination system?	Regular and fairly transparent

D. Admission Process

(i)	Does the University follow fair and transparent procedure for admission?	Yes
(ii)	Do any special reservation on quota follow clearly laid down policy?	Yes as per the Govt of M.P. norms.

E. Fee Structure

(i)	Are the students sufficiently informed about the fees and charges payable?	Yes, students are informed about the fees before admissions. Also, the fees charged are displayed on the university website.
(ii)	Does the University follow its own declared policy in collecting any fees or charges or are there some charges over and above the publically stated fee structure?	University follows its own policy for collecting fees which is also displayed on its website.
(iii)	Is the mode of fees collection transparent or are there complaints of payments without receipts?	Yes, the mode of fees collection is transparent, and no complaints received during interaction with the students.
(iv)	Are the fees reasonable compared to costs involved in running the programmes and to other similar institutions?	Appears to be reasonable
(v)	Is the fee structure based on a policy or guidelines laid down by the Government?	Fee is fixed by the university by its own and informed to the Madhya Pradesh private universities regulatory commission, Bhopal.

(vi)	Is there any indication of the University being run solely or primary 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?	Basic pay is paid as per Vith pay commission. However, DA, allowances and other facilities are as per University own norms.
(ii)	Is the faculty well qualified and well trained for the courses? (if required, please make comments separately for each faculty/department)	Sufficiently qualified for running the present courses.
(iii)	Is the proportion of permanent faculty adequate or is the University being mainly run by deploying contractual faculty / guest faculty / Part-time faculty?	Yes, to meet the present requirement only. However, needs to recruit more faculty to fulfil future requirements.
(iv)	Has the University followed due process for recruitment of faculty?	Yes

G. Infrastructure

(i)	Are the following infrastructure facilities adequate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Land and Buildings ➤ Class Rooms ➤ Laboratories and equipment ➤ Library ➤ Sports facilities ➤ Residential accommodations including hostels 	Yes Yes More laboratories and equipment's required. More Books and Journals are required. More facilities required. Yes
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H. Financial Viability

(i)	Does the University have adequate and independent funds?	Being a newly established University, it depends on promoting trust for construction. The funds are provided by the promoting trust as a loan. Further, promoting trust has given an undertaking to continue its funding and in future also, copy enclosed.
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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?	Yes
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J. Research Profile

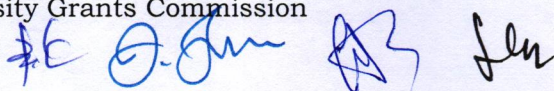
(i)	How would you rate the research profile of the University in terms of research orientation, environment facilities, and output? (please give comments separately on faculties and departments)	The university is newly established and there are no substantial research activities happening. University need to recruit Ph.D faculty for improving research output and impact.
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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?	Not yet eligible.

L. Strength and Weakness of the University

(i)	Strengths of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well established legacy of MIT Group of Institutions of more than 3 decades• Classroom projects and assignments are being coordinated with industry.• Project based teaching learning• Enough space available for projects and collaborations• Good Medical facilities• University is located in the rural area of Ujjain which will generate employment opportunities for locals.
(ii)	Weaknesses of the University	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty participation/training in refresher and orientation courses is needed.• Inadequate senior level faculty specifically in engineering stream.• Student admissions are below the sanctioned strength.• Insufficient laboratory equipment, books and journals.• Poor transport facilities from Ujjain to Campus• Inadequate Sports facilities for students• Adequate license software needs to be made available especially for the design students.



Part – IV – Recommendations

A. Observations of the Committee

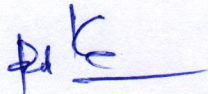
- There is a healthy gender mix among the students.
- Research culture is yet to be established
- Good practise of Project based teaching and learning
- During interaction with students it was informed by them that they are procuring raw materials for projects, assignments and high-resolution scanning and printing facility etc.
- Food quality for students in the mess needs to be improved.
- More numbers of computers and server are required.
- B. Tech (Mechanical Engineering) and M. Design admission are deferred from 2018-19
- Internet connectivity needs to be improved.

B. Suggestion of the Committee which require satisfactory compliance by the University

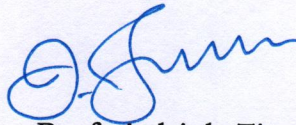
- Senior Faculty at Associate Professor/Professor Levels should be recruited on priority basis in the departments to maintain cadre ratio.
- Faculty members need to be paid the basic pay and DA as per UGC norms.
- Sports facilities need to be upgraded in the campus.
- Central facilities such as central library, computer centre, canteens and smart class rooms needs to be strengthened.
- Student feedback need to be analysed and appropriate follow up is required.
- Need few shops on campus related to the student requirement.

C. Final Recommendations

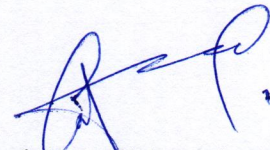
The Committee, after visiting various physical infrastructure, central facilities, the academic and administrative units, verification of relevant documents pertaining to academic programs, and taking into account the inputs received during interaction meetings with Faculty, Students and Non-teaching staff, unanimously recommends granting approval to the Avantika University, Ujjain, subject to compliance of the suggestions as in Part- IV (B) above.



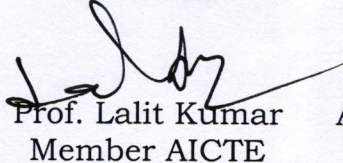
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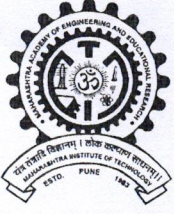


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Prof. Lalit Kumar
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Place: Ujjain
Dated: 23rd March, 2019



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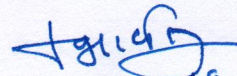
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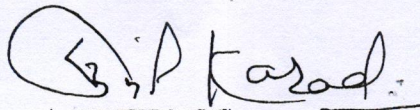
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UNDERTAKING

We hereby undertake that in case of deficiency of funds for Avantika University, Ujjain, the sponsoring body shall take complete responsibility of provision of funds towards recurring and non-recurring expenses of the university.


23.03.19

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