

Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the accounts of the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Garhwal Uttarakhand for the year ended 31 March, 2024

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Sri Nagar, Garhwal - Uttarakhand (University) as at 31 March 2024, the Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended on that date under Section 19 (2) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with section 31 (1) of the Central Universities Act, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the University's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

2. This separate Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules & Regulations (Propriety and Regularity) and efficiency-cum-performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/CAG's Audit Reports separately.
3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
4. Based on our audit, we report that:
 - (i) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
 - (ii) The Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report have been drawn up in the Format of Financial statement for Central

Higher Educational Institutional Institutions (Format) prescribed by MHRD, Government of India.

(iii) In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have been maintained by the university as required in so far it appears from our examination of such books.

(iv) We further report that:

(A) Balance sheet

(A.1) Investments from Earmarked/Endowment Funds (Schedule-5)	Rs. 139.40
crore	

(A.1.1) The above included bank balances of saving accounts to the tune of Rs. 35.25 lakh, whereas the Format requires the same to be included in Current assets (Schedule-7). This resulted in overstatement of 'Investments from Earmarked/Endowment Funds' by Rs. 35.25 lakh and understatement of 'Current assets' by the same amount.

A similar comment has been issued in previous SAR also but no corrective measures have been taken by the University.

(A.1.2) The above included Rs. 1.12 crore pertaining to accrued interest earned from Earmarked/Endowment Fund, whereas the format requires the same to be included under 'Loans, Advances & Deposits' (Schedule-8). This resulted in overstatement of 'Investments from Earmarked/Endowment Funds' by Rs. 1.12 crore and understatement of 'Loans, Advances & Deposits' by the same amount.

A similar comment has been issued in previous SAR also but no corrective measures have been taken by the University.

(A.2) Fixed Assets (Schedule-4)	Rs. 346.84 crore
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(A.2.1) The above included Rs. 81.00 lakh advances given to CPWD for two works. Both the works are yet to be started, therefore should have been included in advances under Loans, Advances and Deposits (Schedule-8). This resulted in overstatement of 'Fixed Assets' by Rs. 81.00 lakh and understatement of 'Loans, Advances and Deposits' by the same amount.

(A.2.2) The above does not include an amount of Rs. 13.05 lakh spent against the works executed by CPWD. Therefore, the same should have been routed into work-in-progress from Loans, Advances & Deposits (Schedule-8). This resulted in understatement of 'Fixed Assets' by Rs. 13.05 lakh and overstatement of 'Loans, advances and deposits' by the same amount.

(B) General

(B.1) HEFA loan of Rs.44.60 crore was sanctioned to the University on 28.12.2022. As per terms and conditions of the HEFA loan 90% principal amount repayment and full amount of interest is to borne by the MoE and 10% principal amount repayment is to be borne by University. However no accounting entries in respect of HEFA loan received, Grant received from Ministry towards repayment of HEFA Loan, Grant received from MoE towards interest received from MoE has been made in the accounts. The University is required to make necessary entries in respect of the above in the books of accounts. Also University has made wrong entries in respect of 10% principal amount repayment as Loans and Advances which needs to be corrected.

(B.2) The University has to deposit GIS subscription of Rs. 20.69 lakh to appropriate head but the University has reflected the same by deducting from 'Loans, Advances & Deposits' instead of taking into 'Current Liabilities & Provisions'. Thus Loans, Advances & Deposits' and Current Liabilities & Provisions' both are understated by Rs. 20.69 lakh each.

(B.3) The University has not bifurcated amount of prepaid expenses against subscription of Journals. The same needs to be bifurcated and incorporated suitably.

(B.4) The Institute has depicted net value to the tune of Rs. nil against 'Computer Softwares' in Fixed Assets (Schedule-4). Whereas softwares purchased in the year 2022-23 does not commensurate with nil amount after depreciation charged at the rate of 40 *per cent* for the two years. The Institute needs to recalculate the depreciation against 'Computer software' and 'E-journals' and incorporate it suitably.

(C) Grants-in-aid

The University received Grants-in-aid of Rs. 177.02 crore during the year 2023-24, out of which the University utilized a sum of Rs. 176.08 crore and refunded Rs. 0.94 crore leaving a nil balance as at 31st March 2024. There is an unspent balance of Rs. 50.54 crore (Rs. 18.49

crore – XII Plan, Rs. 16.77 crore-XII Plan Wi-Fi, Rs. 10.50 crore – one time grant, Rs. 4.18 crore – Non recurring 2017-18, Rs. 0.60 crore – non recurring 2019-20) in the books of accounts.

(D) Management letter: Deficiencies which have not been Included in the Audit Report have been brought to the notice through a management letter issued separately for remedial/corrective action.

(v) Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

(vi) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said financial statements read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in Annexure to this Audit Report give a true and fair view in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India:

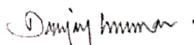
a. In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar (Pauri Garhwal) as at 31 March 2024; and

b. In so far as it relates to Income & Expenditure Account of the 'deficit' for the year ended on that date.'

For and on behalf of the C&AG of India

Date: 27.12.2024

Place: Lucknow


Principal Director of Audit (Central)

Annexure

1. Adequacy of Internal Audit System

Internal Audit wing exists in the University which is limited to pre-vetting of vouchers amounting to Rs. 1.00 lakh or more. However, the Internal Audit of University for the year 2023-24, has been carried out by a Chartered Accountant firm.

2. Adequacy of Internal Control System

The inadequacy of Internal Control System of the University is characterised by shortage of 126 faculties and 137 non-faculty against the sanctioned post of 484 and 570 respectively.

3. System of Physical Verification of Fixed Assets

Physical verification of the fixed assets has been conducted for the year 2023-24.

4. System of Physical Verification of Inventory

Physical verification of the Inventory has been conducted for the year 2023-24.

5. Regularity in Payment of statutory dues

The University is regular in the payment of statutory dues.


Director (CE)



BRANCH: DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
AUDIT (CENTRAL), LUCKNOW AT
PRAYAGRAJ

Ltr No: Central Expenditure/2024-2025/DIS-2323094

Date: 31 Dec 2024

To,

Finance Officer,
Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University,
Srinagar

Subject: Issue of Separate Audit Report: PR-138515 on the annual accounts of HNB Garhwal University,
Uttarakhand for the year 2023-24

Sir/Madam,

वर्ष 2023-24 के लेखों पर पृथक लेखापरीक्षा प्रतिवेदन एवं मैनेजमेंट लेटर (अंग्रेजी) की प्रति वित्त अधिकारी, हेमवती नंदन बहुगुणा गढ़वाल विश्वविद्यालय श्रीनगर उत्तराखंड को आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित है। संस्थान यदि आवश्यकता अनुभव करे, तो इस प्रतिवेदन का हिन्दी अनुवाद करवा सकता है परन्तु इस प्रतिवेदन के हिन्दी अनुवाद में निम्नलिखित अंकित होना चाहिए :

“प्रस्तुत प्रतिवेदन मूलरूप से अंग्रेजी में लिखित पृथक लेखापरीक्षा प्रतिवेदन का हिन्दी अनुवाद है। यदि इसमें कोई विसंगति परिलक्षित होती है तो अंग्रेजी में लिखित प्रतिवेदन मान्य होगा।”

हिन्दी अनुवाद की एक प्रति इस कार्यालय को भी प्रेषित करने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्नक: उपर्युक्तानुसार।

Yours faithfully,

SARITA KUMARI GUPTA
Director (CE)

