

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report as the Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities for the year 2017-18 at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Association being held at the beautiful and serene campus of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi.

MEETINGS DIVISION

A. ZONAL VICE CHANCELLORS' MEETS 2017-18

Details of various activities undertaken by the Association during the period are reported below:

S.No.	Host University/Institute	Dates
East Zone		
1.	Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur	November 17-18, 2017
West Zone		
2.	Indian Institute of Teacher Education, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	November 27-28, 2017
North Zone		
3.	Amity University Haryana, Panchgaon, Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana	December 04-05, 2017
Central Zone		
4.	Rajiv Gandhi Prodigy Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	December 12-13, 2017
South Zone		
5.	University of Calicut, Calicut, Kerala	December 18-19, 2017

Recommendations of the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meets 2017 -18 have been included in the agenda of the 92nd Annual Meet (General Session) for discussion.

B. ANNUAL MEET

The 91st Annual General Meet of the Association of Indian Universities was held during February 05-07, 2016 at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. The Meet was well attended with a large number of delegates from India and abroad.

The 92nd Annual Meet of the Association is being held at the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi. The General Body of the Association at its 91st Annual Meet decided to organize the 92nd Annual Meet at the Assam Kaziranga University, Jorhat. However, the University expressed its inability to host the event in view of non availability of requisite accommodation required in and around Jorhat. Prof G N Samten accepted to host this event at the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi during March 19-21, 2018.

C. MEMBERSHIP

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

S.No.	Name of University/Institute	Date of M/ship
01	IIHMR University, Jaipur, Rajasthan	18.12.2016
02	Adesh University, Bhatinda, Punjab	16.12.2016
03	Amity University Kolkata, West Bengal	01.04.2017

The Governing Council at its 342nd Meeting held on 04.02.2017 at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati accorded provisional membership of AIU to Universities listed at S.No.1 to 3 above.

S.No.	Name of University/Institute	Date of M/ship
04	The Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal, MP	01.04.2017
05	Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, NUZVID, Andhra Pradesh	01.04.2017
06	The Khallikote University, Berhampur, Odisha	01.04.2017
07	The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata, West Bengal	01.04.2017
08	The LNM Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur, Rajasthan	01.04.2017
09	The Sant Baba Bhag Singh University, Village Khiala, P. O. Padhiana, Jalandhar, Punjab	01.04.2017
10	Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Pondicherry	01.04.2017
11	Geetanjali University, Udaipur, Rajasthan	01.04.2017
12	Usha Martin University, Ranchi, Jharkhand	06.04.2017

The Governing Council at its 343rd Meeting held on 08.04.2017 at Symbiosis International University, Pune accorded provisional membership of AIU to Universities listed at S.No. 4 to 12 above.

S.No.	Name of University/Institute	Date of M/ship
13	Maharaja Surajmal Brij University, Bharatpur, Rajasthan	01.04.2017
14	The West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Kolkata, West Bengal	01.04.2017
15	BML Munjal University, Gurgaon, Haryana	01.04.2017
16	G N A University, Shri Hargobindgarh, Tehsil Phagwara, Punjab	01.04.2017

The Governing Council at its 344th Meeting held on 24.05.2017 at AIU House, New Delhi accorded provisional membership of AIU to Universities listed at S.No.13 to 16 above.

S.No.	Name of University/Institute	Date of M/ship
17	The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati, Assam	22.05.2017
18	Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, Maharashtra	07.06.2017
19	Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	01.04.2017
20	Shobhit University, Gangoh, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh	01.04.2017
21	JIS University, Kolkata, West Bengal	01.04.2017

The Governing Council at its 345th Meeting held on 22.06.2017 at AIU House, New Delhi accorded provisional membership of AIU to Universities listed at S.No.17 to 21 above.

S.No.	Name of University/Institute	Date of M/ship
22	Cluster University, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir	16.06.2017
23	Govind Guru Tribal University, Banswara, Rajasthan	01.04.2017
24	Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Uttaranchal Medical Education University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand	01.04.2017
25	Raiganj University, Raiganj, West Bengal	01.04.2017
26	Allahabad State University, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	01.04.2017
27	Diamond Harbour Women's University, South 24 Pargana West Bengal	01.04.2017

28	Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir	01.04.2017
29	Sangai International University, Manipur	17.07.2017
30	G L S University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	01.04.2017
31	Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat	06.09.2017
32	MIT-Arts, Design and Technology University, Pune, Maharashtra	20.08.2017
33	NIIT University, Neemrana, Rajasthan	25.10.2017

The Governing Council at its 346th Meeting held on 30.10.2017 at AIU House, New Delhi accorded provisional membership of AIU to Universities listed at S.No.22 to 33 above.

S.No	Name of University/Institute	Date of M/ship
34	Cluster University Srinagar, Srinagar, J&K	15.06.2017
35	Azim Premji University, Bangalore, Karnataka	01.04.2017

The Governing Council at its 346th Meeting held on 05.12.2017 at Amity University Haryana, Panchgaon, Manesar, Gurugram accorded provisional membership of AIU to Universities listed at S.No. 34 to 35 above.

With the joining of above Universities as new members of the Association, the total membership rose to 695 (including 13 Associate Members from Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Mauritius, Thailand, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom.

D. GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS

During the year the Meetings of AIU Governing Council were held as detailed below:

S. No.	Details	Venue	Date
01	342 nd Governing Council Meeting	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati	February 04, 2017
02	343 rd Governing Council Meeting	Symbiosis International University, Pune	April 08, 2017
03	344 th Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	May 24, 2017
04	345 th Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	June 22, 2017
05	346 th Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	October 30, 2017

06	347 th Governing Council Meeting	Amity University Haryana, Panchgaon, Manesar, Dist Gurugram, Haryana	December 05, 2017
07	348 th Governing Council Meeting	Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi	March 18, 2018

E. SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S No.	Details of Sub-Committee Meetings	Date	Venue
1.	Grievance Committee Meeting	28.08.2017	AIU House
2.	Grievance Committee Meeting	24.10.2017	AIU House
8.	Staff Affairs Committee Meeting	03.04.2017	AIU House
4.	Finance Committee Meeting	16.08.2017	AIU House
5.	Finance Committee Meeting	28.10.2017	AIU House
6.	Sports Committee Meeting	25.04.2017	KIIT Deemed to be University
7.	Sports Board Meeting	25.04.2017	KIIT Deemed to be University
8.	Cultural Committee Meeting	12.05.2017	Ganpat University
9.	Cultural Board Meeting	12.05.2017	Ganpat University
10.	Equivalence Committee Meeting	28.09.2017	AIU House
11.	Research Committee	05.01.2017	AIU Hose
12.	Research Committee	27.10.2017	AIU House
13.	MoU with FAO Committee	28.10.2017	AIU House
14.	Screening Committee Meeting	28.12.2017	AIU House
15.	Screening Committee Meeting	29.12.2017	AIU House
16.	Screening Committee Meeting	12.02.2018	AIU House
17.	Screening Committee Meeting	17.02.2018 21.02.2018	AIU House
18.	Screening Committee Meeting	04.03.2018	AIU House
19.	Enquiry Committee Meeting (Sports)	26.10.2017	AIU House
20.	Screening Committee Meeting	08.03.2018	AIU House

F. FOREIGN VISITS

S.No	Name and designation	Details and Place of Visit	Dates
01	Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General	UNESCO Paris for 3 rd Meeting of Drafting Committee of Global Convention on the recognition of Higher Education Qualifications	Feb. 13-15, 2017
02	Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General	UNESCO Paris for 4 th Meeting of Drafting Committee of Global Convention on the recognition of Higher Education Qualifications	June 26-30, 2017
03	Prof Furqan Qamar Secretary General	NOKUT, Norway	July 1-4, 2017
04	Prof Furqan Qamar Secretary General	7 th GMA Meeting, of IAU, Accra, Ghana Registration Fees waived off for GMA and remaining expenses borne by AIU	October 17-20, 2017

The round trip air fare, accommodations and local transportation charges were borne by UNESCO for S. No. 1, 2 and 3 above.

RESEARCH DIVISION

A. Projects in Progress

- 1) In-house Short Term Projects Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies in Higher Education: A Study of Policies Effectiveness: First draft is ready.
2. **Outsourced Projects**
 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 and Universities in the Country, in collaboration with the Delhi Technological University, Delhi.
 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 Post, Pookode, 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.

B. Workshops/Training Programmes and Seminar (2017-18)

1. National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management, August 28-30, 2017 at Shivaji University, Kolhapur-416004
2. National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences, October 24-30, 2017 at Mizoram University, Aizawl 796004
3. National Workshop on Examination Reform in Higher Education, November 14-16, 2017 at Deccan College P.G. & R.I Deemed University, Pune, Maharashtra
4. National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences, December 05-11, 2017 at Goa University Teleigao Plateau
5. National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management, December 19-21, 2017 at Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar-382030
6. National Workshop on Management of University Administration, January 03-05, 2018 at Kannur University Civil Station P O Kannur Kerala- 670 002
7. National Workshop on Examination Reform in Higher Education on January 15-17, 2018 at Devi Ahilya University Indore – 452001 Madhya Pradesh
8. National Seminar on Gender Studies and Women Empowerment on the Theme: *Women as Critical Partner in an Egalitarian Society: An Evaluation of the Current Status in India*, January 29-30, 2018 at The North Cap University Sec 23 A, Gurugram, Haryana
9. National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences, February 05-11, 2018, Sri Krishnadevraya University Anantapuramu-515003 Andhra Pradesh
10. National Workshop on Management of University Administration, March 05-07, 2018, Mahatma Gandhi University Campus-Khanapara Meghalaya-793 101.

C. Conferences/Seminars of Vice Chancellors

1. An International Conference on Changing Landscape of Internationalization of Higher Education was organized at Symbiosis International University, Pune during April 8-10, 2017
2. A Conference of Vice Chancellors of Public Funded Universities at Osmania University, Hyderabad April 27-28, 2017 on the occasion of the 'Centenary Celebrations' of Osmania University.
3. The Roundtable of Vice Chancellors of Health Science Universities was organized in collaboration with Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Science University, Tirupati during October 10-11, 2017
4. National Conference, in collaboration with ASSOCHAM, on Policy Reforms for Higher

Education Excellence: Enhancing Employability and Entrepreneurial Ecosystem, February 17, 2018

D. Publications

1. Governance in Action: Memoirs of Vice Chancellors
2. Report of Consultative Meet on Internationalization of Indian Higher Education held at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune
3. Anveshan: Compendium of Research Projects (2016-17)

E. ANVESHAN: Student Research Convention–2017-18

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 temper and harnessing the innovative aptitude of the young researchers for the welfare and development of community, percolating to the grass root level. *Anveshan: Students Research Conventions-2017* has been scheduled to be organized 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 Under Graduate, Post Graduate 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.

Schedule of ANVESHAN: Student Research Convention (2017-18)

1. Central Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack-753 003, Odisha, November 22-23, 2017;
2. West Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention, Ganpat University, Mehsana-Gozaria Highway, Ganpat Vidhyanagar, Mehsana-384 012 (Gujarat), February 14-15, 2018;
3. South Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention, Bharathiar University Coimbatore-641-046, February 21-22, 2018;
4. East Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Hawaii Patti, Allahabad Road, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh -224001 February 24-25, 2018;
5. North Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention, at Manav Rachna International University, Sector 43, Delhi-Surajkund Road Faridabad-121 003 Haryana, February 26-27, 2018;

6. National Anveshan: Student Research Convention, Chitkara University Chandigarh-Patiala National Highway (NH-64) Punjab-140 401, March 14-16, 2018;

ANVESHAN: Student Research Convention–2016-17

1. North Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention at Chitkara University, Punjab on January 20-21, 2017
2. South Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention at Tumkur University, Tumkur, Karnataka on February 14-15, 2017
3. East Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention at Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh on February 20-21, 2017
4. Central Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention at Dr C V Raman University, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh on February 28-March 01, 2017
5. West Zone Anveshan: Student Research Convention at NIMS University, Jaipur, Rajasthan on March 07-08, 2017
6. National Anveshan: Student Research Convention at Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, Tamil Nadu on March 27-29, 2017

Following the completion of all the Zonal Level Research Convention, the National Convention was held at Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, Tamil Nadu during March 27-29, 2017. In Total 75 Research Projects were selected and drawn from all Five Zones (15 from each zone-East, West, North, South, and Central) were presented in the National Convention. The Details of winners in various categories are mentioned as hereunder:

Agricultural Sciences			
Prize	Name	University	Title
I	Shivali Pathania	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab	Transformation of antifungal gene 3-1,3-glucanase in Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.) and its expression analysis for sheath blight resistance
II	Ashmita Sri, P Haritha, V Sornalatha, N	Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu	Lotus - A Potential Rice Farming Component
III	Saurabh Jaiswal	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra	Innovative & Affordable onion storage structure

Basic Sciences			
Prize	Name	University	Title
I	Amit Kumar Singh Prachie Sharma	Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad, Haryana	Smart Solution for Air Pollution Mitigation
II	Abhey Mittal	Chitkara University, Punjab	Dust Collector for Wheat straw
III	Pawar Hrishikesh Balasaheb	Mahatama Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra	Mimicking nature turns sewage & organic waste to bio crude oil in minutes
Engineering Sciences			
Prize	Name	University	Title
I	Pratyaksh Joshi Jeetshu Majumder	Chitkara University, Punjab	Morse Pen
II	Yash Pramod Puri	Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati, Maharashtra	Smart Dynamic Washer
III	Gaurav Kr. Deshwal	National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana	Development of a biopolymer-based intelligent sensor for packaged food products
Health Sciences and Allied Subjects, Pharmacy, Nutrition			
Prize	Name	University	Title
I	Nagalkar, V.J.	Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati, Maharashtra	Quantification & Identification of Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM)
II	Kinjal B. Jain	Dr. D.Y. Patil Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research, Pimpri, Pune, Maharashtra	Rib Cage Plaster
III	Palash Ghosh	Guru Ghasidas	Development of economical
	Akshay Kumar	Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh	herbal portable fogging machine

Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce and Law			
Prize	Name	University	Title
I	Rani K.N	Sri Devaraj Urs Academy of Higher Education and Research, Kolar, Karnataka	Assessment of Parent Satisfaction on Tele Rehabilitation Consultation of Children with Developmental Disability Attending Tele Rehabilitation Clinic at SDUMC Kolar
II	Prapti Mehta	SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, Maharashtra	Developing concept based mobile applications for preschoolers: perspective of fathers, mothers and teachers
III	Saikat Panda Arpita Pathak Deepika Jaiswal	Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh	E-waste recycling and its benefits

Award of Professor Sanat Kumar Mukherjee Memorial Gold Medal

Prof S K Mukherjee Gold Medal was awarded to Mr Nagalkar, V J of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati, Maharashtra in the category of Health Sciences. His project entitled “Quantification & Identification of Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM)” was adjudged best for its overall excellence.

EVALUATION DIVISION

Equivalence and Recognition of Qualifications: AIU is the nodal agency for granting equivalence to the degrees awarded by the accredited foreign universities and institutions for the purpose of admission to higher academic courses and employment. During the Financial Year 2017-18, (From April 2017 to February 2018) AIU issued 2,468 Equivalence Certificates. The Division has also replied to 2,593 (till February 2018) queries received from the individuals/universities/ Institutions /Government Agencies etc. 558 enquires received from the Nationalised Banks pertaining to disbursement of Educational Loans to the students intending to join Foreign Universities were replied.

A Brochure containing the detailed procedure of issuing Equivalence has been brought out by AIU. Besides, AIU has so far also accorded equivalence to two-Year Full Time Postgraduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) of 72 Autonomous Management Institutions. Besides these, throughout the Year the Evaluation Division has provided professional assistance on the status of foreign qualifications to Universities. Ministries

of Government of India, Union Public Service Commission, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Medical Council of India and other Central/State Government agencies dealing with nomination/selection of prospective foreign students intending to pursue higher education in Indian Universities.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

The International Cell was established in AIU in the year 2000. Keeping in view the Globalization, Internationalisation 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, the Division coordinates the activities related to the Internationalisation of Higher Education. The division also keeps records of MoUs/Collaboration with National/ International Organisation and representation of AIU on various International forums. The division collects and collates the data of International Students in India and after analysis of the same regularity brings out the publication. After collecting the data on International Students for the year 2014-15, it brought out an Occasional Paper on “Internationalisation of Higher Education in India – Annual Survey of International Students in India 2014-15”.

STUDENTS INFORMATION SERVICES

The activities of Students Information started at AIU in the year 1927 with the Publication of Universities Handbook. In the year 1997, a Division named as ‘Students Information Services’ was set up. The Division provides requisite information on status of university institutions, professional bodies, accredited courses conducted by all types of universities, teaching faculty of university departments, etc. It brings out comprehensive Universities Handbook giving detailed information about the universities, their faculty, administration, disciplines in which it offers courses at all levels, admission schedule and academic calendar. It also brings out handbooks on professional courses including Management Education, Engineering Education, Health Sciences Education, Computer Education and Distance Education. The Division provides information to the stakeholders in India on their eligibility for admission to an Indian university or on the standing of an institution through e-mail, post and telephone. Now, the Division has revised and updated the Universities Handbook (34th Edition) which is in press.

LIBRARY & 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 programmes 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 20,842. 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 2017-18, 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 1340 students and scholars visited the library during the year. Around 1100 telephonic and email queries were attended during the year.

Publications

Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations:

1. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations : Science and Technology 2015
2. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations : Science and Technology 2016
3. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations : Science and Technology 2017 (under preparation)
4. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations : Social Sciences 2015
5. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations : Social Sciences 2016
6. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations : Social Sciences 2017 (under preparation)
7. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations : Humanities 2015
8. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations : Humanities 2016
9. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations : Humanities 2017 (under preparation)

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 2017-18 so far the reported number of thesis is 4520.

UNIVERSITY NEWS UNIT

The University News maintained its longstanding tradition of regularity of appearance in the year 2017-18 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 2017-18 are:

- Special Issue on 'Future Universities: Challenges and Opportunities for Relevance and Excellence' was brought out on the occasion of East Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held at Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur (Vol. 55 No 46 November 13-19, 2017) .

- Special Issue on ‘Incubation and Implementing Innovation in Education: Issues and Approaches ‘was brought out on the occasion of West Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet held at Indian Institute of Teacher Education, Gandhinagar, Gujarat (Vol. 55 No 48 November 27- Dec. 03, 2017) .
- Special Issue on ‘Leadership Excellence in Higher Education and Research’ was brought out on the occasion of North Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet held at Amity University, Gurugram, Haryana (Vol. 55 No 49 December 04-10, 2017) .
- Special Issue on ‘Opportunities and Challenges towards Transforming Indian Universities into Global Premier Universities by 2020’ was brought out on the occasion of Central Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet held at Rajiv Gandhi Prudyogiki Vishwavidyalya, Bhopal (Vol. 55 No 50 December 11-17, 2017) .
- Special Issue on ‘Designing Higher Education Institutions: Role of Digital Initiatives’ was brought out on the occasion of South Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet held at University of Calicut, Calicut (Vol. 55 No 51 December 18-24, 2017) .
- Special Issue on ‘Women as Critical Partners in an Egalitarian Society: An Evaluation of the Current Status in India’ brought out on the occasion of Women Seminar at North Cap University, Gurugram, Haryana (March 05-11, 2018) .
- Special Issue on ‘Higher Education in the Era of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Disruptive Technology with Focus on Human Values in the Age of Disruption’ brought out on the occasion of Annual General Meet held at The Central Institute for Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi (March 19-25, 2018).

PUBLICATION & SALES DIVISION

1. The activities of the Division may be 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 review, the following Publications, Reports, etc. have been brought out :-
 - (a) **Publications (Priced & Un-priced) - Printed/Re-printed, etc.**
 - (i) Bibliographies of Doctoral Dissertations
 - Humanities (2015 & 2016)
 - Social Sciences (2015 & 2016)
 - Science & Technology (2015 & 2016)

- ii) Governance in Action : Reminiscences of the Vice Chancellors (Re-printed)
- iii) Directory – AIU Members (January 2018)
- iii) Occasional Paper – 2017/1 : Internationalisation of Higher Education in India – Annual Survey of International Students in India (2014-15)
- iv) Regulations of Higher Education in India & Abroad : A Study of Select Countries
- v) Internationalisation of Higher Education : Report of the National Consultation Meet organized by the AIU in collaboration with the Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune
- vi) AIU’s Views - Presentation made before the Drafting Committee on the National Policy on Education, headed by Padma Vibhushan Prof (Dr) K. Kasturi Rangan
- vii) Draft submitted for consideration of the Steering Committee for Mitigating Faculty Shortages in the Institutions of Higher Education in India
- viii) AIU’s Views on the Revision of Pay Scale of Teachers and Other Academic Staff of Universities and Colleges for consideration of the UGC’s 7th Pay Review Committee
- ix) Reforming the Regulatory Framework for Promoting Excellence in Higher Education
- x) Anveshan-2016 : National Student Research Convention – a compendium
- xi) Universities Handbook: 34th Edition (2018) – Indian & International Editions

(b) Reports, Brochures, etc.

- Brochures for National Workshop on:
 - Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management
 - Research Methodology
 - Examination Reforms in Higher Education
 - Research Methodology in Social Sciences
 - Management of University Administration
 - Women Studies and Gender Empowerment
 - Re-thinking Empowerment : Gender and Development in India
- AIU Audited Accounts, Employees Group Gratuity Scheme and PF Trust (2016-2017)
- Inter-University Youth Festivals Report (2016-17)
- Annual Performance Report – National University Games (2016-17)
- Participation & Merit Certificates for Inter-University Youth Festivals (Zonal & National) : 2017-18
- Merit Certificates for the Sportspersons and Teams securing first three positions in All India/Inter-Zonal Final Competitions during the year 2017-18
- Equivalence Certificates
- Railway Concession Form for Sportspersons
- AIU AT a Glance
- Year Planner – 2018
- Presidential Address for Annual General Meet (2017-18)
- Annual Report of the Secretary General for 92nd Annual General Meet (2017-18)

- Covers for the Audited Accounts (2016-17) and the Annual Report (2016-17) were printed in Hindi for submitting to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

Sale of AIU Publications

1. **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, Foreign Missions in India, Publishers, Book Sellers whenever new books are released.
2. **Publications and other Materials:** 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.
3. Publication and other Materials were displayed at the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi during the Meeting with the Representatives of the MHRD with regard to laying of Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the Committee on Paper Laid on the Table (COPLLOT), Rajya Sabha on January 12, 2018.
4. **Participation in the New Delhi World Book Fair:** As a part of sale promotion & publicity of AIU Publications, the Division alongwith some members Universities/ Institutes keep on participating in the New World Book Fair from time to time. The Division participated in the 26th New Delhi World Book Fair, held from January 06-14, 2018 at the Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Six (06) member Universities/Institutes participated under the aegis of AIU in the above New Delhi World Book Fair (2018).

Advertisements in University News Journal

AIU regularly receives advertisements for publishing in its *weekly journal* – “*University News*” from member Universities/Institutions, Govt. Departments, Booksellers, Publishers and other parties. These advertisements are being considered for inclusion in the issues of journal on pre-payment basis only.

Apart from the routine advertisements, *as a special drive to generate fund to cover up some part of the printing and allied expenditures, a total of 41 Advertisements of member Universities/Institutes were included in the updated 34th Edition of the Universities Handbook (2018)*

Special Issues of University News brought out during the year are detailed under University News Unit above.

Subscriptions of University News

The print run of University News as of date is nearly 6500 copies. Apart from the

paid subscribers, the copies of University News are being sent on complimentary basis to the Vice Chancellors/Directors/Director Generals and Registrars of member Universities/Institutes, important Government officials, dignitaries/academics of Apex Bodies, contributors of Articles and also, on exchange basis on recommendations of Library and Documentation Division.

AIU Year Planner

The Year Planner of AIU is being provided to the entitled dignitaries, which include Vice Chancellors/Directors/Director Generals & Registrars of member universities/institutes and other dignitaries of the Government/Apex Bodies, Former Presidents & Secretary General of AIU as per the mailing list maintained for this purpose. The Planner is also being provided to AIU Staff members.

SPORTS

1. National Sports Calendar

Annual Sports Calendar of National University Games for the year 2017-18 was finalized and approved in the AGM of Inter University Sports Board (AIU) held on 25-04-2017 at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) National University Games are the main components of NSPO Scheme for promoting sports in university sector which is being considered as a nursery of potential for excellence in Indian Sports.

2. Allotment of Tournaments

Inter University Tournaments were allotted to member willing universities by a duly constituted Sub-Committee by the Hon'ble President, AIU who is the Chairman, Sports Board. While distributing the sporting events to the eligible universities, following parameters were kept in mind:

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

3. Appointment of AIU Observers:

For the purpose of effective monitoring to ensure smooth conduct of National University Games, as many as 85 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 of experts approved by Sports Board, AIU in its AGM held on 25/04/2017. The criteria for selection of AIU-observers was based on four major components as given below:

- Achievements in a particular sport(s)
- Professional Job Experience,
- Technical Capability/Expertise
- Contribution to the field of Competitive Sports.

4. Conduct of Tournaments

206 Inter-University Tournaments were organized at 85 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 national platform for Talent Search and Talent Promotion with scientific approach and in a professional manner 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 is 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 Sports Championships. Therefore, it is also noted that performance level of university athletes/teams is on the constant rise. This significant development is viewed as a healthy sign of improvement in performance standards of “University Sports” at national and international level competitions.

6. Number of Participants

At present, approximately, 5,33,665 highly talented university students/athletes participated in University sporting Competitions during the year : 2017-18. The details are given below:

(a) Strength of Sports Persons

S.No.	Category of Tournaments	No. of Sporting Events	Average No. of Participants
1	National Basis	86 (M/W)	1,52,589 (MW)
2	Four Zone Basis	60 (W)	1,78,750 (W)
3	Four Zone Basis	60 (M)	2,02,326 (M)
4	Total Events and Participants	206 (M/W)	5,33,665 (MW)

(b) Break-up of Sportspersons

S.No.	Category of Competitions	Average No. of Participants with % (W)	No. of Average Participants with % (M)
1.	All India Basis (MW)	(42%) (W) 2,24,139	(58%) (M) 3,09,526
2	Four Zone Basis (MW)	(43%) (W) 2,29,476	(57%) (M) 3,04,189
3	Grand Total of Participants	(42.5%) (W) 2,26,808	(57.5%) (M) 3,06,857

7. Sports Board as NSPO

It is a matter of great honour for all the stakeholders that Inter University Sports Board (AIU) had 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 competitive sports at the grass root level, especially in universities and colleges in India. Hence, 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 and participation of university students at national and international events. The NSPO is partially funded by Sports Ministry as and when funds are available.

8. Certificates of Merit

As per existing practice, Association of Indian Universities (AIU) provided “certificates of merit” to all the host universities well in advance for further distribution to the meritorious athletes/teams securing First, Second and Third positions during All India/Inter University (Inter Zonal) Tournaments: 2017-18. These certificates are considered to be important documents, on the basis of which athletes/teams with outstanding sporting performance at national level 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

While implementing the existing provision mentioned in the Handbook of Rules and Regulations for Inter University Tournaments, the host universities arranged and provided adequate accommodation for the visiting athletes and team officials during Inter University Tournaments. The participating universities genuinely appreciated adequate arrangements

of accommodation and local transport for the convenience of the athletes and officials made by host universities during Inter University Tournaments.

10. Umpires and Referees

The existing rules and regulations for Inter Universities provide that 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 a feeling of “fair play with impartial judgment” during intensely contested competitions. Participating athletes and officials appreciated neutral and clean/smooth conduct of competitions which help in raising the technical conduct of Inter University Tournaments at par with National Championships organized by the respective National Sports Federations.

11. Co-ordination with Sports Bodies

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) maintained a cordial and healthy relationship with all National Sports Federations (NSFs) while finalizing the dates and drawing fixtures of Zonal and National University Games. The Organizing Committee of each competition approached and consulted the respective National Sports Federations, so as to avoid clash of 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: 2017-18 conveniently to display their talent and skills.

12. Accredited Representatives

Sports Division (AIU) dispatched in advance an official circular to all the member universities 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 during National University Games: 2017-18.

13. Entries and Draw of Fixtures

As per the existing practice, latest and modified Rules and Regulations for Inter University Tournaments were strictly followed and an advance intimation was circulated/dispached to all the participating universities specifying 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 and detailed entries on or before the closing date of entries. There are a few cases wherein Organizing Secretaries did not allow 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 Case

All the disputes and protest cases received within the stipulated period of two hours of completion of concerned sporting competitions, by Organizing Secretary, from the aggrieved universities, during National/Zonal University Games: 2017-18 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 with a view to do justice with aggrieved parties at the earliest. 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

No dispute or protest case was entertained by the AIU as there is a provision of considering an appeal only against the decision of the organizing university by the hon'ble President, AIU provided received within 15 days from the completion of the concerned tournament(s).

15. MAKKA Trophy Committee

A meeting of Scrutiny Committee for the award of prestigious MAKKA Trophy duly constituted by the Hon'ble Secretary General, AIU was held on 10-08-2017 under the Chairmanship of hon'ble Secretary General, AIU for recommending the prestigious award for the year: 2016-17. Hence, recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee were forwarded to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for consideration of the Selection Committee constituted by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. After the due approval and recommendations of the Selection Committee, prestigious MAKKA Trophy Award was presented to the overall Champion Punjab University, Patiala by His Excellency, the President of India on August 29, 2017.

16. Sports Board & Sports Committee

Annual General Meeting(s) of Sports Board and Sports Committee (AIU) for the year: 2016-17 were presided over by the Hon'ble President, AIU on April 25, 2017 at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar (Odisha). Apart from other important issues related to sports promotion under Long Term Development Plan (LTDP), Annual Sports Calendar for the year: 2017-18 was finalized, approved and uploaded on AIU's website sports@aiu.ac.in for advance information and necessary action of all the stakeholders.

YOUTH AFFAIRS DIVISION

During the academic year 2017-18 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, I.U. National Qawwali Competitions, etc.

Inter- University Youth Festivals (UNIFESTS)

With a view to promote 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. 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.

As a prominent brand, 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, are selected through the Inter-College Youth Festivals which are organized on the guidelines and norms of AIU UNIFESTS by the countrywide universities in which around 2 lakhs students participate.

The 33rd Inter-University Five Zonal and One National UNIFESTS were organized at various Universities in which over 7000 selected university youth artistes participated in 26 competitive events of music, dance, theatre, fine arts and literary events. The Zonal & National UNIFESTS were organised at:

Zone	University	Dates
Central	AISECT University Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	November 03-07, 2017
West	Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan	December 15-19, 2017
South	Hindustan University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	December 18-22, 2017
East	Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam	January 05-09, 2018
North	Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Mullana, Ambala, Haryana	February 12-16, 2018
National	Ranchi University, Ranchi, Jharkhand	February 16-20, 2018

At the Inter-University National Youth Festival Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar bagged the Overall Championship; while the Runner-Up Overall Championship was claimed by Lovely Professional University, Phagwara.

The Second Inter-University National Qawwali Competition for the session 2017-18 under the aegis of AIU was organized by University of Mumbai on October 10-11, 2017 - which was hosted by University of Mumbai on October 10-11, 2017. Nine University teams from different parts of India participated in the competition.

The Event was Inaugurated by Mr. Kaushal Inamdar, Renowned Marathi Music Composer

and Singer in presence of Dr. Arun Patil, Member, Cultural Advisory Board, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi, Mrs. Asmita Pandey, Famous Marathi Poetess and Jury Members, Ustad Riyaz Khan, Mr. Habib Sabri and Ustad Sayeed Khan. The Event was splendidly organized with participation of the following universities:

1. Awadhesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh
2. Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh
3. Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab
4. Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana
5. Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded, Maharashtra
6. Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
7. Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati, Maharashtra
8. Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra
9. University of Mumbai, Mumbai, Maharashtra

The Overall Championship of Inter-University National Qawwali Competition – 2017 went to Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra; Runner-Up Overall Championship was shared by University of Mumbai, Maharashtra and Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab while third rank was shared by Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana and Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Maharashtra

Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad: The 8th Indian Students Parliament, Pune was held at MAEER's MIT Campus, Pune for which AIU requested member universities to participate in a three-day conclave (January 19-21, 2018) encouraging independent thinking and sociopolitical initiative in young students and facilitates the learning of crucial social and political skills. 5500 university participants from 120 universities participated in this programme. This programme 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.

11th South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST)

Under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the Ganpat University, Gujarat (India) organised the 11th South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST) during March 02-06, 2018. 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. The SAUFEST is attended by the winning contingent of the Inter-University National Youth Festival and youth participants from South Asian countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. 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.

The 11th SAUFEST was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat H E Shri Om Prakash Kohli at Ganpat University, Mehsana, Gujarat.

About 300 youth participated in the event, from Afganistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and South Asian Countries participated in the festival.

FINANCE DIVISION

The Division strives 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 & Govt. Audit

Finance Committee Meetings

During the year Finance Committee Meetings were held on 16.08.2017 and 28.10.2017 under the Chairmanship of Prof (Dr.) P B Sharma, President, AIU. In these meetings following important proposals were considered and approved:

1. The Revised Budget Estimates for 2017-18;
2. Budget Estimates for 2018-19;
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 2016-17 of AIU and AIU Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme;
4. Audited Accounts of AIU PF Trust which include Revenue Account, Balance Sheet of AIU Provident Fund Trust audited by M/s. P S Bajaj Associates, Chartered Accountants for the year 2016-17;
5. Audit Inspection Report on the accounts for the period 01.04.2012 to 31.03.2016 test checked by a local Government Audit Party from the Office of DGACE;

6. Appointment of Statutory auditors of AIU, AIU Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme & AIU Provident Fund Trust for the Financial Year 2017-18;
7. Favourable Appellate Order issued by the Commissioner of Income Tax (A)-40 for the Assessment Year 2012-13.

7th CPC

With the implementation of 7th CPC in Central Universities, the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission were implemented in AIU. This included number of meetings of the Committee constituted for fixation of pay of AIU employees as per the pay matrix, adoption of various allowances, superannuation benefits, etc. The Arrears for the period 01.01.2016 to 31.10.2017 were paid to AIU employees in November, 2017.

Income Tax-ITAT Proceedings

A notice from the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi with regard to Assessment Year 2010-11 was received by the Association on 15.12.2015. The first hearing before the ITAT held on 30.08.2017 was attended by Mr. C S Aggrawal, Advocate expert in ITAT matters on behalf of AIU. The next hearing is fixed by the ITAT on 06.02.2018.

Grants

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

Ministry of Human Resource Development

1. Physical & Financial targets for the FY 2017-18 were sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for approval of grant in favour of AIU.
2. Ministry of HRD has done away with the segregation of Non Plan and Plan grant and sanctioned a grant of Rs. 250.00 lakhs under Grants-in-aid General Object Head-31 inclusive of Rs.32.00 lakhs for non salary components.
3. Output-Outcome budget 2018-19 were submitted to the Ministry.
4. The grant for 3rd quarter of Financial Year 2017-18 has been released by the Ministry.

Provident Fund Trust

1. Online monthly E>Returns and Challan were implemented for Provident Fund related activities through EPFO Portal.

Initiatives & Activities

1. The new indirect tax 'Goods and Services Tax' was implemented for various specific services provided by AIU effective from 01.07.2017.
2. Annual Subscription Notices for the year 2017-18 were sent to the Member Universities in March, 2017. Subscription of Rs. 4.50 crores has been received as on date.

3. Utilization Certificates in respect of Non Plan and Plan Grant for the FY 2016-17 were submitted to the Ministry.
4. A formal request was sent to the Secretary to GOI, MHRD for revival of exemption relating to 'Auxiliary Education Services' under para 9 of Notification No.25/2012-Service Tax.

Committee on Papers Laid on the Table (COPLLOT)

A Committee on Papers Laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha visited AIU on 12.01.2018 in connection with the issue of preparation/laying of Annual Report and Audited Accounts of AIU on the Table of Rajya Sabha. The officials of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat and the MHRD accompanied the COPLLOT Committee Members. From AIU's end, the President, AIU and Vice President, AIU, Former President, AIU and the Secretary General interacted with the COPLLOT Committee Members. A presentation was also made by the Secretary General before the Committee Members giving details of the activities of AIU.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division of the 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 Co-operative administration.

The Division provides manpower support to all the Divisions of AIU. It has the responsibility of 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 the AIU House including hardware/software.

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

During the year, a Meeting of the Staff Affairs Committee was held on 03.04.2017 in which staff related issues were placed for consideration and the recommendations of the Committee were approved in the Governing Council Meeting held on 24.05.2017.

The Grievances of the employees have also been settled through the Grievance Committee constituted by the Competent Authority for the purpose, in its meeting held on 12.07.2017, 22.08.2017, 5.10.2017 & 24.10.2017 respectively and the recommendations of the Committee have been approved by the Governing Council in its meeting held on 30.10.2017. Accordingly, Office Orders issued to the employees concerned.

The Recruitment Rules for various posts have been finalized and approved by the Governing Council. To fill-up the vacant posts in AIU, various posts were advertised in Employment

News dated 19.08.2017 and Hindustan Times dated 22.08.2017 respectively for inviting applications from the interested candidates for various posts. A Screening Committee has been constituted for short-listing the applications which is under process.

Computer Section

The section working under Administration Division is committed to provide uninterrupted IT and network services to various Divisions of AIU including following:

1. AIU website (<http://www.aiu.ac.in>;) maintenance and periodic updation of the information;
2. Revamping process of AIU website with epigrammatic information and user-friendly layout is in process.
3. Network maintenance in premises including monitoring of local network and Wi-Fi.
4. Monitoring of Unified Thread Management in AIU premise for gateway level security and betterment of the network.
5. In House development of software packages for used by different AIU divisions and updating as and when required.
6. Patronage of IT peripherals like Hardware/ Printers/ Scanners etc. along with coordination with CAMC.
7. IT support to AIU Divisions e.g. Support to Finance Division in online submission of Monthly Challan; filing of AIU e-return on EPFO portal; providing technical assistance to Library Division in preparing the bibliography; thesis of the month; University News subscriber. Advertisement and Publication sales software.
8. Technical Assistance to International Division for preparing Annual Survey of International Students in India.

RTI Cell

The Association of Indian Universities falls under the ambit of RTI Act, 2005 and it is obligatory on its part to provide information to application under the RTI Act. The RTI Cell provide information to applicants related to various activities of Association to applications filed under RTI Act, 2005

1. During the year 465 letters were issued in reply of various applications received including RTI , Appeals (offline mode) and email queries, seeking information under section RTI Act 2005.
2. Appeared for hearing of eight (08) Second Appeal Cases, before the Central Information Commissioner at CIC, New Delhi and all appeals were disposed of in favour of AIU.
3. Reply of 232 RTI and 15 Appeal applications received through online RTI-MIS provided by the nodal Ministry of AIU i.e. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. (<https://rtionline.gov.in>)

4. Disposed of 40 online Public Grievance cases received through portal provided by the nodal Ministry of AIU i.e. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (<https://pgportal.gov.in>)

Legal Cell

The Legal Cell is working under Administration Divisions and is providing logistic support in court cases filed at local, state and supreme court by coordinating with the lawyers and the concerned Division.

The Legal cell process the court cases filed against the AIU or in which the Association is made a respondent for appointment of advocate, preparation of parawise comments, and counter affidavit for filing the respective Court. The Cell ensure monitoring of court cases, taking appropriate action on the decisions of the court, preparing the filing of papers in response to notices received, processing of professional fees bills and also providing assistance to operational departments in preparing of reply to legal/RTI notices received.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Prof (Dr.) P B Sharma, President, AIU; Professor Sandeep Sancheti, Vice President, AIU; Prof D S Chauhan, Immediate Past President, AIU; members of the Governing Council and Vice Chancellors/ Directors of member Universities/Institutions for their continued support, guidance, cooperation and active participation in different activities of the Association. I also thank my colleagues in AIU for contributing their mite to carry out multifarious activities of the Association effectively.

Thank you