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(Established by an Act of the Parliament in 2009)

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The Central university of Karnataka, has been established by the Parliament vide the Central Universities Act 2009 (No. 3-C of 2009) at Gulbarga. It is one of the 16 new Central Universities established by the Government of India during the UGC XI Plan Period to address to the concerns of 'equity and access' and as per the policy of the government to increase the access to quality higher education by people in less educationally developed regions which have a Graduate Enrollment Ratio of less than the national average.

The objectives of the new Central Universities have been stated in the Central Universities Act as follows:

1. *To disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit;*
2. *To make special provisions for integrated courses in humanities, social sciences, science and technology in its educational programmes;*
3. *To take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process and inter-disciplinary studies and research;*
4. *To educate and train manpower for the development of the country;*
5. *To establish linkages with industries for the promotion of science and technology;*
6. *To pay special attention to the improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people, their intellectual, academic and cultural development.*

Prof. A.M. Pathan, Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Hyderabad) took charge as the 1st Vice Chancellor on 1st March 2009.

Prof. S. Chandrashekar (Professor of History, Bangalore university) joined on 15th March 2009 on deputation as Special officer (Administration).

Dr. Ali Raza Moosvi (Associate Professor of Geography, Directorate of Distance Education, Maulana Azad National Urdu University – Hyderabad) joined on 28th March 2010 on deputation as Special Officer (Examinations).

A grant of Rs. 2.75 crores was received from the UGC towards initial establishment of the university. The university started functioning from a hall at the Ground Floor of the Administrative Building of the Gulbarga University by initial procurement of office equipment and furniture.