**ANNEUXRE-I**

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

**OF THE UGC ACT, 1956**

1. **Introduction:**

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU) is a State Open University established by the by the Government of Gujarat.

The headquarters of the university is located at Ahmedabad. The University has established 07 Regional Centres and 282 Learner Support Centres across the state of Gujarat. As it has jurisdiction over the whole state of Gujarat.

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 3,00,000+ 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.

* BAOU 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 A++ Grade (with 3.55 CGPA on 4 Point Scale) by National Assessment Accreditation Council (NAAC)** in July 2022. in its very first cycle. The only University in Gujarat and only State Open University in India to secure A++ Grade and with highest CGPA.
* In March 2023, University has been **entitled to offer programmes under Online Mode**, now university is also offering Online Programmes along with ODL Programmes
* In April 2023, University has been **categorized as Category – I University according to the University Grants Commission** (Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 for its extraordinary performance in accreditation performance which signifies its commitment to academic autonomy and its adherence to high-quality standards.

1. **Background of the Institution:**

The Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU) was established by the Act No.14 of 1994 passed by the Gujarat State Legislature on 13th April, 1994, and assented to by the Governor of Gujarat on 27th July, 1994. The BAOU is the seventh Open University in the country in terms of their establishment.

The important and distinguishing objectives for BAOU are to:

Advance and disseminate learning and knowledge by a diversity of means, including use of any communication technology,

Provide opportunities for higher education to a large segment of the population,

Promote the educational well-being of the community generally, and \* Encourage the Open University and distance education system in the education pattern of the Sate

1. **Composition of the Expert Committee**

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| Chairperson | 1. | Prof. G. Gopal Reddy  Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University,  Motihari (Bihar)  Resi: H.No. 3-5-198/B/7, Harivihar Colony, Narayanaguda,  Hyderabad. – 500 029  (M) 09849642868, Email: [pvc@mgcub.ac.in](mailto:pvc@mgcub.ac.in), [profgopalreddy@gmail.com](mailto:profgopalreddy@gmail.com) |
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| Coordinating Officer | | Dr. Archana Thakur, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) , UGC, New Delhi |

1. **Inspection Report**

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| 1 | Name of the University with Notification No. & date of State Govt. | Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University  Established by the Act No.14 of 1994 dated 13th April, 1994  Notification No. G/GNR/2 dated 26th April, 1994 ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/96f483413ce6c9c4a9b538cdc124ac77.pdf)) |
| 2 | Registered Office of the University | Jyotirmay Parisar, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University Road, Sarkhej - Gandhinagar Highway, Chharodi, Ahmedabad – 382481, Gujarat |
| 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 Gujarat. |
| 6 | Date of Virtual Inspection | 26th & 27th June, 2023 |
| 7 | Whether administrative authorities like Governing Council, Academic Council & BOS formed? | Board of Management (BoM): <https://baou.edu.in/board-of-management>  Academic Planning Board (APB): <https://baou.edu.in/academic-planning-board>  Finance Committee (FC):  <https://baou.edu.in/finance-committee>  School Council: <https://baou.edu.in/academic-council> |
| 8 | Whether Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Financial Officer and Administrative Officers appointed? | Yes |
| 9 | Source of finance and quantum of funds available –  From fees:  From State Govt.  From UGC  From other sources (details) | As on Financial Year : 2022-23  Fees: Rs. 22,10, 40, 236/-  State Govt.: Rs. 6,63,41,000/-  UGC-DEB.: Rs. 12,50,000/-  Other Sources: Rs. 5,17,91,915/- ([attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/repository/reports/financial-audit-reports))  Quantum of Funds available: 239.70 (Crore) |
| 10 | Corpus Fund of the Society/trust shown to the Inspection Committee  (Attested copy to be attached) | Corpus Fund of the University: Rs. 4,56,00,000/- |
| 11 | Statement of income & expenditure for the last 3 year. | As per attachment ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/repository/reports/financial-audit-reports))  Financial Year: 2020 – 21  Financial Year: 2021 – 22  Financial Year: 2022 – 23 |
| 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   * Headquarters, Ahmedabad - 20 Acres ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/07f02cb588a2ab8c748796429ad0cdf3.pdf))   (Value Rs. 25,41,50,400/- as on Dt. 01/08/2019)  ([Valuation Document](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/ded2eb66cafb2e2c0a126332d54cabfe.pdf))   * Regional Centre, Surat – 4269 Sq. Meters ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/559e6729b65d19cd626d0aed536c4370.pdf)) * Regional Centre, Kachchh – 8094 Sq. Meters ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/a20e56b54c16eef05f052f6e676d5114.pdf)) * Regional Centre, Bhavnagar – 4000 Sq. Meters ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/67d28adfe20132c95e1f9273488dcdba.pdf)) * Palanpur – 2461.93 Sq. Meters ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/fc59bc4fccc2ab8b81ac3a5c13a057c2.pdf)) |
| 13 | Administrative Office   1. Total plinth area, 2. Built up area. 3. Separate offices for Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Finance Officer, Controller of Examination, Administrative Office, Committee Room, students waiting room etc. available or not. | Administrative office  (i) Total plinth area: 1948.29  (ii) Built up area: 4256.83  (iii) Separate offices – Yes, available |
| 14 | Details of the academic buildings  (give details).   1. Owned by the University. 2. Temporary / Leased property, if any. | Academic Buildings (details)  (i) Owned by university: Yes, 5956 m2  (II) Temporary / Leased property, if any : No |
| 15 | Number of Classrooms, give details. | No. of Classrooms,  ICT Enabled Classrooms: 15  Digital Classrooms: 02 |
| 16 | Details of Library  i) covered area,  ii) No. of books  iii) No. of journals  a) National  b) International | Details of library  (i) Covered area : 971 Sqare Meter  (ii) No. of books: 74477  (iii) No. of Journals  (a) National: 22  (b) International: 39  (iv) No. of Magazines: 49 |
| 17 | Number of Laboratories, give details. | Number of laboratories  Computer Lab: 03  Science lab: -- Not Applicable -- |
| 18 | Whether students already admitted?  If yes, details of courses and the number of students admitted in each course during the last three years. | Yes - [As per attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/ad5463cc31b9ae23ebc26f12f872aa72.pdf)  Academic Year: 2020 – 21  Academic Year: 2021 – 22  Academic Year: 2022 – 23 |
| 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:  [As per attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/6e460a6d723f8fee8d65e064f3287dd8.pdf) |
| 21 | Whether functioning of the University have been Computerized?  If yes, to what extent? | Yes, functioning of the University have been Computerized  100% Digitization ([attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/c36b2bce1de2d7a478d67c5429f66b7e.pdf)) |
| 22 | a. Research and Extension Facility  b. List of Research Publications for last 3 years.  c. List of ongoing research projects with their source of funding. | a. Research and Extension Facility ([attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/repository/policy-documents))  b. List of Research Publications for last 3 years ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/cc4877ef28d4bf042cf3829e854ecdd7.pdf))  c. List of ongoing research projects with their source of funding ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/db572bf57388ef368ed7ea4ac9da1914.pdf)) |
| 23 | Future plans for starting new courses | University is planning to start courses related to latest trends and technologies in Information Technology like Data Analytics and Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, courses in Foreign Languages, courses in Performing Arts, Tailor-made Courses, Industry required customized and skill development short term courses.  Future plans for starting new courses:   1. Master of Computer Application (MCA) 2. Master of Business Administration (MBA) 3. Master of Arts – Economics 4. Master of Arts – Sanskrit   Programmes to be offered in Online Mode:   1. Master of Arts – English 2. Master of Arts – Gujarati 3. Master of Arts – Sociology 4. Bachelor of Arts – English 5. Bachelor of Commerce 6. Master of Science – Cyber Security 7. Master of Science – Information Technology 8. Master of Arts – Journalism and Mass Communication 9. Master of Commerce 10. Master of Library and Information Science |
| 24 | Whether courses in emerging areas introduced/proposed. | Courses in emerging areas introduced/proposed:  Yes   1. Master of Science – Cyber Security 2. Master of Science – Information Technology 3. Master of Computer Application (MCA) 4. Master of Business Administration (MBA) 5. Master of Arts – Journalism and Mass Communication 6. Bachelor of Science – Information Technology (Hons) |
| 25 | a. Whether the University is running courses on distance mode.  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)  b. Details of courses run: link  Yes, Prior approval from UGC-DEB is being taken  [Copy of approval attached](https://baou.edu.in/deb) |
| 26 | Whether approval of relevant statutory bodies obtained for starting professional/ courses/ increased intake. | Yes  Letter from NCTE: ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/233d59c12ce63d5467fef301d4df4f14.pdf))  Letter from RCI: ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/7706b8752a81104c9196a7f455dca7a2.pdf))  Letter from AICTE: ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/c9e7d41c90d214b5fd8ec9e6a4bbd5e1.pdf)) |
| 27 | Linkages with other Institutions  (National & International, give details). | [As per attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/4320e4f8b33e2ee6b5ac3036ea9a953e.pdf) |
| 28 | Admission Procedure. | [As per attachment](https://baou.edu.in/assets/pdf/Admission_Instruction.pdf) |
| 29 | Fee structure for the different courses run by the University. | [As per attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/eba736c3e1c2028d18abe79e55a76ae8.pdf) |
| 30 | Examination System. | [As per attachment (Examination Manual)](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/189aa859b2d915a808552cf519ed6b5f.pdf) |
| 31 | Number of Sanctioned posts –  Professors –  Associate Professor –  Assistant Professors – | No. of Sanctioned posts:  Professors – 05  Associate Professors – 08  Assistant Professors – 48  (Additional 23 posts approved by Education Dept. Government of Gujarat from academic year  2023-24) ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/d39bc440adb67c38ba62c22a1304d569.pdf)) |
| 32 | Names, designations, qualifications and publications of the existing teaching staff (department-wise). | [As per attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/de6fe670d7f65ab42f5c2351ba65b6e5.pdf) |
| 33 | Whether the faculty members organized or Attended International / National Conferences Workshops, if so, give details | Organized /attended International/National Conferences /Workshops – Yes  [As per attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/de6fe670d7f65ab42f5c2351ba65b6e5.pdf) |
| 34 | Whether Non-teaching staff appointed,  if yes, give details | Non-teaching Staff appointed – Yes  [As per attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/307aab8040d1fb16ff78f735e675bd2c.pdf) |
| 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 – ([attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/repository/policy-documents))  As per Staff Welfare Policy |
| 37 | Facilities for students. | Facilities for students – as per Staff Welfare Policy ([attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/repository/policy-documents))  Facilities for the Students: [As per attachment](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/upload/doc/27c1c5137c41a65c745709aa724bdbe8.pdf) |
| 38 | Sports and Games facilities with details | Sports and Games facilities with details  Available ([View](https://ciqa.baou.edu.in/repository/dir/subdir/Sports-and-Games-Facilities)) |
| 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 – <https://baou.edu.in> |
| 41 | Any other information | --- |

1. **Other Requirements**

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| **Status with regard to fulfilment of conditions under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956** | | |
| **Sr.**  **No.** | **UGC Requirements** | **Compliance of the university** |
|  | Whether the University is a university established or incorporated by or under a State Act. |  |
|  | In the case of any other University, the establishment of the University is justified on one or more of the following grounds, namely :-  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.  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.  c. Whether the University has or shall have programmes for the upliftment of backward areas or removal of regional imbalances. |  |
|  | 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. |  |
|  | Whether the law under which the University, established, due weight has been given to the recommendations made by :-   * 1. The Education Commission (1964-66) constituted by a resolution of the Government of India.   2. The committee on the Governance of Universities appointed by the Commission; and   3. The committee of Panels appointed by the Commission during the last ten years. |  |
|  | 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. |  |
|  | 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. |  |
|  | Whether every teaching department, centre discipline in the University has a provision for a minimum staff of one Professor, two Readers and an adequate number of Lectures along with the necessary supporting staff. |  |
|  | 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. |  |
|  | 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. |  |
|  | Whether having valid NAAC accreditation |  |

1. **Observations of the Committee.**
2. **Suggestions of the Committee.**
3. **Recommendations of the Committee.**

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

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| Chairperson | 1. | Prof. G. Gopal Reddy  Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari (Bihar) |  |
| Members | 2. | Dr. C. S. P. Rao  Director, National Institute of Technology Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalligudem |  |
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| 4. | Prof. A. K. Mohapatra  Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi |  |
| 5. | Prof. Priyankar Upadhyaya  UNESCO Chair for Peace, Malviya Centre for Peace and Research, International Understanding, BHU, Varanasi |  |
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