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I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report as Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities for the year 2014-15 at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Association being held at the beautiful campus of Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab. Details of various activities undertaken by the Association during the period are reported below:

MEETINGS

During the year the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meets for the year 2014-15 were organized as detailed below:

S. No.	Name of University/Institute	Date(s)
West Zone		
01	Malviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur	December 01-02, 2014
East Zone		
02	Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh	December 05-06, 2014
South Zone		
03	Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai	December 13-14, 2014
North Zone		
04	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh	December 15-16, 2014
Central Zone		
05	Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology & Sciences, Allahabad	January 21-22, 2015

Recommendations of the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meeting 2014-15 have been included in the agenda of the 89th Annual Meeting (General Session) for discussion.

The 89th Annual Meeting of the Association is being held at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara during May 23-25, 2015.

Membership

During the year the following Universities have been granted provisional membership of the Association:

1. Indira Gandhi Delhi Technological University for Women, New Delhi
2. Jain University, Bengaluru
3. NOIDA International University, NOIDA

4. Shridhar University, Pilani, Jhunjhunu
5. Yenepoya University, Mangalore
6. Monad University, Hapur
7. Bhagwant University, Ajmer
8. O P Jindal Global University, Sonipat

The Governing Council at its 322nd Meeting held on February 12, 2014 at AIU House, New Delhi granted provisional membership to Universities listed at 1-8 above.

9. Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Kumarhatti-Solan, HP
10. Centurion University of Technology and Management, Paralakhemundi, Odisha
11. Dr. K N Modi University, Tonk
12. Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University, Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan)
13. Amity University Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior
14. Pacific University, Udaipur
15. Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh
16. Indira Gandhi University, Mirpur, Rewari
17. Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (LUVAS), Hisar, Haryana
18. Himgiri Zee University, Dehradun
19. Shekhawati University, Sikar, Rajasthan

The Governing Council at its 322nd Meeting held on February 12, 2014 at AIU House, New Delhi granted provisional membership to Universities listed at 9-19 above.

20. Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh
21. I.E.C. University, Baddi, District Solan
22. The Christ University, Bangalore
23. K L E F University, Guntur
24. Pratap University, Jaipur
25. Singhania University, Pachheri Bari, District Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan
26. University of Kota, Kota, Rajasthan

The Governing Council at its 325th Meeting held on May 20, 2014 at AIU House, New Delhi granted provisional membership to Universities listed at 20-26 above.

27. Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai, Aurnachal Pradesh
28. Indus International University, Bathu, District Una, Himachal Pradesh

The Governing Council at its 326th Meeting held on June 10, 2014 at AIU House, New Delhi granted provisional membership to Universities listed at 27-28 above.

29. Apeejay Stya University, Sohna, Haryana
30. A P G (Alakh Parkash Goyal) Shimla University, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
31. Glocal University, Saharanpur, UP
32. Chandigarh University, Kharar, District Mohali, Punjab
33. Invertis University, Bareilly, UP
34. Galgotia University Uttar Pradesh, Greater NOIDA, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP
35. I F T M University, NH-24, Moradabad, UP
36. Career Point University, Tikker (Kharwarian), Bhoranj, Hamirpur

The Governing Council at its 328th Meeting held on July 22, 2014 at Dharmsinh Desai University, Nadiad granted provisional membership to Universities listed at 29-36 above.

37. Alliance University, Bangalore
38. Sri Devraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research, Kolar
39. Career Point University, Kota
40. Sai Nath University, Ranchi
41. Indus University, Ahmedabad
42. Swami Vivekanand University, Sagar
43. Maharaja Agrasen University, Tehsil Baddi, District Solan

The Governing Council at its 329th Meeting held on September 23, 2014 at AIU House, New Delhi granted provisional membership to Universities listed at 37-43 above.

44. Raffles University, Neemrana, Rajasthan
45. Shoolini University, Solan
46. Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar
47. Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani
48. Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind
49. National Institute of Technology Goa, Goa
50. Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat
51. Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research, Chennai
52. Gujarat Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar
53. M V N University, Palwal
54. Desh Bhagat University, Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab

The Governing Council at its 330th Meeting held on December 03, 2014 at AIU House, New Delhi granted provisional membership to Universities listed at 44-54 above.

55. REVA University, Bangalore
56. Jaypee University of Engineering and Technology, Guna, MP
57. Baddi University of Emerging Sciences and Technology, Baddi, HP
58. Kalinga University, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh
59. Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phoole University, Jaipur
60. Shri Venkateshwara University, Gajraula, UP
61. Clarox Teacher's University, Ahmedabad
62. J K Lakshmi Pat University, Jaipur
63. School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal
64. Guru Kashi University, Bhatinda, Punjab
65. ITM University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Associate Membership

66. Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh
67. De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

The Governing Council at its 331st Meeting held on February 27, 2015 at AIU House, New Delhi granted provisional membership to Universities listed at 55-67 above.

68. National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad
69. Kalasilingam University, Krishnankoil, Tamil Nadu
70. Assam Kazirana University, Jorhat, Assam
71. Sri Sai University, Palampur
72. Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai

Associate Membership

- 73 South Asian University, New Delhi

The Governing Council at its 332nd Meeting held on April 16, 2015 at AIU House, New Delhi granted provisional membership to Universities listed at 68-73 above.

Foreign Visits

1. The Secretary General, AIU visited the Qingdao, China on an invitation from AUSF to attend the 8th AUSF Governing Assembly Meeting of AUSF, on August 23, 2014.
2. The Secretary General, AIU attended the 10th Annual EDUCON Meeting of the Vice Chancellors organized by the SAKAL Group of Papers at Paris, France during September 11-15, 2014. The boarding & lodging and other expenses were provided by the Host.

RESEARCH DIVISION

Roundtables/Workshops /Training Programmes and Seminars

In the Calendar year 2014-15 the following Workshop /Seminar/Roundtables were held:

- ◆ National Workshop on 'Examination Reforms in Higher Education' [With Special Reference to Choice Based Credit Transfer System] during May 27 - 29, 2014, Bilaspur University, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)
- ◆ National Seminar on 'Women Empowerment: Issues and Concerns with Special Reference to Regional Diversities' during June 24-25, 2014 at Bastar University, Bastar
- ◆ National Seminar of Vice Chancellors on 'Autonomy of Universities and Relation with States' during December 9-10, 2014 in collaboration with Bilaspur University, Bilaspur at Bilaspur University, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)
- ◆ National Summit on 'Higher Education: Establishing Research Ecosystem in Universities – Breaking New Grounds' in collaboration with ASSOCHAM, New Delhi on January 09, 2015 at New Delhi
- ◆ Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Sanskrit Universities on the theme 'Problems of Sanskrit Universities and their Solutions' in collaboration with Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Shri Vihar, Puri during February 15-16, 2015
- ◆ Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of State Universities on the theme 'Invigorating Higher Education: Role of State Universities' in collaboration with University of Lucknow, Lucknow during March 14-15, 2015
- ◆ National Seminar on 'Contemporary Issues in Women's Studies: A Feminist Discourse' in collaboration with University of Mumbai during March 30-31, 2015

Activities supposed to be held before March 31, 2015 have been re-scheduled

- ◆ Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Technological Universities on 'Innovation in Engineering Education with Global Perspective- A Blended Approach' was scheduled to be held during November 1-2, 2014 in collaboration with JNTUK Kakinada at JNTUK, Kakinada has been postponed and the new dates are to be finalized.
- ◆ Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Central Universities on 'Reforms and Innovations in Higher Education: A March towards Excellence' in collaboration with University of Pondicherry scheduled to be held during April 29-30, 2015
- ◆ Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Health Science Universities in collaboration with Gujarat Ayurved University, Jamnagar was scheduled to be held on March 26, 2015 has been postponed and the new dates are to be finalized.
- ◆ Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Private Universities in collaboration with GLA University, Mathura was scheduled to be held during April 24-25, 2015 has been further postponed and the new dates are to be finalized.

- ◆ National Workshop on 'Management of University Administration' held during May 12-14, 2015 in collaboration with Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, TN
- ◆ National Workshop on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences' to be organized in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- ◆ National Workshop on 'Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management' to be organized in collaboration with NIT, Silchar
- ◆ National Workshop on 'Examination Reforms' to be organized in collaboration with YCMOU, Nashik during June 22-24, 2015

ANVESHAN: Student Research Convention – 2014-15

With a view to enriching research culture in the higher education institutions and to inspire researchers throughout the country, AIU has taken a pioneering initiative to organize student research conventions. The endeavour is directed towards accelerating scientific temperament and harnessing the innovative aptitude and in the welfare and development of community, percolating to the grass root level. Anveshan: Students Research Conventions-2014-15 has been proposed to be conducted at both at zonal and National levels. This pioneering initiative has been applauded across the country for providing an innovative platform to students and creating a culture for innovative research among youth. The projects are invited from bonafide, full time UG, PG and Research students of Indian Universities/ University level Institutions in the following five areas:

(i) Agriculture, (ii) Basic Sciences, (iii) Engineering & Technology, (iv) Health Sciences & Allied Disciplines, (v) Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce & Law

ANVESHAN: Students Research Conventions 2014-15 has been re-scheduled and will be organized in the following Universities:

- ◆ South Zone Student Research Convention to be organized at Pondicherry University during May 20-21, 2015
- ◆ North Zone Student Research Convention to be organized at ICAR-NDRI, Karnal
- ◆ Central Zone Student Research Convention to be organized at Fakir Mohan University, Balasore (Odisha)
- ◆ West Zone Student Research Convention to be organized at Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner
- ◆ East Zone Student Research Convention to be organized at Baba Bhimrao Ambedkar Bihar University, Muzaffarpur (Bihar)
- ◆ National Student Research Convention to be organized at Sardar Patel University, Anand (Gujarat)

(* The new dates for the remaining Conventions are to be finalized in consultation with the host universities/institutions)

Research Projects

A. Research Projects Completed

1. Global Dynamics of Higher Education – A Study of Preparedness of Indian Higher Education Institutions (Draft Report prepared)
2. Impact of Government Policies on Equalization of Educational Opportunities and Increasing Access to Higher Education: An Evaluating Study (Draft Report prepared)

B. Projects in Progress

(i) In House Projects

1. Comparative Analysis of Innovations and Patents: A Study of Cross Category of Higher Education Institutions
2. The Scheme of Special Assistance Programme of University Grants Commission: An Evaluative Study of selected Indian Universities
3. Impact of Refresher Programmes on Developing Teaching Skills: A Study of Selected Academic Staff Colleges
4. Women Teachers in Higher Education: A Trend Analysis.
5. Social Exclusion and Inclusive policies in Higher Education: A Study of Policy effectiveness

(ii) Projects in Collaboration

1. Identifying the Gaps in Curricula and Training Imparted by Indian Universities for Meeting Demands of Manpower Development in Degree Level Engineering: An Empirical Study on Select Industries /Universities of the Country” in collaboration with DTU (Project is in report writing stage)
2. An Evaluation of Best Practices Amongst Governance Structures in Non Public Universities in India in Collaboration with Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Lakkidi, Wayanad
3. Excellence in Higher Education: An Empirical Study on Quality Sustainability of Select Universities of Northern India in collaboration with Maharaja Agrasen University, Baddi, Solan (HP)

National Dialogue on Excellence on Sports

(The Sports Division of AIU has been assigned to conduct the activity with Academic support from the Research Division; the preparatory activity is in progress)

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

The International Cell was established in AIU in the year 2000. Keeping in view the Globalization, Internationalization of Higher Education necessitating increasing international academic collaboration in the areas of common interest particularly exchange of students/faculty/research and technical staff, joint research projects, sharing of information, joint capacity building programme, credit transfer, dual/joint degree programmes, recognition of courses and programmes, equivalence of degree etc.

between the universities of India with Association of Universities of other countries and coordinates the activities related to the Division. The division also keeps records of MoUs/Collaboration with National/International Organisation and representation of AIU in various International forums. The Division collects and collates the data of International students in India. It also collects the data of Foreign Providers of Higher Education in India. The Division has brought out an Occasional Paper on 'International Students in Indian Universities: Source Countries, Gender Ratio, Levels of Education and Choice of Discipline. It contains the data for the year 2012-13 and now division has started collecting data of International Students for the year 2013-14.

EVALUATION DIVISION

During the calendar year 2014-15 following tasks were undertaken

- ◆ Professional assistance was provided to Ministries of the Government of India, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), Medical Council of India (MCI) and other Central/State Government agencies for nomination/selection of Indian/foreign students intending to pursue higher education in Indian universities.
- ◆ Draft replies were provided to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for parliament questions related to information on higher education.
- ◆ Equivalence certificates issued during the year to Indian and Foreign Students obtained qualification from abroad-1375 approximately.
- ◆ Seven thousand (7000) Visitors were provided the information relating to equivalence of foreign degrees and on the status of courses offered by the professional institutions outside the purview of the Universities, who visited this office.
- ◆ About 290 enquiries from the Nationalized Banks with regard to the status of equivalence of degrees of the courses offered by Indian/foreign Universities for sanction of Education Loan to the students.
- ◆ The division received enquiries from student/parents/other state holders about the courses offered by various universities and on their accreditation status. 2500 such enquiries were received and replied through E-mail.
- ◆ Numerous telephonic queries were attended by the Division and 1900 queries were replied through post.

Equivalence accorded to PGDM Programme:

Two-year full time Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Management offered by 62 Institutions have so far been accorded equivalence with MBA degree of an Indian Universities for the purpose of admission to higher education. The list of Institutions accorded equivalence to their PGDM programmes has been displayed on our website at <http://www.aiuweb.org>

The One Man Committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development recommended that AIU should stop granting equivalence to PGDM Programmes offered by

the Institute falling outside the purview of the Universities. The Ministry of Human Resource Development constituted a Committee comprising of the representative of UGC, AICTE, and AIU which was headed by the Secretary, Higher Education wherein it was decided that AIU shall continue to accord equivalence to PGDM programmes till alternative arrangements are made.

The Division has also brought out a Brochure on the Equivalence of Degrees which elaborates the Policies adopted by AIU for according equivalence to School and Degree level programmes.

LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION DIVISION

In fulfillment of its objectives 'to act as a service agency and a clearing house of information', the Association has established a Library and Documentation Centre. This is engaged in a two pronged programme of development. The first relates to strengthening its resources while the second aims at dissemination. In pursuance of these goals, it has launched an ambitious programme of collection, development and evolving instruments to reach the information to maximum numbers. The total number of books in the library today stands 20,625. The Library is particularly strong in its collection of Reports and Documents, emanating from governments and non-commercial and highly specialized educational associations and organizations. The Annual Reports, Calendars, Handbooks, Acts of the different Universities and Supreme Court Judgment on Educational Matters also available in the Library, which are regularly in demand and consulted by numbers of users.

During the year 2014-15, the library received 150 periodicals (109 Indian and 41 foreign). Of these 37 were subscribed, 69 were received gratis and 44 received in exchange of 'University News'. Around 1575 students and scholars visited the library during the year. Around 1020 telephonic and email queries were attended during the year.

The process of digitization of Library documents has been initiated and approximately 600 documents are digitized in first phase.

The publications are in the final stage namely:

1. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Social Sciences 2010
2. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Social Sciences 2011
3. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Social Sciences 2012
4. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Social Sciences 2013
5. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Humanities 2010
6. Libraries in Internet Age
7. Handbook of Library and Information Science

Theses of the Month

A list of Doctoral Theses accepted in Science & Technology, Social Sciences and Humanities by Indian Universities and other Institutions of Higher Education is compiled and published regularly

under the column Theses of the Month in University News, every week. For the year 2014-15 so far the reported number of thesis is 3880.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

The University News maintained its longstanding tradition of regularity of appearance in the year 2014-15 also. It has carved a niche for itself in the field of higher education in the country by maintaining richness, relevance and state-of-the art contents. The Special Issues brought out in the year 2014-15 are:

- ◆ Volume 52 No. 03 (January 20-28, 2014) Special Issue was brought out on '**Rejuvenation of Higher Education in India**' on the occasion of West Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference held on January 23-24, 2014 at Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya, Gandhinagar.
- ◆ Volume 52 No. 07 (February 17-23, 2014) Special issue was brought out on '**Higher Education Policies**' on the occasion of New Delhi World Book Fair held on February 17-23, 2014.
- ◆ Volume 52 No. 48 (December 1-7, 2014) Special Issue was brought out on '**Combining Rigor with Relevance in Higher Education to Boost Quality, Employability & Entrepreneurship**' on the occasion of West and East Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference 2014-15 held at Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur on December 01-02, 2014.
- ◆ Volume 52 No. 49 (December 8-14, 2014) Special Issue on '**World Ranking of Universities Volume-I**' was brought out on the occasion of South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference 2014-15 held at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (Meenakshi University) Chennai on December 13-14, 2014.
- ◆ Volume 52 No. 50 (December 15-21, 2014) Special Issue was brought out on '**Research for the Benefit of Society**' on the occasion of North Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference 2014-15 held at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh on December 15-16, 2014.
- ◆ Volume 53 No. 03 (January 19-25, 2015) Special Issue was brought out on '**Autonomy in Higher Education: Shifting Paradigms**' on the occasion of Golden Jubilee year of Library & Documentation Division and University News Unit and Central Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference 2014-15 on January 21-22, 2015 at Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture Technology & Sciences, Allahabad.
- ◆ Volume 53 No. 07 (February 16-22, 2015) Special issue was brought out on '**Autonomy and Excellence in Higher Education**' on the occasion of 23rd New Delhi World Book Fair, held from February 14-22, 2015.
- ◆ Volume 53 Issue No. 20 (May 18-24, 2015) Special issue was brought out on the theme- '**Promotion of Excellence in Higher Education**' on the occasion of 89th Annual General Meetings of AIU, being held at the Lovely Professional University, Jaladhar.

STUDENTS INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Division continued to serve the students, academics, parents, other stakeholders and visitors to AIU House by providing them information on the status of Indian institutions of higher education, professional bodies etc. and on the courses offered by Indian universities and other institutions recognized by statutory bodies like AICTE, NCTE and MCI.

The Division continued to update itself by screening the leading newspapers in respect of admission notifications on various courses issued by universities and other institutions from time to time in order to provide latest information to students and updating the Handbooks. The division has revised and updated the 33rd edition of 'Universities Handbook'. The 33rd Edition of Universities Handbook is a compendium that contains latest information on 402 Universities level institutions of AIU Members including 56 Technical, 41 Agriculture, 24 Health Sciences, 13 Law, 03 Journalism, 15 Open Universities and Five Associate Members: Kathmandu University, Nepal; University of Mauritius, Mauritius; Royal University of Bhutan; Middle East University, United Arab Emirates and Semey State Medical University, Semey have also been included in this Edition.

The Handbook gives information relating to: Courses of Studies; Minimum Requirements for admission to each course; Duration and the subjects of study for each course; Library and Research Facilities; Scholarship and Fellowships; Academic year – date for admission and the approximate dates of examinations; Names of Faculties; Deans of Faculties, Names of Professors and Readers/ Associate Professors with their specialization (department-wise); Staff, Officers and Name of Affiliated Constituent Colleges together with the names of Principals and Heads of Postgraduate Departments in the Colleges.

The Handbook also includes an introductory chapter giving an overview of the University System in India.

Now it has started revising and updating the 12th edition of 'Handbook on Engineering Education'.

Publications and Sales

1. The activities of the Division are categorized as per the following:-
 - (a) Printing & Publishing
 - (b) Sale of AIU Publications
 - (c) Advertisement in University News
 - (d) Subscription to University News

Printing & Publishing

2. All the printing & publishing needs of different divisions of AIU are being undertaken through the empanelled printers and also, as per the approved rates including the printing of University News – a weekly chronicle of Higher Education & Research.

3. During the period under report, the following Publications, Reports, etc. have been brought out :-

(a) Publications Printed/Reprinted

- ◆ Universities Handbook – 33rd Edition (2014) (Indian & International Editions)
- ◆ Directory – AIU Members (July 2014)
- ◆ Directory – AIU Members (January 2015)
- ◆ Social Security for Women (an Edited Volume)
- ◆ Proceedings of 87th Annual General Meeting

(b) Report, etc.

- ◆ International Students in Indian Universities : Source Countries, Gender Ratio, Level of Education and Choice of Discipline (Occasional Paper: 2014/1).
- ◆ Inter-University Youth Festivals Report (2013-14)
- ◆ AIU AT a Glance
- ◆ Information Brochure on Equivalence of Foreign Degrees
- ◆ Annual Report (2015)

Sale of AIU Publications

4. **Promotion of Sales:** The sale promotion of AIU publications is being done through various exhibitions, dispatching of publicity materials and circulars to the Universities, Institutions, and Foreign Mission in India, Publishers, Book Sellers from time to time and whenever new books are released.
5. **Publication and other Materials on Complimentary Basis:** As and when new publications, reports, etc are published, the same are being dispatched to the Vice Chancellors/Directors of member Universities and some dignitaries of Ministries and autonomous bodies on complimentary basis.
6. **Book Exhibition at the Venue of AGM:** The Division used to display the AIU Publications and other materials for their popularization and wider publicity at the venue of Annual General Meetings of AIU for enhancing sale of publications. However, this practice has been discontinued with effect from the year 2013.

Participation in the New Delhi World Book Fair

7. As a part of sale promotion & publicity of AIU Publications, the Division along with some members Universities/Institutes keeps on participating in the New World Book Fair from time to time. The Division has participated in the 23rd New Delhi World Book Fair, held from February 14-22, 2015 at the Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Advertisements in University News Journal

8. AIU regularly receives advertisements for publishing in weekly journal - University News from member Universities, Institutions, Govt. departments, Booksellers and other parties. These advertisements are being considered for inclusion in the issues, preferably on pre-payment basis only.

Special issues of University News

9. Apart from the regular issues of University News, the following Special Issues were brought out on the occasions/topics as mentioned below:
- ◆ **Volume 52 No. 48** (December 01-07, 2014) : on the theme 'Combining Rigor with Relevance in Higher Education to Boost Quality, Employability & Entrepreneurship' on the occasion of West and East Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference 2014-15.
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 - ◆ **Volume 53 Issue No. 20** (May 18-24, 2015) : on the theme- 'Promotion of Excellence in Higher Education' on the occasion of 89th Annual General Meetings of AIU, being held at the Lovely Professional University, Phagwara.

Subscriptions to University News

10. The print run of University News as of date is nearly 7000 copies. Apart from the paid subscribers, the copies of University News are being sent on complimentary basis to the Vice Chancellors/Directors & Registrars of member Universities/Institutes Government officials, other important dignitaries/academics, contributors of Articles and also, on exchange basis on the recommendations of Assistant Librarian.

Yearly Pocket Planner

11. From the year 2014 onward, a New Year Planner has been introduced in place of the Monthly Pocket Planner and the same is being dispatched to the entitled dignitaries, which include Vice Chancellors/Directors & Registrars of member universities/institutes and other dignitaries as per the mailing list maintained for this purpose.

SPORTS

1. National Sports Calendar

Annual Sports Calendar of National University Games for the year 2014-15 was finalized and approved in the AGM of Inter University Sports Board of India (AIU) held on 18-03-2014 at SRM University, Chennai (TN). National University Games are the main components of NSPO Scheme for promoting sports in university sector which is being considered as a nursery of Indian Sports.

2. Allotment of Tournaments

As per existing practice, Inter University Tournaments were allotted to member and willing universities by a duly constituted Sub-Committee by the Hon'ble President, AIU. While distributing the sporting events to the eligible universities, following parameters were kept in mind:

- ◆ Standard size of Sporting Infrastructure
- ◆ Qualified and Competent Officiating Staff
- ◆ Adequate Accommodation & Local Transport

3. Appointment of AIU Observers

For the purpose of effective monitoring of the conduct of National University Games, as many as 80 neutral and suitable AIU-Observers selected mainly from University Sector, National Sports Federations, Sports Authority of India, Indian Railways and National Institute of Sports, Patiala etc., were appointed out of the panel approved by Sports Board. The criteria for selection of AIU-observers was based on four major components such as (a) achievements in a particular sport(s), (b) Professional Job Experience, (c) Technical Capability and (d) Contribution to the field of Competitive Sports.

4. Conduct of Tournaments

As many as 128 Inter University Tournaments were organized at various 80 University sports centers throughout the country, with a view to create sport-culture and broad-base "youth sports" at the grass roots for achieving excellence at National and International level. As a result, National University Games proved to be a common platform for Talent Search and Talent Promotion with professional and scientific approach for throwing up adequate amount of sporting potential to feed the national stream to create large talent pool with attainable and sustainable performance targets on the long term basis.

5. Monitoring Mechanism

Over the years, it has been observed that the existing monitoring mechanism through AIU Observers, proved to be quite effective in stream-lining and strengthening system of university sports and raising the standard of technical conduct of National University Games at par with National Championships. Therefore, it is observed that performance level of university athletes/teams is on the constant rise. This significant development is viewed as a healthy

sign of improvement in the performance of "University Sports" at national and international level competitions.

6. Number of Participants

Approximately, 4,77,975 highly talented university students/athletes participated in University sporting Competitions during the year : 2014-15. The details are given below:

S. No.	Category of Tournaments	No. of Sporting Events	Average No. of Participants
1	National Basis	28 (M/W)	1,30,875 (MW)
2	Four Zone Basis	60 (W)	1,63,450 (W)
3	Four Zone Basis	40 (M)	1,83,650 (M)
	Total Events and Participants	128 (M/W)	4,77,975 (MW)

Break-up of Sportspersons

S. No.	Category of Competitions	Average No. of Participants with Percentage (W)	No. of Average Participants with Percentage (M)
1	All India Basis (MW)	(42%) (W) 2,00,749.5	(58%) (M) 2,77,225.5
2	Four Zone Basis (MW)	(43%) (W) 2,05,529.25	(57%) (M) 2,72,445.75
	Grand Total of Participants	(42.5%) (W) 2,03,139.375	(57.5%) (M) 2,74,835.625

7. AIU as NSPO

It is a matter of great honour for all the stakeholders that Inter University Sports Board of India (AIU) has already been granted the status of National Sports Promotion Organization (NSPO) by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports vide letter No. F.9-22/2007-SP.I dated 05/05/2008 on account of its meritorious contribution to promotion of sports at the grass root level, especially in universities and colleges in the country. Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is considered to be at par with all other National Sports Federations (NSFS) approved and recognized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for availing financial assistance for the purpose of promoting competitive sports for participation of university students.

8. Certificates of Merit

As per existing practice, Association of Indian Universities (AIU) supplied certificates of merit to all the host universities well in advance for further distribution to the athletes/teams securing First, Second and Third positions during All India/ Inter University (Inter Zonal) Tournaments: 2014-15. These certificates are considered to be important documents, on the basis of which athletes with outstanding sporting performance get the following benefits:-

- ◆ Jobs in the public and private sectors against Sports Quota.
- ◆ Admission for Higher Education in Universities and Colleges
- ◆ Scholarships to support education in universities/colleges etc.

9. Adequate Accommodation

As per the existing provision in the Handbook of Rules and Regulations for Inter University Tournaments, the host universities arranged/provided adequate accommodation for the visiting athletes and team officials during Inter University Tournaments. The participating universities truly appreciated adequate arrangements of accommodation and local transport made by host universities during Inter University Tournaments.

10. Umpires and Referees

In accordance with existing rules and regulations for Inter Universities, only qualified and competent referees, umpires, judges and officiating officials were appointed by the host universities for smooth and successful conduct of Inter University Tournaments with a view to give "fair and impartial judgment" during intensely contested competitions. Participating athletes and officials appreciated neutral and clean/smooth conduct of competitions, helping in raising the technical conduct of Inter University Tournaments at par with National Championships organized other National Sports Federations.

11. Co-ordination with Sports Bodies

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) maintained a cordial co-ordination and healthy relationship with all National Sports Federations (NSFs) while determining/ finalizing the dates and fixtures of Zonal and National University Games. The Organizing Committee of each competition approached/consulted the respective National Sports Federations, so as to avoid clash in dates of Inter University Tournaments and National Championships organized. As a result, university, athletes/ students were able to participate both in Inter University Competitions and National Championships during the year: 2014-15 conveniently.

12. Accredited Representatives

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) dispatched an advance official circular stating that every university sending its athletes / teams to participate in Inter University Tournaments shall appoint a whole-time employee, responsible "Male or Female" staff member (teaching/ administration/coaching) as its accredited representative. Accordingly, due intimation for such an appointment(s) was sent to the host universities. As a result, this exercise helped the host universities/ participating universities to maintain proper discipline amongst the teams and players.

13. Entries/ Draw of Fixtures

As per the existing Rules and Regulations for Inter University Tournaments, an advance intimation was circulated/dispatched to all the participating universities that entries shall be sent under the Registered AD cover addressed to the Organizing Secretary of the concerned tournament. Accordingly, most of the participating universities submitted their general entries/detailed entries on or before the closing date of entries. There are few cases wherein Organizing Secretaries did not allow only those universities to participate in competitions, who failed to submit the detailed entries (10 days before the commencement of competitions in individual events) within the stipulated period.

14. Disputes and Protest Cases

All the disputes and protest cases received within the stipulated period of two hours of completion of concerned competitions, by Organizing Secretary, from the aggrieved universities, during National/Zonal University Games: 2014-15 were considered, discussed and decided by Jury of Appeal, then and there, on the spot, in accordance with existing relevant Rule No. 8 of the AIU Rule Book. The Jury of Appeal included the following members for taking appropriate action.

- ◆ Organizing Secretary of concerned tournament(s)
- ◆ AIU Observer for neutral conduct of Competition(s)
- ◆ International Athlete nominee of V.C. of host university

15. Universities Cricket Team

During Vizy Trophy Cricket (M) Championship 2014-15, a team of 20 talented Cricket Players was selected by a duly constituted Committee by the BCCI, for advance training camp of Universities Cricket team sponsored by Cricket Board. The coaching camp was organized under guidance of the qualified Coaches, Competent Trainers and committed Sports Scientists. As a result, universities team performed to the satisfaction of all the stakeholders, in the highly contested matches during Hemu Adhikari Trophy Tournament: 2014-15.

16. National Handball (W) Championship

Indian Universities Handball (W) Team was selected through "open selection trials" for advance training camp before participation in Senior National Handball (Women) Championship 2014-15. The Indian Universities Handball (W) team reached up to "Quarter Finals Stage" and displayed satisfactory performance during the mega event. Indian Universities Handball (W) team was announced as most promising and young contingent.

17. National Hockey (M) Championship

Indian University Hockey (M) Team was selected through "Open Selection Trials" for advance training camp before participation in Senior National Hockey (M) Championship: 2014-15 held at Lucknow (UP). Indian Universities hockey (M) team was declared as most disciplined and talented bunch of players with high potential in the country.

18. National Conference on Sports

SRM University, Chennai (TN) organized a National Conference in Physical Education titled "**Broadbasing Sports in University Sector in Pursuit of Excellence**" during the year: 2014-15, in collaboration with **Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Indian Association of Sports Sciences (IASS)**. In this national event, top Sports Administrators, Physical Educationists, Professional Experts, Policy-makers and Sports Scientists participated/interacted in deliberations of various scientific sessions – a common platform for sharing latest professional knowledge based on research findings for promotion of scientific culture in the country.

19. **MAKA Trophy Committee**

A meeting of MAKA Trophy Scrutiny Committee duly constituted by the Hon'ble Secretary General, AIU was held under the Chairmanship of Padma Shri Ajit Pal Singh (former Captain of Indian Hockey Team – 1975) for recommending MAKA Trophy award for the year : 2013-14. Accordingly, prestigious award was presented to the overall champion Punjabi University, Patiala by His Excellency, the President of India.

20. **Sports Board & Sports Committee**

Annual General Meetings of Sports Board and Sports Committee (AIU) for the year: 2014-15 were held under the chairmanship of Working Chairman nominated by the Hon'ble President, AIU held on March 20, 2015 at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur-522510 (AP). Apart from other important issues related to sports promotion under Long Term Development Plan (LTDP), annual Sports Calendar for the year: 2015-16 was finalized, approved and uploaded on AIU's website <http://www.aiuweb.org> for advance information and necessary action of all the stakeholders, in this regard.

21. **National Seminar**

A national seminar on the theme "Promoting Excellence in Sports through University Sector" was organized by Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur (AP) in collaboration with Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi on March 21, 2015. In this mega event, more than 100 selected delegates participated including members of Sports Board and Sports Committee invited for attending AGM of Sports Board and Sports Committee for the year 2014-15. Apart from delegates from member universities, AIU, representatives of local Colleges and various other sports associations/bodies, TransStadia, Mumbai and UBA, Pune were also invited to present their point of view on the theme of Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the process of developing "University Sports" as a strong foundation for Indian Sports leading to achieve excellence in competitive sports at National and International level competitions.

YOUTH AFFAIRS

During the academic year the Division organized several youth programmes at the Inter-University Zonal and National level pertaining for promotion of National Integration, Communal Harmony, Youth Leadership and Capacity Building including Inter-University Youth Festivals, South Asian Universities Youth Festival, Youth Leadership Camp, NSS Workshops etc.

Inter-University Youth Festivals (UNIFESTS)

With the purpose of promoting Youth Programmes of Art and Cultural Affairs and to augment spirit of national integration amongst the Youth, the Youth Affairs Division of AIU has been organising the Inter-University Youth Festivals (UNIFESTS) annually since 1985 with financial support of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. A large number of university youth from the nationwide universities participate in the UNIFESTS which play a significant role in promoting in our youth, a pride for Indian culture and an awareness of national identity.

The AIU UNIFESTS are also a medium of inculcating in the younger generation a spirit of unity, fraternity, peace and leadership qualities. In addition, these festivals have brought to the forefront numerous youth artistes at the regional, national and even international levels. As a prelude to the AIU UNIFESTS, the selected youth artistes were selected through the Inter-College Youth Festivals which were organized on the guidelines and norms of AIU UNIFESTS by the countrywide universities in which around 2 lakhs students participated.

The 30th Inter-University Five Zonal and One National UNIFESTS were scheduled to be organized at various Universities in which over 7000 selected university youth artistes participated in 25 competitive events of music, dance, theatre, fine arts and literary events. The Zonal & National UNIFESTS were organised at:

ZONE	VENUE	DATES
West	Mahrashi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer	November 19-23, 2014
Central	Berhampur University, Berhampur, Odisha	November 25-29, 2014
South	Tumkur University, Tumkur (Karnataka)	December 8-12, 2014
East	Ranchi University, Ranchi	January 5-9, 2015
North	University of Jammu, Jammu	January 15-19, 2015
National	Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore	February 12-16, 2015

8th South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST)

Under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur in collaboration with Pacific University, Udaipur hosted the 8th South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST) during March 07-11, 2015. Amongst its varied youth-centric activities, the South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST) is a noble concept of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with goal to promote active collaboration and mutual understanding amongst the South Asian countries in educational, social, cultural and economic fields. It is an attempt towards bringing the youth from the South Asian countries to a common platform for sharing views, experiences, innovations and common ideas so that a common agenda in taking the future regional challenges can be taken up. Furthermore, the role of SAUFEST is to ensure unity for peace, harmony and brotherhood amongst the people of the south Asian region.

About 250 selected youth artistes of 17 selected universities participated in the SAUFEST including youth from the following South Asian Countries, including:

- ◆ India
- ◆ Afghanistan
- ◆ Bangladesh
- ◆ Bhutan

- ◆ Nepal
- ◆ Sri Lanka
- ◆ Pakistan

Workshops on “Considering NSS as Elective Subject & Skill Development with Vocational Education Training”

With the financial assistance of the MoYA&S, the Association organised two-day Workshops on “Considering NSS as Elective Subject” in five zones. The workshops were held with the purpose of (1) NSS as an Elective Subject for University/College Education: Course, Content & Curriculum (2) Considering Course Content on Unit Basis for further incorporation in the Higher Education System (3) Role of Higher Education in providing Skills Development and Vocationalization and (4) Personality Development of Students through community service; Bridging of Higher Education Institutions by Exposing Students to Social Realities. Following universities hosted the mentioned Workshops :

S. No.	Zone	University	Date
1.	South	K L E University, Belgaum	20-21 May, 2014
2.	East	Ranchi University, Ranchi	23-24 May, 2014
3.	North	Panjab University, Chandigarh	27-28 May, 2014
4.	Central	Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology & Sciences, Allahabad	29-30 May, 2014
5.	West	University of Mumbai, Mumbai	6-7 June, 2014

Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme (IGNSS) Awards 2013-14

The Ministry of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs & Sports, NSS Section, New Delhi nominated AIU for selection of IG NSS Awards 2013-14. The main objective of the scheme is to promote the personality of students through community service. The Secretary General and Joint Secy. (YA) attended the selection committee for examining, evaluating and finalizing the nomination of awards for various categories. NSS provides the students an opportunity to work for understanding the society in which they live in. Annual Awards are given away to the best performing NSS universities/colleges and Students/Programme Officers.

Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad: Indian Students Parliament, Pune was held at MAEER’s MIT Campus, Pune for which AIU requested member universities to participate in three-day conclave encouraging independent thinking and sociopolitical initiative in young students and facilitates the learning of crucial social and political skills. This helps in mobilizing the youth of our country in understanding the importance of citizenry and participation of youth in democratic processes. The platform is bringing professional outlook in the youth towards political system and encouraging them to embrace public life.

FINANCE

The division strives hard to provide value based services to various stakeholders with a view to serve the cause of higher education as well as to meet the financial needs of the organization. The Division manages:

- Budgeting & Forecasting
- Accounting of Receipts
- Expenditure Management
- Books of Accounts
- Finance Committee
- Management of Funds
- Salaries & EPF
- Provident Fund Trust
- Statutory & Government Audit

The Division has been functioning ever since the inception of AIU in 1925.

The Finance Committee Meeting was held on 23.9.2014 under the Chairmanship of Dr. H M Desai, President, AIU. In this meeting apart from other important issues, following proposals were considered and approved

1. The Revised Budget Estimates for 2014-15.
2. Budget Estimates for 2015-16.
3. Audited Accounts of the Association from M/s. Sanjay Satpal and Associates, Chartered Accountants which include Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account, Receipt and Payment Account for the year 2013-14.
4. Audited Accounts of AIU PF Trust which include Revenue Account, Balance Sheet of AIU PF Trust audited by M/s. Sanjay Satpal and Associates, Chartered Accountants for the year 2013-14.
5. Appointment of Statutory auditors of AIU & AIU Provident Fund Trust for the Financial Year 2014-15.
6. Progress of Assessment proceedings by the DDIT (Exemption & CIT (Appeal) with regard to Income Tax Return of AIU for the years 2010-11 & 2011-12.
7. Application/Utilization of accumulated funds of AIU wholly and exclusively to the objects of AIU.
8. Applicability of Service Tax on:
 - i) Annual Subscription/Membership Fee
 - ii) Membership Processing Fee (One time)

- iii) Fee for giving equivalence for PGDM Programme equivalent to MBA
 - iv) Membership Fee received in advance
- 9) Modus operandi for investment of AIU and AIU PF Trust.
- 10) Internet banking facility with Canara Bank for Online Payment of Service Tax.

Grants

The Division has been providing required information and financial statements to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs and Sports.

Ministry of Human Resource Development

1. Physical & Financial targets for the FY 2014-15 were sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for their perusal and approval.
2. The Ministry has sanctioned a grant of Rs.200.00 lacs and Rs.32.00 lacs for Plan and Non Plan activities respectively during the FY 2014-15.
3. The sanction of 3rd & 4th quarterly installments of Non-Plan and Plan Grant has since been received.
4. Proposal for RE 2014-15 & BE 2015-16 (Plan and Non Plan) in respect of Department of Higher Education was submitted. This was followed by RE of Rs. 140 lacs for Plan activities and Rs. 26.56 lacs for Non-Plan activities for 2014-15.

Ministry of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs and Sports

1. Ministry has sanctioned a grant of Rs.100.00 lacs for organizing One National and Five Zonal Youth Festivals for the year 2014-15. The first installment of grant of Rs. 50 lacs was released by the Ministry.

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

1. Provisional Utilization Certificate for Rs. 1,46,57,082/- for release of Inter University Tournament for the year 2012-13 was submitted and the grant received from the Ministry was disbursed in December 2014.
2. Utilization Certificate of Rs. 3,00,045/- was sent to ONGC for participation of Indian Universities Hockey (M) team in Senior National Hockey Championship.
3. Provisional Utilisation Certificate for Rs. 2,33,19,547/- for release of Inter-University Tournaments for the year 2013-14 was submitted for which grant is awaited.

Initiatives & Activities

1. Annual Subscription notices for the year 2014-15 were sent to the Member Universities in March, 2014. Subscription of Rs. 3.40 crores has been received as on 03.11.2014.
2. Utilization Certificates were issued in respect of Plan, Non-Plan, Youth Affairs and sports Grant received during the FY 2013-14.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration Division of AIU plays a vital role in the implementation of the policy of the General Body, Governing Council, Staff Affairs Committee, various other Committees and is responsible for all Establishment & personnel matters. The objective of the division is 5Cs – Comprehensive, Conducive, Contributing, Cohesive and Cooperative Administration.

The Division provides manpower support to all the Divisions of AIU. It has the responsibility for creating conducive environment, work culture and to enhance developmental activities for the growth of the Association, recruiting required manpower, managing personnel matters, training needs of the staff, providing infrastructure facilities, housekeeping and estate management of AIU House including hardware/software.

The Division also maintains Office-cum-Rest Rooms for the Vice Chancellors/Directors and functions as a facilitator to the member Universities/Institutions.

During the year, the following meetings/conferences were organized:

S. No	Meeting/Conference/ Workshop	Date(s)	Venue
1	Governing Council	April 24, 2014	AIU House, New Delhi
2	Governing Council	May 20, 2014	AIU House
3	Governing Council	June 10, 2014	AIU House
4	Governing Council	June 30, 2014	AIU House
5	Governing Council	July 22, 2014	Dharmsinh Desai University, Nadiad
6	Governing Council	September 23, 2014	AIU House
7	Governing Council	December 03, 2014	AIU House
8	Governing Council	February 27, 2015	AIU House
9	Governing Council	April 16, 2015	AIU House
10	Governing Council	May 22, 2015	Lovely Professional University, Phagwara
11	West Zone VCs Meet	December 01-02, 2014	MNIT, Jaipur
12	East Zone VCs Meet	December 05-06, 2014	Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh
13	South Zone VCs Meet	December 13-14, 2014	Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education, Chennai
14	North Zone VCs Meet	December 15-16, 2014	Aligarh Muslim University
15	Central Zone VCs Meet	January 21-22, 2015	SHIATS, Allahabad
16	Finance Committee	September 23, 2014	AIU House
17	Equivalence Committee	December 30, 2014	AIU House
18	Research Committee	January 08, 2015	AIU House

S. No	Meeting/Conference/ Workshop	Date(s)	Venue
19	89th Annual Meeting	May 23-25, 2015	Lovely Professional University, Phagwara

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