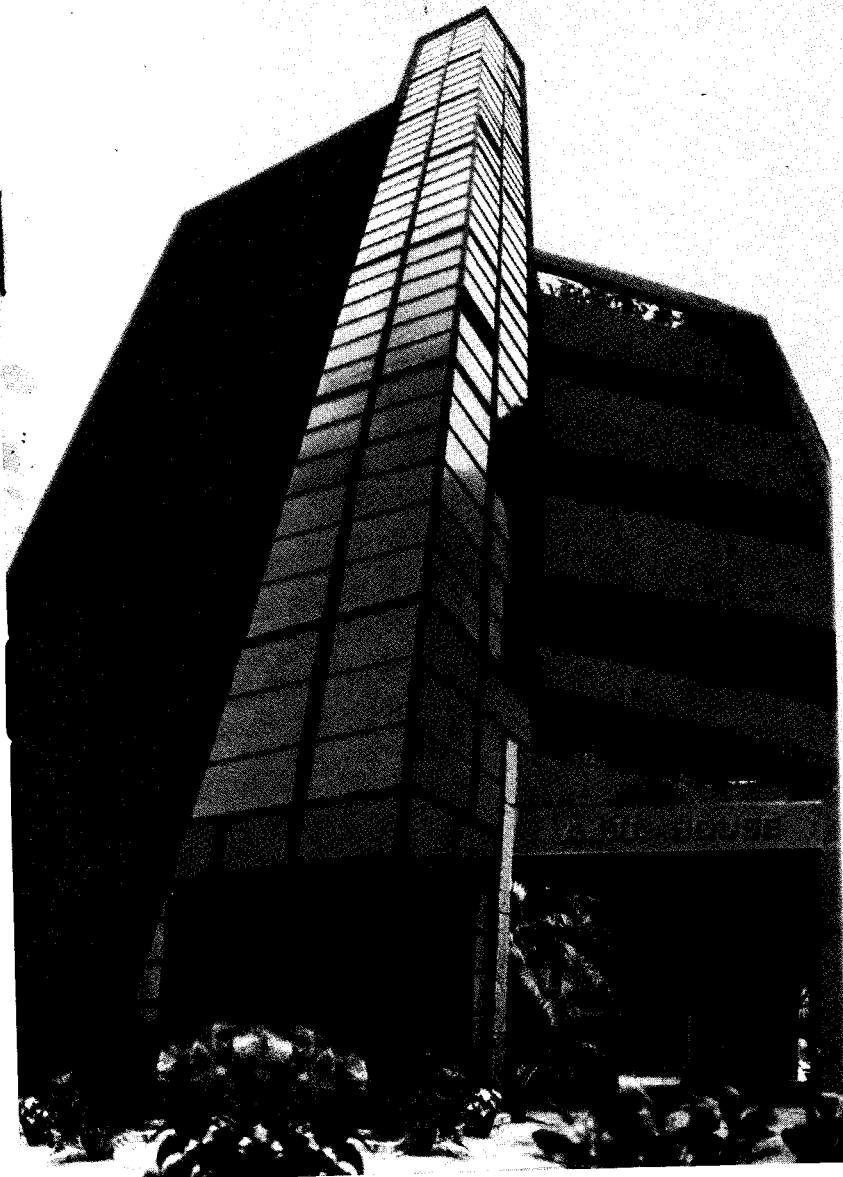




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It is my pleasure to present, as Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities, the Annual Report for the year 2004, at this the 79th Annual Meeting of the Association, being held at beautiful campus of University of North Bengal, Rajarammohunpur, District Darjeeling. Activities of the Association during the year 2004 are reported, in brief, below:

The Association in collaboration with the National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology, New Delhi organized a Roundtable on “**Problems and Perspectives of Higher Education in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern Region**” at National Museum, New Delhi on February 28-29, 2004. The Roundtable was inaugurated by Prof. K Venkatasubramanian, the then Member, Planning Commission. Prof. K Mohandas, President, AIU presided over the inaugural function. Vice Chancellors/Directors of University level Institutions in these regions, some former Vice Chancellors and heads of apex bodies participated. Recommendations of the Roundtable were circulated to all concerned departments for appropriate action thereon.

As an outcome of this roundtable, the Council of Architecture has come up with a proposal for setting up a School of Architecture in North Eastern Region. In this context a meeting of the Vice Chancellors of Universities in region will be held during the Annual Meeting.

The Association had organized a Roundtable on “**University Management**” for newly appointed Vice Chancellors at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra on May 20-22, 2004. This activity has been re-started and the Association intends to continue it in future.

Membership

The Standing Committee of the Association at its 277th Meeting held on March 23, 2004, constituted a Committee to draw guidelines for granting admission to University level Institutions under the Chairmanship of Prof. K Mohandas, President, AIU and Director, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram with Prof. Vachaspati Upadhyaya, Vice Chancellor, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi, Prof G C Saxena Vice Chancellor, Dr. B A University, Agra, Prof. Surabhi Banerjee, Vice Chancellor, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata and the Secretary General, AIU as its member. The Committee at its meeting held on June 3, 2004 submitted its report which was considered and approved by the Standing Committee at its meeting held on September 28, 2004 at New Delhi. The process for evaluating the request of the Universities for membership of the Association has been initiated.

Foreign Visits

1. Secretary General, attended the National Universities Association meeting held at Cape town, South Africa on the invitation of the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) from February 15-17, 2004.
2. Secretary General attended the 2nd Stakeholders' Meeting of the Asia Link Programme held on March 9-10, 2004 at Brussels, Belgium on the invitation of European Commission
3. Secretary General on the invitation of BCCI visited Lahore (Pakistan) to witness the Cricket Test Match between India – Pakistan held from April 5-9, 2004.
4. Secretary General while at Lahore visited University of Panjab, Lahore (Pakistan) on 8.4.2004 and held meeting with Vice Chancellor, Registrar and other senior academicians.
5. Secretary General participated in the 12th General Conference of IAU held at University of Sao Paulo, Brazil on July 25-29, 2004.
6. President and Secretary General, attended the UMIOR Conference held on August 20-21, 2004 at University of Kelaniya, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
7. Secretary General, attended the Conference on the Role of Higher Education Institutions in Development Cooperation on November 3-4, 2004 at Berlin, Germany on the invitation of DAAD and HRK.

International Collaboration

Association in collaboration with the Australian High Commission in India, organized a Roundtable of Vice Chancellors on “**Financing of Higher Education**” on June 4-5, 2004, at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram. The recommendations of this roundtable have been included in the agenda of the General Session for consideration.

A meeting of the AIU delegation under the Chairmanship of Prof. K Mohandas, President was held with the Australian delegation on August 31, 2004 wherein discussions were focused on mutual cooperation in the field of higher education between the two countries.

Evaluation Division

The Evaluation Division issued 355 Equivalence Certificate to foreign/non-resident Indian students. The division continued to provide expertise/assistance on the status of foreign qualifications to universities, Ministries of the Government of India, Union Public Service Commission, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, Medical Council of India and other central/ state Government agencies dealing with the nomination/ selection of Indian/foreign students intending to join Indian Universities.

Draft replies were provided to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for questions concerning higher education that were asked in the Parliament.

Visitors to AIU were provided information relating to equivalence of foreign degrees and on the status of courses offered by the professional institutions outside the purview of the universities. Over 5000 enquiries received through electronic mail/telephone and through post were attended and replied to.

During the year two-year Full time Postgraduate Diploma programmes in Management and allied disciplines of four professional institutions were considered out of which three have been granted equivalence to MBA degree after inspection of facilities by AIU Visiting Committee.

Student 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 recognised by statutory bodies like AICTE, NCTE and MCI. Approximately, 2000 written enquiries on the subject were also responded to.

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 SIS Division has revised and updated the 29th edition of 'Universities Handbook' and 30th edition was released in February 2004. The 6th edition of 'Handbook on Distance Education' has been revised and its 7th edition was released in August, 2004. Now the division is revising the 'Handbook on Computer Education' and (the revised edition) will be released in January/February, 2005.

The SIS Division looks after the activities of the International Education Cell of AIU. It keeps record of activities related to international students and promotes activities related to international education. It has compiled the data of international students in Indian universities for the year 2003-04 (University-wise and Country-wise).

Following papers were published during the year

1. Bhalla, Veena (with Umesh Kadam) Development of Curricula for Study of Human Rights, Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law, *Higher Education Policy and Practices*, Vol.2 (1), Jan-March 2004, 31-33.
2. Bhalla, Veena (with S. Rama Devi Pani and Shikha Tiwari) Conference Report on Higher Education under GATS: Future Directions *Higher Education Policy and Practices*, Vol.2 (1), Jan-March 2004, 37-38.
3. Bhalla, Veena (with K B Powar) Private Professional Higher Education in India, *New Frontiers in Education* Vol. XXXIV, No.2, April-June 2004, 126-27.

4. Bhalla, Veena (with K B Powar) Private Initiatives in Indian Professional Higher Education: Status and Possibilities in K B Powar and K L Johar, *Private Initiatives in Higher Education*, Sneh Prakashan and Amity Foundation for Higher Learning, New Delhi.

US (SIS) attended the following Seminars/Workshop:

1. Attended a seminar on 'Higher Education under GATS: Future Directions' jointly organized by Amity Foundation of Higher Learning, USEFI and Indo-American Chamber of Commerce on 2-3 March, 2004.
2. Attended a National Workshop on 'Quality Assurance in Flexible Higher Education: Approaches and Strategies' organized by Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik in collaboration with Commonwealth of Learning, Canada and National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore from 13-15 July 2004.

Library and Documentation Division

The Library and Documentation Division brought out the Handbook on Library and Information Science and Selections from University News on Library and Information Science is under progress. The Library provides statistical and other related information to the University News.

Another important aspect of documentation services rendered by the Library pertains to The Annual Index to the University News. The index comprises of two parts – Subject and Author. The subject index is made up of three components, i.e. articles, convocation addresses and book reviews. The author index is, in fact, the name index in the dictionary format of the contributors of articles and book reviewers.

During the year 2004, 123 titles have been added to the AIU Library's collection. The library has received 150 periodicals (109 Indian and 41 foreign). Of these 37 were subscribed, 69 were received gratis and 44 received in exchange for 'University News'.

Around 2000 students and scholars (both from developed and developing countries), visited the library. About 5700 photocopies have been supplied to the scholars. Twenty requests were received for Inter-Library loan and 15 were serviced. Around 1100 telephonic queries were attended.

University News

The University News maintained its longstanding tradition of regularity of appearance in the year 2004 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 major developments in the University News during the year are:

Changes in Design

The cover design of the journal was changed with effect from 5th January, 2004. The new design contains the picture of the AIU building as prominent feature.

Special Issues of University News

1. Private Participation in Indian Higher Education (February 16 – 22, 2004)
2. Admission Modalities in Professional Education Institutions (June 7 – 13, 2004)
3. Challenges of Higher Education in Agricultural Sciences and Knowledge Management (August 30 – September 05, 2004).
4. Engagement of Universities with the Society (November 15-21, 2004)

Research Division

During the year, the following activities were taken up by the Division as approved by the Research Committee at its meeting held on February 27, 2004.

Roundtables and Workshops

The following Roundtables, Workshops and Seminars were organized:

1. National Workshop on "Management of University Administration" in collaboration with Jamia Millia Islamia was held on January 20-24, 2004 at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
2. National Workshop on "Status of Basic Science Research in Institutions of Higher Education" in collaboration with Punjabi University was held on January 29-30, 2004 at Punjabi University, Patiala.
3. National Seminar on "Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues in the context of On-line Education and its Delivery" in collaboration with Atal Behari Vajpayee Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior was held on April 2-3, 2004 at Atal Behari Vajpayee Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, Gwalior.
4. Roundtable on "University Management" for newly appointed Vice Chancellors in collaboration with Kurukshetra University was held on May 20-22, 2004, at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.
5. National Workshop on "Management of University Administration" in collaboration with the University of Mysore, was held on August 10-14, 2004, at University of Mysore, Mysore.
6. National Workshop on "Role of Information Technology in University Management" in collaboration with Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad was held on September 13-17, 2004 at IIIT, Allahabad.

Projects completed

1. Women as Researchers in Higher Education in India
2. Status of Basic Science Research in Institutions of Higher Education (Mathematics and Physics)

3. **International Linkage Programmes: Initiatives Taken by Indian Universities.**

Projects in progress

1. Unit Cost of Higher Education in India
2. Women Development Initiatives taken by Women Cells in Indian Universities
3. Status of Computerisation and Use of Information Technology in the University Libraries
4. Comparative Analysis of Operational aspects of Institutions of Higher Education for Determining Quality Measures.
5. Status of Basic Science Research in Institutions of Higher Education (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology)

Selection from University News

Published

1. Management of University Administration
2. Assessment and Accreditation in Higher Education

In progress

1. Access and Equity in Higher Education
2. Human Rights Education
3. Financing of Higher Education
4. University-Industry Interaction

Selected Statistical Data

Published

Number of Students of different categories (General, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes) at Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Professional level in Indian Universities and Colleges (Data for 1996-2000).

In progress

1. Enrolment of students at different levels under general category (including professional/non-professional education) state-wise, gender-wise, course/programme-wise data (2003-2004) in Indian Higher Education Institutions
2. Enrolment profile of students from socially disadvantaged section in Indian Higher Education Institutions (2003-2004)
3. Fee Structure for General Education in Indian Higher Education Institutions (2003-2004)
4. Data Base of Teachers in Indian Higher Education Institutions

Paper/Articles

Anand, Rishi Dev, AIDS and Right to Marry: A Judicial Vicissitude; PU Law Review (2004), Accepted.

Annotated Bibliography

Published

Reforms and Innovations in Indian Higher Education

In Progress

Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Theses of the Month

A regular feature "Theses of the Month" is published in University News, having list of doctoral theses accepted by Indian Universities in the field of Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Publication & Sales Division

Publication Unit

During the period under report, the following publications were brought out/reprinted during the period:

Fresh/Revised Editions:

1. Universities Handbook - 30th Edition (2004) (AIU Members).
2. Assessment and Accreditation in Higher Education (2004) (Selections from University News 13).
3. Management of University Administration (2004) (Selections from University News 14).
4. Annotated Bibliography on Reforms & Innovation of Higher Education.
5. Handbook on Library & Information Science (2004).
6. Handbook on Distance Education (2004).
7. University Institutions in India (AIU Members) - August 2004.
8. AIU Report 2004/1 - Status of Basic Science Research in Institutions of Higher Education.
9. AIU Report 2004/2 - International Linkage Programmes.
10. AIU Report 2004/3 - Women Researchers in Indian Universities.
11. Selected Statistical Data on Indian Higher Education -VI.

Reprinted

1. Reforms & Innovations in Indian Higher Education 2001 (Selections from University News 8).- Paperback (Reprint 2004).
2. Handbook on Engineering Education 2002 (Reprint 2004).
3. Handbook on Medical Education 2003 (Reprint 2004).

Book Exhibitions

The AIU publications were displayed and sold at the venue of the following events as a part of sales promotion. Apart from cash sales, orders with advance payments were also received and the ordered publications were despatched subsequently.

- (i) 16th New Delhi World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi (February 14-22, 2004). The publications of AIU as well as the participating nine member universities were displayed which received wide publicity.
- (ii) Roundtable Conference for Vice Chancellors of North-Eastern Region and J & K at National Museum, New Delhi (February 28-29, 2004).
- (iii) A book exhibition is also being arranged at the venue of 79th Annual General Meeting, to be held at the University of North-Bengal, Darjeeling (WB) from November 18-21, 2004.

University News

The print run of University News as of date is 5400 copies. The current numbers of paid subscribers are about 4500 and 675 copies are being sent on complimentary basis to the Vice Chancellors/Directors and Registrars of member universities, Government dignitaries and other important academics.

Advertisements in University News

We regularly receive advertisements to be published in our journal from our member universities, institutions, Government departments, book sellers and other parties on bill basis.

Special issues of University News

Apart from the regular issues of University News, Special Issues on the following occasions were brought out on the themes as mentioned against each :

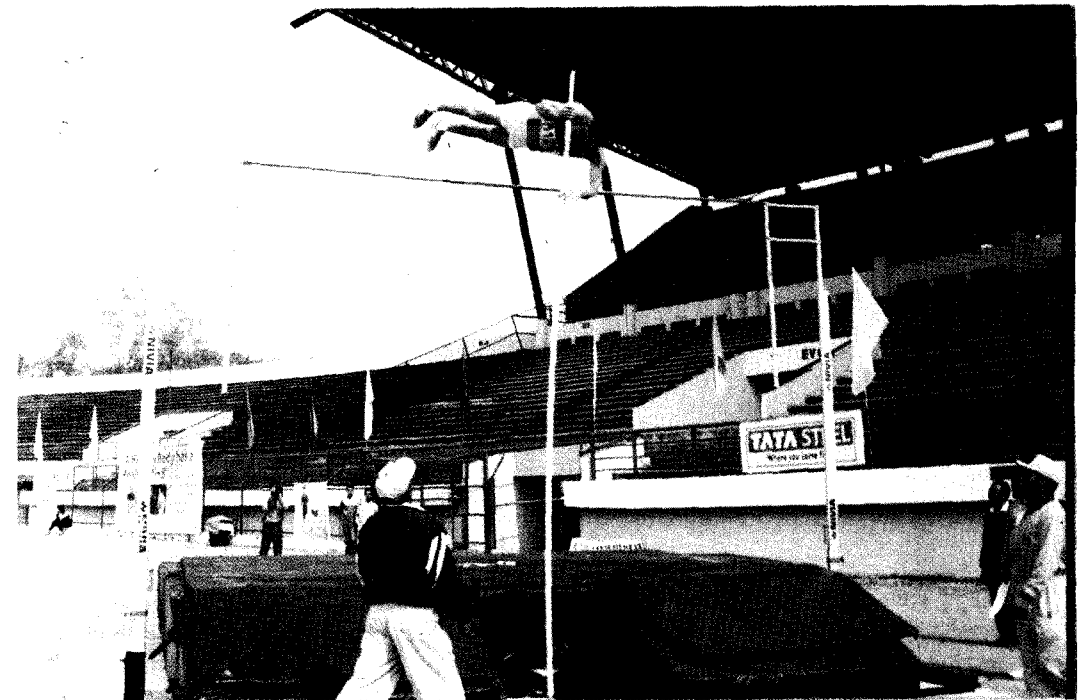
- (i) "Private Participation in Indian Higher Education : Contemporary Issues and Challenges" (Volume 42 Issue No. 7 dated February 16-22, 2004) covering the 16th New Delhi World Book Fair-February 2004).
- (ii) "Admission Modalities in Professional Education Institutions : The Latest Trends" (Volume 42 Issue No. 23 dated June 07, 2004) was published on the occasion of AIU East Zone Vice Chancellor's Conference held at Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata.
- (iii) "Challenges of Higher Education in Agricultural Sciences and Knowledge Management " (Volume 42 Issue No. 35 dated August 30, 2004) was brought out on the occasion of AIU South Zone Vice Chancellor's Conference held at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur.
- (iv) "Engagement of Universities with the Society" (Volume 42 Issue 46 dated November 15, 2004) at the time of 79th Annual General Meeting.

Monthly Pocket Planners

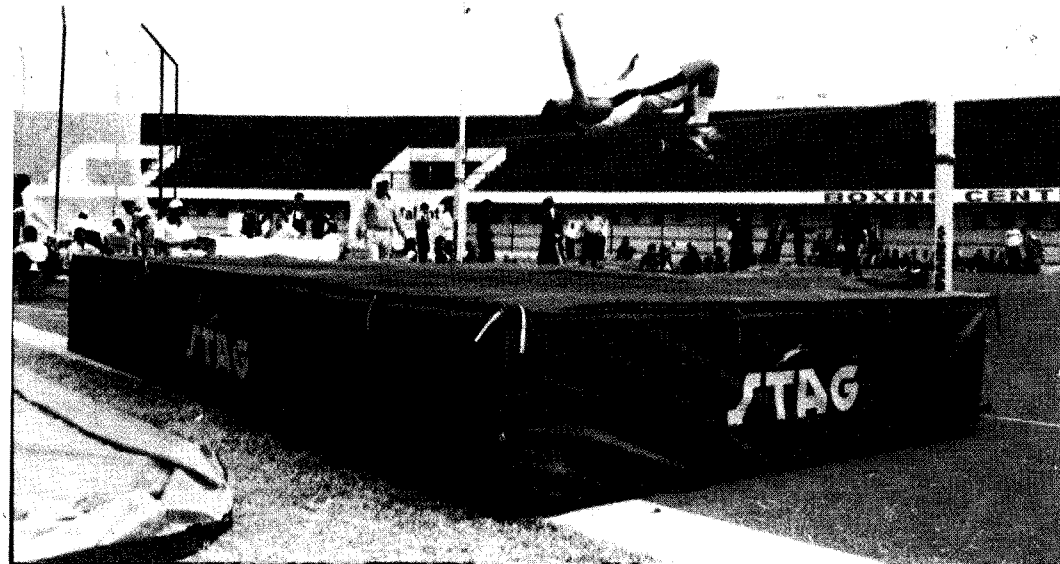
Monthly Pocket Planners are being sent to Vice Chancellors/Directors, Registrars of member universities and other dignitaries.



AIU-Australian High Commission Roundtable Conference on 'Financing of Higher Education' held on June 4-5, 2004, at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram



64th All India Inter University Athletic (M & W) Meet 2003-04, held on January 27 to 31, 2004 at Ranchi University, Ranchi



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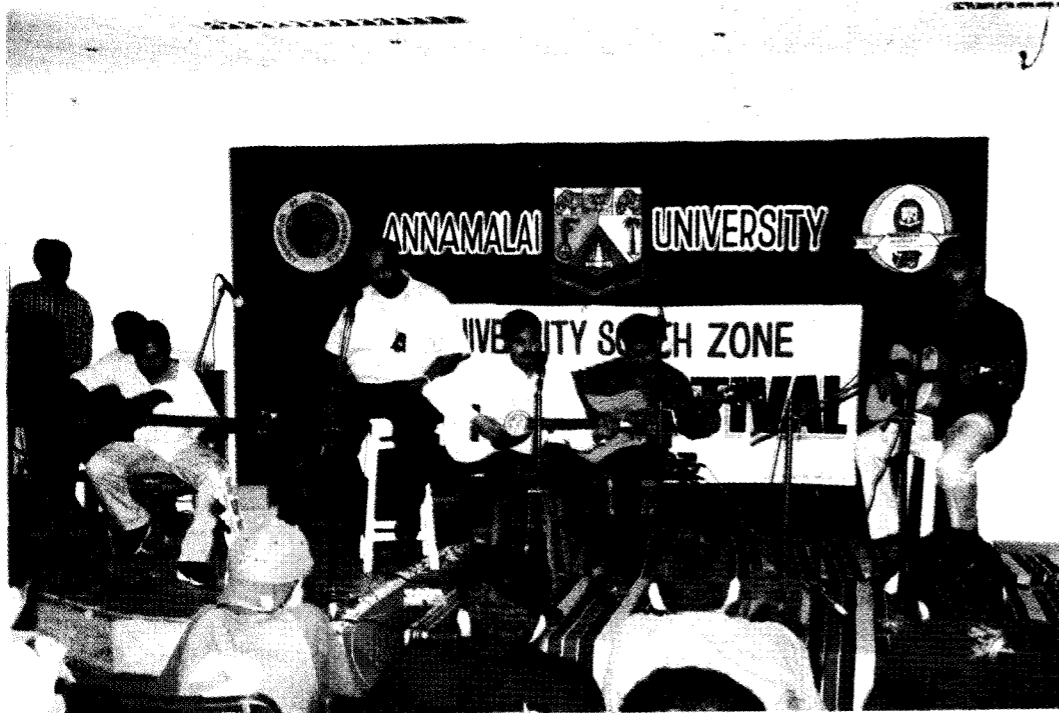
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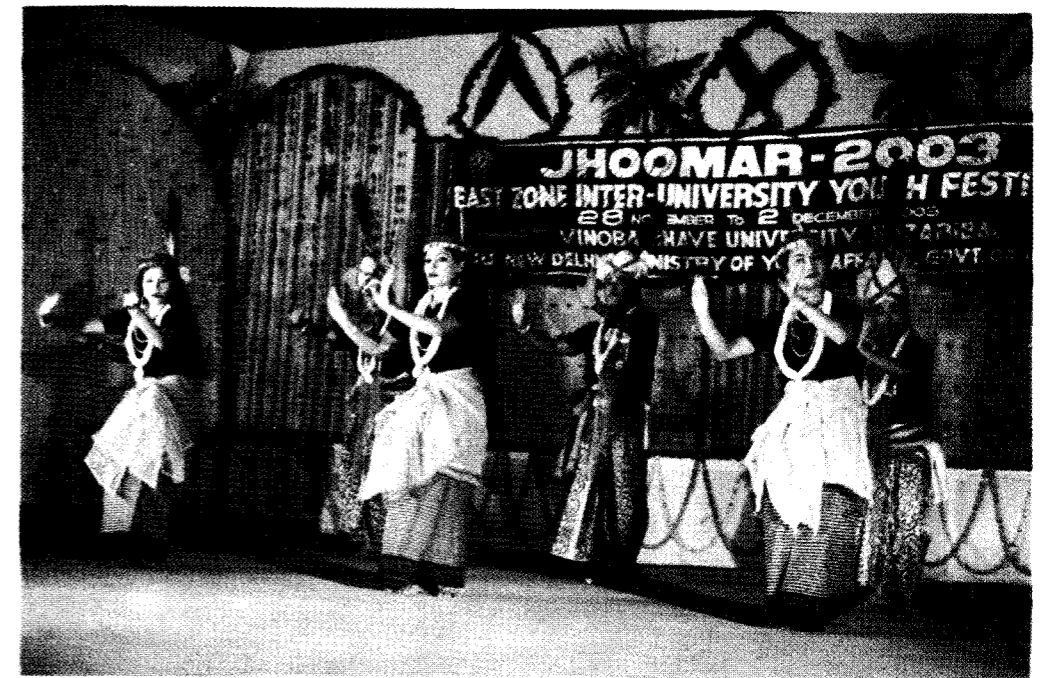
All India Inter-University Hockey (M) Tournament, 2003-04 at Calcutta University ground on 22.01.2004 - Winning Team - Annamalai University, Annamalainagar



South Zone Youth Festival 2003-04 held at Annamalai University, Annamalainagar - Western Group Song by Annamalai University, Annamalainagar



West Zone Youth Festival 2003-04 held at Saurashtra University, Rajkot - Enthralling Folk Song by Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur



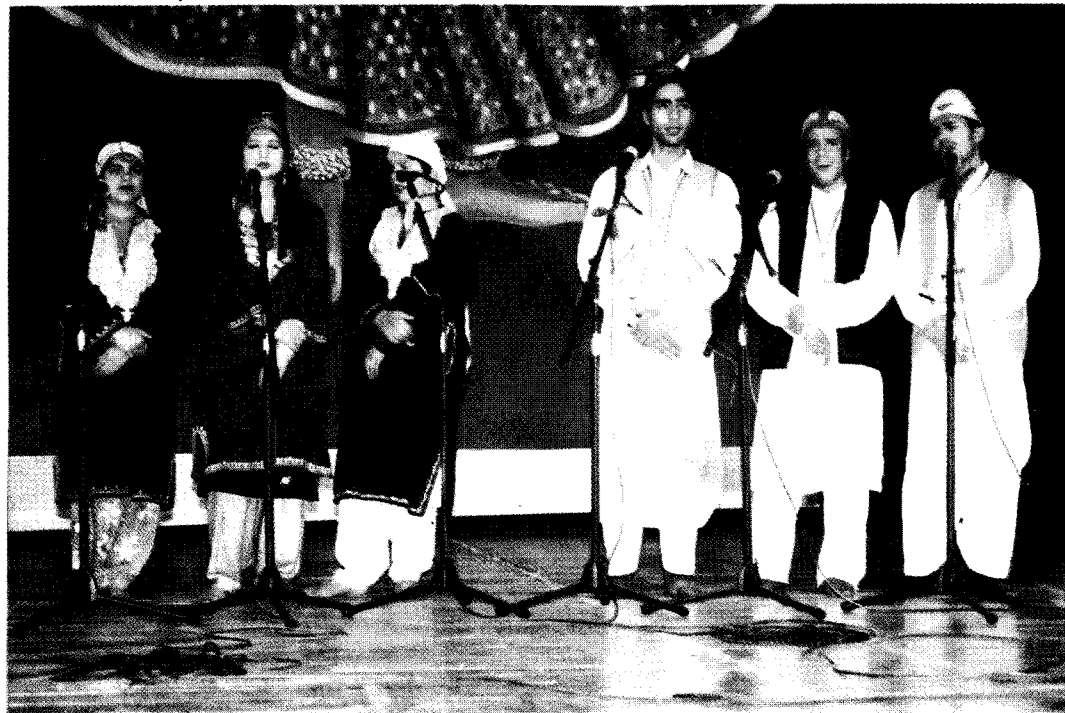
East Zone Youth Festival 2003-04 held at Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh - Manipuri Folk Dance by Manipur University, Imphal



National Youth Festival - 2004 held at Jiwaji University, Gwalior - Koli Folk Dance by University of Mumbai, Mumbai



North Zone Youth Festival 2003-04 held at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra - Fascinating Folk Dance by Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra



North Zone Youth Festival 2003-04 held at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra - Students of University of Kashmir, Srinagar enralls with Group Song



East Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference held on June 9-11, 2004 at Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata



Workshop on 'Management of University Administration' held on August 20-24, 2004 at University of Mysore, Mysore.

Sports Division

The details of sporting activities of Inter University Sports Board of India organized during the year 2004, are given below:

1. Inter University Tournaments

The Inter University Tournaments constitute the main component of NSO Programmes implemented in universities and colleges. During the year 2004, Inter University Tournaments in 18 disciplines for men, 16 for women and 17 for both men and women were organized at 70 university centers throughout India, with a view to spread sport culture and broad-base sports in institutions of higher education for achieving excellence at National and International level competitions. The Inter University Tournaments proved to be a unique forum for talent search and grooming it on scientific lines. A total of 1,98,000 (approx) University Students participated in 87 Inter University competitions. The details are given as under:

S. No.	Tournaments	Events	Participants
I.	Events on All India Basis	26	50,000
II.	Events on three Zone Basis	21	52,000
III.	Events on five Zone Basis	40	96,000
	Total Tournaments	87	1,98,000
		Men	1,38,000
		Women	60,000

2. Participation in Sr. National Championships

(a) 41st Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey (Men) Tournament

Indian Universities Hockey (M) Team consisting of 16 players plus two officials participated in the said tournament held at New Delhi from November 14-25, 2004.

(b) Sr. National Handball (Women) Championship

Indian Universities (Women) team consisting of 16 players plus two officials (Coach and Manager) participated in Senior National Handball Championship held at Guwahati from February 11-16, 2004. The performance of the team was quite satisfactory and they reached up-to the "Quarter Final Stage" of the championship.

(c) Sr. National (Women) Hockey Championship

Indian Universities Hockey (W) Team consisting of 16 players plus two officials (Coach and Manager) participated in 53rd Senior National Hockey Championship organized from October 22-30, 2004 at Bangalore. This highly trained team received the "Award for being Most Talented and Young Outfit of the National Championship".

(d) 24th Open National Rowing (M&W) Championships

Indian Universities (Men & Women) teams participated in the Open National Rowing Championship(s) organized from February 28, 2004 to March 2, 2004 at Chandigarh. Indian Universities teams reached the "Semi-Final Stage" of the championships.



Workshop on 'Role of Information Technology in University Management' held on September 13-17, 2004 at Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad.



North Zone Vice-Chancellors' Conference – 2004 held on October 7-9, 2004 at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Panjab University, Chandigarh was outstanding throughout and she was selected for National Team for participation in International events.

(e) Indian Universities Badminton (M&W) teams participated in Central Zone Badminton Championships – 2004.

3. Award of Prestigious Trophies - 2003

(i) *Dr B L Gupta General Championship Trophy*: This Trophy was donated by Shri S K Gupta in the year 1982. The trophy is awarded as a symbol of excellence to the university securing highest points exclusively in Inter University Tournaments both in Men & Women sections.

S. No.	University	Position
1.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	1 st
2.	University of Delhi, Delhi	2 nd
3.	Panjab University, Chandigarh	3 rd

(ii) *Osmania University Platinum Jubilee Trophy*

This Trophy was donated by Osmania University, Hyderabad, in 1996. This is awarded to the university securing highest position in Inter-University Tournaments, exclusively in women section.

S. No.	University	Position
1.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	1 st
2.	University of Delhi, Delhi	2 nd
3.	Panjab University, Chandigarh	3 rd

(iii) *Kridamaharshi Shri Meghnath Nageshkar Trophy*

This Trophy was donated by Shivaji University, Kolhapur, in 1996. This is awarded to the university securing highest marks in Inter University Tournaments, exclusively in Men section.

S. No.	University	Position
1.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	1 st
2.	University of Delhi, Delhi	2 nd
3.	Panjab University, Chandigarh	3 rd

(iv) *AIU-Nehru Champion Colleges Hockey (Men) Tournament 2004*

AIU-Nehru Champion Colleges Hockey (Men) Tournament, started in 1993, is jointly organized by the Association of Indian Universities and Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society. This year the Tournament was held from February 11-20, 2004 at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi. As a result of the sustained and sincere efforts of both AIU and Nehru Hockey Tournament Society, the ONGC, came forward to take-up the responsibility of providing necessary finances.

S. No.	College and University	Position
1.	DAV College, Jalandhar (GNDU, Amritsar)	1 st
2.	Khalsa College, Patiala, (Punjabi University),	2 nd
3.	Faculty of Education (Annamalai University)	3 rd

(v) *Vizy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament*

The AIU and BCCI jointly organize the Vizy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament, started in 1966-67 in the memory of Maharaja of Vijaynagaram, Andhra Pradesh, every year with a view to promote Cricket in the university sector. The Vizy Trophy Tournament for the year 2004 was successfully conducted by the Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from February 3-10 2004.

S. No.	Zone	Position
1.	West Zone	1 st
2.	North Zone	2 nd

(vi) *Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy*

In order to arouse interest in sports among the university students, the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy was instituted during the year 1955-56 by Government of India and is awarded to the Overall Best University, as an incentive, for achieving excellence in the field of competitive sports, including : Inter University Tournaments, National Championships and International Sporting Events. The Trophy for the year 2003 was awarded to Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar by the President of India on September 21, 2004 in a glittering ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

S. No.	University	Position
1.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	1 st
2.	University of Delhi, Delhi	2 nd
3.	Panjab University, Chandigarh	3 rd

National Conference on Sports

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Dr. Ambedkar College (Nagpur University) Nagpur jointly organized National Conference on Sports Management & Sports Medicine from 30 January to 1 February 2004 for the purpose of up-dating the professional knowledge of the delegates/participants working in various universities and colleges in the country.

More than 250 professionals, scientists, researchers and sports promoters from universities and their affiliated colleges attended the deliberations of the prestigious conference. It was a grand success and a unique learning experience for all concerned.

National Workshop on Sports Management

A National Workshop on University Sports Management was organized from 30 September to 3 October 2004 at Annamalai University, Annamalainagar. 45 participants selected from all over the country were invited to attend the deliberations.

During the workshop, main emphasis was laid on to equip the participants with the required latest knowledge and skills for improving/up-dating their professional efficiency with a view to broad-base sports and achieve excellence at national and international level events.

Youth Affairs Division

The Youth Affairs Division organised four zonal and one National Inter-University Youth Festivals, out of which two zonal and one National Youth Festivals were organised during the current calendar year at the following universities:

Zone	Venue	Dates
West	Saurashtra University, Rajkot	January 05-09, 2004
North	Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra	January 12-16, 2004
National	Jiwaji University, Gwalior	February 04-08, 2004

The following Universities won various Championship Trophies at the Inter-University National Youth Festival held at Jiwaji University, Gwalior :

Music	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
Dance	University of Mumbai , Mumbai
Literary	University of Madras, Chennai
Theatre	University of Mumbai, Mumbai
Fine Arts	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Runners Up	University of Mumbai, Mumbai
Overall Championship	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Inter-University National Seminar on Drugs

The Association of Indian Universities and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India organised an Inter-University National Seminar on “**Drugs – A Fatal Attraction**” at the Nagpur University, Nagpur on March 4 - 5, 2004.

A colourful cultural evening, depicting the heritage of Maharashtra was organised by the students of Nagpur University in honour of the participants from various universities and distinguished guests.

Commonwealth Youth Day

About forty selected university student youth artistes participated in the Commonwealth Youth Day Cultural Programme which was organised from March 9 to 11, 2004 at New Delhi. The programme was sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India in collaboration with the Commonwealth Youth

Programme, Asia Centre, Chandigarh. About fifty selected youth from the seven Commonwealth Countries also participated in the programme.

Following Universities participated in the programme:

Sl. No.	University	Event
1.	University of Mumbai	Folk Dance/Light Vocal
2.	Punjabi University, Patiala	Folk Dance
3.	Indira Kala Sangit Vishwavidyalya, Khairagarh	Classical Dance

The Inter University National Cultural Board (IUNCB)

In view of the growing popularity of the AIU youth programmes and to strengthen the youth activities, the AIU decided to set up the IUNCB on the line of the Inter University Sports Board which would function as an apex body for promotion and development of youth, art and cultural affairs in universities/colleges of the country. The first Meeting of the Inter University National Cultural Board (IUNCB) was held at the Dev Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar on May 15, 2004.

Inter University National Yoga Practice & Education Camp

In order to provide a holistic approach to the life style of the university youth covering thereby body, soul and mind, the AIU organised a ten day Yoga Practice and Education Camp at Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhan Sansthan, Bangalore in which 37 students from 17 universities participated.

Inter University National Essay Contest on – Communal Harmony In India Dreams: Or Reality

The Association in collaboration with the National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) organised the Inter University National Essay Contest as a part of its continued efforts to promote national and emotional integration amongst the university youth, during September-October 2004, with the objective of encouraging original and innovative writing on Communal Harmony and National Integration.

Special Session of Students & Youth Parliament on HIV/AIDS

The Parliamentary Forum on HIV/AIDS organised a two-day programme on “Students and Youth Parliament - a special session on HIV/AIDS” on November 6-7, 2004, at New Delhi. The AIU was given responsibility to invite 600 university youth to participate in the programme. An Inter University National Debate on HIV/AIDS was also organised in University of Mumbai to select the best debaters to get intensive training and participate on the subject of HIV/AIDS in Delhi. Selected university cultural contingents were invited to present their items of Folk Dance, Group Dance, Skits and Debate on this occasion.

Finance Division

The Standing Committee at its 279th Meeting held on September 28, 2004, considered and approved the revised budget estimates for 2004-2005, budget estimates for 2005-2006, audited accounts by our auditors M/s Thakur Vaidyanatha Aiyar & Co, which include balance sheet, income and expenditure account, receipt and payment, provident fund accounts approved by the Finance Committee of the Association at its meeting held on 27.09.2004. These are placed before the General Body for consideration.

The position of the Plan and Non Plan Grants sanctioned by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for the year 2004-2005 is as follows:

Non Plan	Rs. 25.00 lakhs
Plan	Rs. 50.00 lakhs

The Association has been granted exemption to donations made to AIU in Income Tax under section 80(G) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, for a period of two years by the Director of Income Tax (E).

Meetings Division

During the year the following Zonal Vice Chancellors' Conferences were organized:

- East Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference on June 9-11, 2004, at Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata
- West Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference on July 1-3, 2004 at University of Pune, Pune
- South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference on September 2-4, 2004 at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur
- North Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference on October 7-9, 2004 at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amrtisar.

The recommendations of these Zonal Conferences are included in the agenda of the General Session for consideration.

The following Meetings were organized during the year under review:

S.No	Name of Committee	Date	Venue
01	Research Committee	27.02.2004	AIU House
02	Roundtable on "Problems and Perspectives of Higher Education in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern Region"	February 28-29, 2004	National Museum, Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology, New Delhi

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03	Equivalence Committee	22.03.2004	AIU House
04	Staff Affairs Committee	22.03.2004	AIU House
05	Standing Committee Meeting	23.03.2004	AIU House
06	Sports Committee Meeting	01.05.2004	Amravati University, Amravati
07	Inter-University Sports Board of India	01.05.2004	Amravati University, Amravati
08	Inter-University National Cultural Board	15.05.2004	Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar
09	Cultural Committee	16.05.2004	Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar
10	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy	19.05.2004	AIU House
11	Roundtable on "University Management"	May 20-22, 2004	Kukrukshetra University, Kurukshetra
12	Standing Committee Meeting	03.06.2004	Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram
13	Sub-Committee Meeting to consider norms for admission of University level Institutions as member of the Association	03.6.2004	Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram
14	Roundtable on Financing of Higher Education	June 4-5, 2004	Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram
15	East Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference	June 9-11, 2004	Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata

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16	West Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference	July 1-3, 2004	University of Pune, Pune
17	Task Force to prepare a Model Act for University Level Institutions	July 8-9, 2004	National Law University, Jodhpur
18	South Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference	September 2-4, 2004	Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur
19	Equivalence Committee	27.09.2004	AIU House
20	Finance Committee	27.09.2004	AIU House
21	Staff Affairs Committee	27.09.2004	AIU House
22	Standing Committee	28.09.2004	AIU House
23	North Zone Vice Chancellors' Conference	October 7-9, 2004	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
24	Task Force to decide size and operation of a University with a view to maintain standard a quality of education imparted by Indian Universities	October 18-19, 2004	University of Pune, Pune
25	Task Force on position to be taken by the Government of India regarding Higher Education sector vis-à-vis opening of various sectors under GATS	October 21-22, 2004	Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbhani
26	79 th Annual Meeting	Nov.18-21, 2004	University of North Bengal
27	Standing Committee Meeting	18.11.2004	University of North Bengal
28	AIU National Seminar on "Engagement of Universities with the Society"	19.11.2004	University of North Bengal

S.No	Name of Committee	Date	Venue
29	Inter-action of Vice Chancellors with the heads of apex bodies	20.11.2004	University of North Bengal
30	General Session	20.11.2004	University of North Bengal
31	Business Session	21.11.2004	University of North Bengal

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