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I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report as the Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities for the year 2016-17 at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Association being held at the beautiful campus of Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati.

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

MEETINGS DIVISION

'A' ZONAL VICE CHANCELLORS' MEET

During the year under report the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meets were organized as detailed below:

S.No	Host University / Institute	Dates
South Zone		
1.	Vignan's University, Vadlamudi, Guntur-522213, Andhra Pradesh	September 28-29, 2016
West Zone		
2.	Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer 305001, Rajasthan	October 07-08, 2016
Central Zone		
3.	Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad 500 032, Telengana	November 28-29, 2016
North Zone		
4.	Amity University Uttar Pradesh, Noida 201 203, Uttar Pradesh	December 22-23, 2016.
East Zone		
5.	Kaziranga University, Jorhat 785006, Assam	January 19-20, 2017

in the agenda of the 91st Annual Meet (General Session) for discussion.

'B' ANNUAL GENERAL MEET

The 90th Annual General Meet was held during February 05-07, 2016 at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat. The AGM was well attended with good number of delegates from India and abroad.

The 91st Annual Meeting of the Association is being held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, during February 05-07, 2017 in pursuance of the decision taken at the 90th Annual Meet held at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat.

'C' MEMBERSHIP

During the year, the following Universities have been granted Provisional/Associate Membership of the Association:

01	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	1.4.2016
02	A K S University, Sherjganj, Satna, Madhya Pradesh	2.12.2015
The Universities at S.No. 1 and 2 were granted provisional membership of AIU by the 338 th Governing Council Meeting held on February 4, 2016 at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat		
03	Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar	1.4.2016
04	PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh	1.4.2016
05	A P J Abdul Kalam University of Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	1.4.2016
06	Khawaja Moinuddin Chisti Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	1.4.2016
07	Durg Vishwavidyalya, Durg, Chhattisgarh	1.4.2016
08	The Assam Science & Technology University, Guwahati, Assam	11.5.2016
09	Maharaja Ranjit Singh State Technical University, Dabwali Road, Bhatinda, Punjab	1.4.2016

10	Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tri-centenary University, Gurugram, Haryana	21.4.2016
11	Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu	1.4.2016
12	Sri Sri University, Cuttack, Odisha	1.4.2016
13	Rama University Uttar Pradesh, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh	1.4.2016
14	Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur, Rajasthan	4.5.2016
15	Al-Falah University, Dhauj, Faridabad, Haryana	16.7.2016
16	UCSI University, Malaysia. (Associate Membership)	1.4.2016
17	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi	1.4.2016

The Universities mentioned at S.No.03 to 17 were granted provisional membership of the Association with effect from date mentioned against each by 339th Governing Council Meeting held on June 30, 2016 at AIU House, New Delhi.

18	Maharaja Chhatrasal Bundelkhand University, Chhattarpur, Madhya Pradesh	1.4.2016
19	Rajrishi Bhartihari Matasya Vishwavidyalya, Alwar, Rajasthan	1.4.2016
20	Shri Govind Guru University, Godhara, Gujarat	8.6.2016
21	M S Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bangalore, Karnataka	21.7.2016
22	University of Patanjali, Haridwar, Uttarakhand	1.4.2016
23	SEACOM Skill University, Bolpur, West Bengal	1.4.2016
24	Rayat-Bahra University, Mohali, Punjab	12.8.2016
25	Abhilashi University, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh	13.8.2016
26	University of Engineering & Management, Jaipur, Rajasthan	1.4.2016
27	The Lincoln University College, Malaysia (Associate Membership)	1.4.2016
28	Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	16.5.2016

The Universities mentioned at S.No.18 to 28 were granted provisional membership / Associate membership of the Association with effect from date mentioned against each by 340th Governing Council Meeting held on September 9, 2016 at National Law University Delhi, Dwarka, New Delhi.

29. Gangadhar Meher University, Berhampur, Odisha	4.11.2016
30. Siddharth University, Kapilvastu, Siddharth Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	31.8.2016
31. Bhakta Kavi Narsinh Mehta University, Junagarh, Gujarat	16.6.2016
32. Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Girinagar, Pune, MS	1.4.2016
33. Amity University Chhattisgarh, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	3.10.2016
34. Amity University, Mumbai, Maharashtra	3.10.2016
35. Rai University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	26.09.2016
36. Navrachana University, Vadodara, Gujarat	21.9.2016
37. St Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	1.4.2016
38. Rai Technology University, Bangalore, Karnataka	2.9.2016
39. ITM Vocational University, Vadodara, Gujarat	1.4.2016
40. North East Frontier Technical University, Arunachal Pradesh	3.9.2016
41. Pacific Medical University, Udaipur, Rajasthan	11.8.2016
42. Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University, New Delhi	1.4.2017
43. Jharkhand Rai University, Ranchi, Jharkhand	27.12.2016
44. University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata, West Bengal	1.4.2017
45. Manav Rachna University, Faridabad, Haryana	5.1.2017

The Universities mentioned at S.No.29 to 45 were granted provisional membership of AIU with effect from date mentioned against each by the 341st Governing Council Meeting held on January 9, 2017.

'D' DISCONTINUATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Eastern Institute of Integrated Learning in Management, Sikkim was discontinued by the Governing Council at its 341st Meeting held on January 09, 2017.

'E' With the above inclusion the membership of the Association rose to 659 including 13 Associate Members.

'F' GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 338th Governing Council Meeting was organised on February 4, 2016 at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar 388 120, District Anand, Gujarat
- 339th Governing Council Meeting was organised on June 30, 2016 at AIU House, New Delhi
- 340th Governing Council Meeting was organised on September 9, 2016 at National Law University Delhi, Dwarka, Sector 14, New Delhi
- 341st Governing Council Meeting was organized on January 9, 2-17 at AIU House, New Delhi
- 342nd Governing Council Meeting was organized on February 4, 2017 at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

'G' SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Finance Committee Meeting was organized on August 16, 2016 at AIU House, New Delhi
- Equivalence Committee Meeting was organized on January 5, 2017 at AIU House, New Delhi
- Research Committee Meeting was organized on January 5, 2017 at AIU House, New Delhi

- Sports Committee and Sports Board Meetings were held on April 5, 2016 at M D University, Rohtak.

H FOREIGN VISITS

- Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General nominated by the UNESCO, Paris on the Drafting Committee of a Global Convention on Recognition of Indian Higher Education Qualifications, visited (1) Rome, Italy on May 11-12, 2016; and (2) Paris on September 19-20, 2016. The round trip air fare, accommodation and local transportation charges were borne by UNESCO.
- Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh, President, AIU (2015-16) and Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU, on an invitation from Association of Universities in Asia and Pacific, Thailand attended its Conference on “Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Transnational Technology Transfer” during May 27-28, 2016 at Zhengzhou, China. International round trip airfare, (economy), hotel accommodation and local transportation were provided by the host organization.
- Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU attended ACU Conference of University Leaders held during June 27-29, 2016 at Accra, Ghana as a speaker on the theme “The University Responsibility in India” and to discuss the Social Responsibilities of Universities and how these are fulfilled in the Indian context. The Registration fee, Accommodation and local travel for attending the Conference were met by ACU. The round trip air-fare, VISA, Insurance charges, per diem and miscellaneous/contingencies expenses were borne by AIU as per rules.
- A delegation under the Chairmanship of Prof (Dr) Ranbir Singh, President, AIU (2015-16), Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU and Mr Sambhav Srivastava, Section Officer (Evaluation) visited Malaysia during June 19 to 22, 2016 for discussing with the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Mutual recognition of qualifications between India and Malaysia. The visit was undertaken on behalf of Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education, Government of India). The roundtrip air-fare, accommodation, local transportation, VISA Charges, per diem, Miscellaneous/ Contingences expenses were borne by AIU as per their entitled class of travel.

- Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU visited Florida, USA for first International Cricket T-20 International game against West Indies organized on August 27 and 28, 2016. All expenses incurred on this visit were borne by BCCI.
- Prof C K Kokate, Vice Chancellor, KLE University, Belgaum and Vice President, AIU attended the 9th General Assembly Meeting of the Asian University Sports Federation (AUSF) and FISU-AUSF Strategic Dialogue & Seminar held at Xiamen (China) during November 19-24, 2016. Travel and other expenses (Registration fees, VISA, Insurance, accommodation, local transportation, per diem and other miscellaneous expenses) were borne by AIU.

RESEARCH DIVISION

A. Research Projects

- i) Regulation of Higher Education in India and Abroad: A Study of Select Countries (Completed). Report Published and submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development

Projects in Progress:

- i) In-house Short Term Projects. Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policies in Higher Education: A Study of Policies Effectiveness
- ii) Outsourced Projects. Following projects have been outsourced:
 - i. 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, Kerala
 - ii. Excellence in Higher Education: An Empirical Study on Quality sustainability of select Universities of Northern India in collaboration with Maharaja Agrasen University, Baddi, Solan, HP

B. Workshops/Training Programmes and Seminar (2016)

1. National Workshop on ‘Emerging Trends of Information Technology in University Management’, during February 24-26, 2016 at Desh Bhagat University, Mandi, Gobindgarh, Punjab

2. National Seminar on 'Contemporary Issues in Women Studies: Reflections and Practices' during March 11-12, 2016 at Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University (SRTMU), Nanded, Maharashtra
3. National Workshop on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences' during March 14-18, 2016 at Ravenshaw University, Cuttak, Odisha
4. National Workshop on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences' during August 06-12, 2016 at Panjab University, Chandigarh
5. National Workshop on 'Examination Reforms', during August 10-12, 2016 at Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur, Rajasthan
6. National Seminar on 'Re-thinking Empowerment: Gender and Development in India' during September 19-20, 2016 at Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telengana
7. National Workshop on 'Management of University Administration' during October 19-21, 2016 at Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam
8. National Workshop on Examination Reforms in Higher Education "Choice Based Credit System (CBCS): Potential and Challenges" during November 09-11, 2016 at Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh, Haryana
9. National Workshop on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences' during November 23-29, 2016 at Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi
10. National Workshop on 'Emerging Trends of Information Technology University Management during December 14-16, 2016 at University of Calicut, Kerala

C. Conference/Seminar of Vice Chancellors Organised/Scheduled

1. Role of Higher Education in Leveraging Indian Innovation Eco System, on February 17, 2016 held at Hotel Le Meridian, New Delhi, jointly with ASSOCHAM
2. Building Entrepreneurial Ecosystem: The Role of Universities scheduled to be organized on February 23, 2017

Activities Scheduled to be held during 2016-17 :

D. ANVESHAN : Student Research Convention – 2016

With a view to enriching research culture in the higher education institutions and to inspire researchers throughout the country, AIU has taken a pioneering initiative to organize student research conventions. The endeavour is directed towards accelerating scientific temperament and harnessing the innovative aptitude of the young researchers for the welfare and development of community, percolating to the grass root level. Anveshan : Students Research Conventions-2016 has been proposed to be conducted both at Zonal and National levels. This pioneering initiative has been applauded across the country for providing an innovative platform to students and creating a culture for innovative research among youth. The projects are invited from bonafide, full time UG, PG and Research students of Indian Universities/University level Institutions in the following five areas: i) Agriculture,; ii) Basic Sciences; iii) Engineering & Technology; iv) Health Sciences & Allied Disciplines; Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce & Law. Details of Anveshan: Student Research Conventions held during the year 2015-16 are as under:

1. North Zone Student Research Convention 2015 held at ICAR National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana during December 28-29, 2015.
2. West Zone Student Research Convention 2015 held at Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner during January 12-13, 2016.
3. Central Zone Student Research Convention 2015 held at Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha will be held January 22-23, 2016.
4. East Zone Student Research Convention 2015 held at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Muzaffarpur, Bihar will be held February 11-12, 2016.
5. South Zone Student Research Convention 2015 held at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala on March 21-22, 2016.
6. National Student Research Convention 2015 held at Sardar Patel University, Anand, Gujarat on March 28-30, 2016.

Following the completion of all the Zonal level Research Conventions, the National Convention was held at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar 388 120, Anand, Gujarat during March 28-30, 2016. In total 75 Research Projects selected

and drawn from all Five Zones (15 from each zone-East, West, North, South, Central) were presented in the National Convention. The Details of winners in various categories are mentioned as hereunder:

I. Agriculture

First : Kanisht Batra, Department of Animal Biotechnology, Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Science, Hisar on the topic 'Novel approach of early pregnancy diagnosis in bovines.'

Second : Joshi Viral Prafulkumar, College of Agaricultural Engg, Junagadh Agriculture University, Junagardh on the topic 'Development of Field Scale Microalgae Cultivation System for Bio-fuel Production'.

Third : Kunal Adhikary Amandeep Singh, Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar-Delhi G T Road, (NH-1) Phagwara (Punjab) on the topic 'Sewage water management and agri-water utility'.

II. Basic Science

First : Sakshi Siriah, Department of Biochemistry, RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur on the topic 'Is Calcium and Vitamin D sufficient in Osteoporosis'?

Second : Aarathi Pradeep, Vidhu Sara Vargis, Vineeth Raj, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University, Coimbatore Tamil Nadu on the topic 'Affordable Lab-on-a-Chip point of Care Diagnostic Device for the Early Detection of Cancer'.

Third : Akshay Bisht, National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurships and Management, Kundli, Dist. Sonapat on the topic 'Fabrication of antimicrobial food packaging material from agro waste (non-wood) by modifying it by metal oxide nano, bulk particle and natural additives'.

III. Engineering and Technology

First : Amritha A, Divya Lakshmi, Manikandan, C B.S. Adbur Rahman University, School of Infrastructure, Department of Civil Engineering, Vandalur, Chennai on the topic 'Performance Analysis and Evaluation of COB and Earthcrete Material'.

Second : Akshay P. Raje, Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur on the topic 'An Eco-friendly method to treat oil spills using human hair'.

Third : Khalifa Anwar Ali, Shahul Hameed A, Sriram R, B.S.Adbur Rahman University, School of Infrastructure, Department of Civil Engineering, Vandalur, Chennai on the topic 'Rehabilitation for Paralyzed based on Hand Gestures'.

IV. Health Sciences and Allied Subjects, Pharmacy, Nutrition, etc

First : Hridya H, Vellore Institute of Technology, Tamil Nadu on the topic 'Inhibitory effect of Brazilein and Santalin on Tyrosinase: A Potential Treatment to Hyperpigmentation'

Second : Naveen Dhingra, School of Pharmacy, Devi Ahilya University, Indore Madhya Pradesh on the topic 'Molecular modeling (3D and 2D QSAR), Pharmacophore mapping and molecular docking of (E)-N-Aryl -2-Arylethene-sulfonamide Analogous as microtubule Targeted Agents in Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia'.

Third : Abhinandan R. Patil, Nano-pharmacology, D Y Patil University, Kolhapur on the topic 'Novel epitope fingerprint nanotheranostics for colorectal cancer'.

V. Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce and Law

First : Suchika Siotia, Indian Institute of Psychology and Research, Affiliated to Bangalore University, Bengaluru, Karnataka on the topic 'Distance Reiki on Subjective Pain Experience on the Quality of Life of Cancer'.

Second : Ms Bulbul G Nagrale, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana on the topic 'A study on Regional Disparities in Dairy Development in Maharashtra'.

Third : Kiranjeet Kaur, Panjab University, Chandigarh on the topic 'Effect of teaching biotechnology through science technology society approach on higher order thinking skills and entrepreneurial attitude of undergraduate science students'.

Award of Prof. S. K. Mukherjee Gold Medal:

Prof S K Mukharjee Gold Medal was awarded to Hridya H, Vellore Institute of Technology, Tamil Nadu, Field/area Health Sciences on the topic 'Inhibitory effect of Brazilein and Santalin on Tyrosinase: A Potential Treatment to Hyperpigmentation' for being adjudged as the best project across all categories.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

The International Cell was established in AIU in the year 2000 in view of Globalization, Internationalization of Higher Education necessitating increasing international academic collaboration in the areas of common interest particularly exchange of students/faculty/research and technical staff, joint research projects, sharing of information, joint capacity building programme, credit transfer, recognition of courses and programmes, equivalence of degree etc. between the universities of India with Association of Universities of other countries and coordinates the activities related to the Division. The division also keeps records of MoUs/Collaboration with National/International Organization and representation of AIU in various International forums. It also collects the data of Foreign Providers of Higher Education in India. The division collects and collates the data of International students in India and brings out the publication after analysis. After collecting the data on International Students for the year 2013-14, it brought out an occasional paper on "Internationalization of Higher Education in India – Annual Survey of International Students in India 2013-14". The paper was published in 2015. The division has collected the data for the year 2014-15 in this regard and the report is being finalized.

This year representatives of European Union participated in the Zonal Vice Chancellor's meet to apprise member Vice Chancellors/Directors about various programmes for collaboration, scholarships etc being provided by the European Union to Indian Universities. The number of projects/scholarships provided by EU has increased considerably after their presentation to Indian Vice Chancellors at zonal and annual meetings. A session for presentation by International Associations / Universities / Agencies is being organized during zonal and annual meetings of AIU to facilitate interface with Vice Chancellors of Indian Universities.

EVALUATION DIVISION

Professional assistance was provided by the Division to various Ministries of the Government of India, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Medical Council of India (MCI) and other Central/State Government agencies for nomination/selection of Indian/foreign students intending to pursue higher education in Indian Universities.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India was provided with draft replies for Parliament questions related to higher education and also comments on the MoUs to be signed between the Government of India and foreign governments.

During the period approximately 2225 Equivalence certificates were issued to Indian and Foreign Students who have obtained qualifications from foreign universities/boards for pursuing higher studies in India.

Approximately Six hundred (600) visitors were attended to and were provided information relating to status and equivalence of foreign degrees and on the status of courses offered by the professional institutions in India which are outside the purview of the Universities.

About 1335 enquiries from the Nationalized Banks for sanction of Education Loan to the students were attended to and information regarding the status of the courses offered by Indian/foreign Universities was communicated.

Around 1000 such enquiries received from students/parents/other stake-holders seeking information about the courses offered by various foreign universities and on their accreditation status. These enquires were attended to and replied through e-mail. Numerous telephonic queries were also attended to by the Division and approximately 2400 such queries were replied through post as well.

Equivalence accorded to PGDM Programme

Two-Year full time Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Management offered by 69 Institutions have so far been accorded equivalence with MBA Degree of an Indian University for the purpose of admission to higher education. The list of Institutions accorded equivalence to their PGDM programme has been displayed on AIU website at <http://www.aiu.ac.in>

The Division has also brought out a Brochure (Updated till 30th June, 2016) on the equivalence of Degrees elaborating the policies adopted by AIU for according equivalence to School and Degree level programmes of foreign universities and the same has been placed on AIU website.

STUDENTS INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

The activities of providing Students Information started by AIU in the year 1927 in the form of Publication of Universities Handbook. In the year 1997, a Division named as Students Information Services was set up. The Division provides extensive information on university institutions, professional bodies, accredited courses conducted by all types of universities, teaching staff 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. 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 is revising and updating the Universities Handbook (34th Edition) which is at the completion stage.

LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION DIVISION

In fulfillment of its objectives 'to act as a service agency and a clearing house of information', the Association has established a Library and Documentation Centre. This is engaged in a two pronged 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 20,785. 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 2016-17, the library received 150 periodicals (109 Indian and 41 foreign). Of these 37 were subscribed, 69 were received as gratis and 44 received in exchange of 'University News'. Around 1490 students and scholars visited the library during the year. Around 1240 telephonic and email queries were attended during the year.

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

Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations

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9. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Social Sciences 2016
10. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Humanities 2015
11. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Humanities 2016

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 2016-17 so far the reported number of thesis is 4410.

UNIVERSITY NEWS UNIT

The University News maintained its longstanding tradition of regularity of appearance in the year 2016-17 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 2016-17 are:

- Special Issue on 'Contributions of Universities to Skilling, Innovation and Entrepreneurship' was brought out on the occasion of South Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held at VIGNAN'S University, Guntur (Vol. 54 No 39, September 26-October 02, 2016).
- Special Issue on 'Evaluation of Higher Education in India since Independence' was brought out on the occasion of West Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held at Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer (Vol. 54 No 40, October 03-09, 2016).
- Special Issue on 'Sharing Best Practices in ICT: Teaching and Skill Development' was brought out on the occasion of Central Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held at

Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad (Vol 54 No 48, November 28-December 04, 2016).

- Special Issue on 'Celebrating Success in Higher Education-Best Practices' was brought out on the occasion of North Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held at Amity University, Noida (Vol 54 No. 51, December 19- 25, 2016).
- Special Issue on 'Writing on Women and Women Writing' was brought out on the occasion of World Book Fair 2017 (Vol 55 No 02, January 09-15, 2017).
- Special Issue on 'Enhancing the Employability of the Products of Higher Education in the Eastern Region' was brought out on the occasion of East Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet held at Kaziranga University, Jorhat, Assam (Vol.55 No 03, January 16-22, 2017).
- Special Issue on 'Celebrating Higher Education: Accomplishment and Achievements of Higher Education in Post Independence Era' was brought out on the occasion of Annual General Meeting of the Association of Indian Universities held at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati (Vol 55 No 05, January 30-February 04, 2017).

PUBLICATIONS AND SALES DIVISION

Printing & Publishing

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.

Yearly Pocket Planner

The Year Planner of AIU is being provided to the entitled dignitaries, which include Vice Chancellors/Directors & 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.

Publications Printed/Re-printed

- Bibliographies of Doctoral Dissertations in Science & Technology : 2011 & 2012
- Governance in Action : Reminiscences of the Vice Chancellors

- Directory – AIU Members (January 2017)
- Occasional Paper – 2016/1 : Internationalisation of Higher Education in India – Annual Survey of International Students in India (2013-14)

Publication of Brochures, Report, etc.

- Brochures for Research Workshop on
 - Research Methodology
 - Examination Reforms in Higher Education
 - Management of University Administration
 - Re-thinking Empowerment : Gender and Development in India
 - Examination Reforms in Higher Education - Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) : Potential and Challenges
 - Research Methodology in Social Sciences
 - Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management
- AIU Audited Accounts, Employees Group Gratuity Scheme and PF Trust (2015-16)
- Inter-University Youth Festivals Report (2015-16)
- Annual Performance Report – National University Games (2014-15) & (2015-16), respectively
- Participation & Merit Certificates for Inter-University Youth Festivals (Zonal & National)
- Merit Certificates for the Sports persons and Teams securing first three positions in All India/Inter-Zonal Final Competitions during the year 2016-17
- Equivalence Certificates
- Bill Books for AIU Retiring Rooms
- AIU At a Glance
- Year Planner – 2017

- Presidential Address for Annual General Meet (2016-17)
- Annual Report (2016-17)

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 Mission in India, Publishers, Book Sellers from time to time and whenever new books are released.
- 2. Publication and other Materials on Complimentary Basis :** As and when new publications, reports, etc are published, the same are being dispatched to the Vice Chancellors/Directors of member Universities and some dignitaries of Ministries and autonomous bodies on complimentary basis.
- 3. 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 has participated in the 25th New Delhi World Book Fair, held from January 07-15, 2017 at the Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. A total of Five (05) member Universities/Institutes have participated under the aegis of AIU in the above New Delhi World Book Fair (2017).

Advertisements in University News Journal

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

Special Issues of University News

Apart from the regular issues of University News, the following Special Issues were printed on the occasions/topics as mentioned below :

- Volume 54 No. 39 (September 26-October 02, 2016) : on 'Contributions of Universities to Skilling, Innovation and Entrepreneurship' on the occasion of South Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet 2016.

- Volume 54 No. 40 (October 03-09, 2016) : on 'Evaluation of Higher Education in India since Independence' on the occasion of West Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet - 2016.
- Volume 54 No. 48 (November 28-December 04, 2016): on 'Sharing Best Practices in ICT: Teaching and Skill Development' on the occasion of Central Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet 2016 .
- Volume 54 Issue No. 51 (December 19-25, 2016) : on the theme – "Celebrating Success in Higher Education : Best Practices" on the occasion of North Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet 2016.
- Volume 55 Issue No. 02 (January 09-15, 2017) on the theme - "Writing on Women and Women Writing" on the occasion of 25th New Delhi World Book Fair (2017).
- Volume 55 Issue No. 03 (January 16-22, 2017): on the theme – "Enhancing the Employability of the Products of Higher Education in the Eastern Region" on the occasion East Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet 2016.
- Volume 55 Issue No. 05 (January 30-February 05, 2017): on the theme- 'Celebrating Higher Education : Accomplishment and Achievements of Higher Education in Post-Independence Era' on the occasion of 91st Annual General Meet of AIU at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

Subscriptions of University News

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

SPORTS DIVISION

1. National Sports Calendar

Annual Sports Calendar of National University Games for the year 2016-17 was finalized and approved in the AGM of Inter University Sports Board (AIU) held on 05-04-2016 at M.D. University, Rohtak-124001 (Haryana). 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 Observer

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 05/04/2016. 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

As many as 190 Inter-University Tournaments were organized at various 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, 5,25,765 highly talented university students/athletes participated in University Sporting Competitions during the year : 2016-17. The details are given below :

a) Strength of Sportspersons :-

Sl. No.	Category of Tournaments	No. of Sporting Events	Average No. of Participants
1.	National Basis	70 (M/W)	1,48,689 (MW)
2.	Four Zone Basis	60 (Women)	1,77,750 (Women)
3.	Four Zone Basis	60 (Men)	1,99,326 (Men)
Total Events and Participants		190 (M/W)	5,25,765 (MW)

b) Break-up of Sportspersons

Sl. No.	Category of Competitions	Average No. of Participants with Percentage (Women)	No. of Average Participants with Percentage (Men)
1.	All India Basis (MW)	(42%) (W) 2,20,821	(58%) (M) 3,04,944
2.	Four Zone Basis (MW)	(43%) (W) 2,26,079	(57%) (M) 2,99,686
Grand Total of Participants with percentage		(42.5%) (W) 2,23,450	(57.5%) (M) 3,02,315

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-SPI 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 the 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: 2016-17. 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: 2016-17 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: 2016-17.

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/dispatched 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: 2016-17 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. Performance in World University Championship: 2016

The AIU being member of International Universities Sports Federation (FISU), projected Indian universities teams in World University Championship in 2016. It is heartening to note that Indian athletes won total 9 Medals, out of which Indian universities won 6 Gold Medals, 2 Bronze medals and one Silver in the highly contested global competitions. The details of performance of Indian contingents are as follows:-

Sl.No	Name of Athlete	College/University	Sporting Event Shooting	Medal Won
01.	Akhil Sheoran	University of Delhi, Delhi	Air Rifle Men Individual Event	Gold
02.	Ajitesh Kaushal Bhavesh Shekhawat Arpit Goel	Panjab University, Chandigarh Manav Rachna International University Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi	25 Mtrs. Standard Pistol Team	Gold
03.	Akhil Sheoran Ekambir Singh Mandi Milanpreet Singh	University of Delhi, Delhi Punjabi University, Patiala Panjab University, Chandigarh	Air Rifle Men Team	Gold
04.	Namanveer Brar Arjun Singh Yuvraj Kumar Mahajan	Panjab University, Chandigarh Rajiv Gandhi Law University University of Delhi, Delhi	Trap Men Team	Bronze
05.	Vinita Bhardwaj	Panjab University, Chandigarh	Air Rifle Women Individual Event	Gold
06	Vinita Bhardwaj Dilreen Gill Simrat Chahal	Panjab University, Chandigarh University of Delhi University of Rajasthan, Jaipur	Air Rifle Women Team	Gold
07	Anjum Moudgil	Panjab University, Chandigarh	50 Mtrs Rifle 3 position women Individual	Silver
08	Shekhawat Shavesh	Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad	20 Mtrs Standard Pistol Individual	Bronze

Sl.No	Name of Athlete	College/Institution	Sporting Event Shooting	Medal Won
01	Kachhap Priyanshu Vennam Jyothi Surekha Dudhwal Swati	GNDU, Amritsar (PB) K.L. University, Guntur University of Rajasthan, Jaipur	Compound Women Team	Gold

Indian Universities (Women) team participated and secured 7th position in the team championship. This is a creditable achievement. Ms. Gurmail Kaur, Ch. Ranbir Singh University, Jind who was Captain of the team was awarded 10th position in the Handball Championship with 20 goals to her credit and Ms. Maninder Kaur of Punjabi University, Patiala secured 14th position in the World University Handball Championship - 2016.

The overall ranking of India in the highly contested is quite satisfactory, indicating that future of university sports is bright, capable of throwing-up a desired amount of talent in National Stream. The present medal tally reflects that “University Sports” is emerging progressively as Life Line and Spring Board for Olympic Medal(s) in near future. As a result, university sports need a adequate investment in terms of financial, scientific and technical support from Public Private Partnership for broad-basing competitive sports in university sector for achieving excellence at international level.

16. MAKA Trophy Committee

A meeting of Scrutiny Committee for the award of prestigious MAKA Trophy duly constituted by the Hon’ble Secretary General, AIU was held on 05-08-2016 under the Chairmanship of Shri Dinesh Khanna, Arjuna Awardee (Badminton) for recommending the prestigious award for the year: 2015-16. 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 MAKA Trophy Award was presented to the overall Champion Punjabi University, Patiala by His Excellency, the President of India on August 29, 2016.

17. Sports Board & Sports Committee

Annual General Meeting(s) of Sports Board and Sports Committee (AIU) for the year : 2015-16 were presided over by Working Chairman nominated by the Hon’ble President, AIU on April 05, 2016 at M.D. University, Rohtak. Apart from other important issues related to sports promotion under Long Term Development Plan (LTDP), Annual Sports Calendar for the year : 2016-17 was finalized, approved and uploaded on AIU’s website for advance information and necessary action of all the stakeholders, in this regard.

YOUTH AFFAIRS DIVISION

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

Inter- University Youth Festivals (UNIFESTS)

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

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

The 32nd Inter-University Five Zonal and One National UNIFESTS were scheduled to be organized at various Universities in which over 7000 selected university youth artistes were expected to participate in 25 competitive events of music, dance, theatre, fine arts and literary events. The Zonal UNIFESTS have been organized successfully at the following Universities:

Zone	University	Dates
Central	Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	17-21 Nov, 2016
South	Bangalore University, Bangalore, Karnataka	16-20 Dec, 2016
East	Vidyasagar University, West Midnapore (WB)	27-31 Dec, 2016

North	Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur(U.P.)	02-06 Jan, 2017
West	Ganpat University, Kherva, Gujarat	06-10, Jan 2017

The Inter-University National Youth Festival has been scheduled at the following venue:

National	Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra	10-14 Feb, 2017
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The AIU Inter-University National Folk Dance & Group Song Festival, 2016 was organized by Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand on September 17-18, 2016 : The winning teams of Folk Dance or Group Song event at the Inter-University. Zonal Level Youth Festivals held during 2015-16 were invited to participate in the Festival and the following teams participated in the Event:

1. Banasthali University, Banasthali, Rajasthan
2. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, UP
3. Guru Nanak Deo University, Amritsar, Punjab
4. Chaudhari Devlal University, Sirsa, Haryana
5. Mysore University, Mysuru, Karnataka

The Inter University National Qawwali Competition for the session 2016-17 under the aegis of AIU was organized by Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab on November 25-16, 2016 – The First ever Inter University National Qawwali Competition was hosted by Lovely Professional University, Phagwara during November 25-26, 2016. The Event was Inaugurated by Prof Fuqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU in the presence of Mr Ashok Mittal, Chancellor, Ms Rashmi Mittal, Pro-Chancellor and others. The main purpose of initiating this event is to revive the dying form of genre of Qawwali which was launched by Hazrat Amir Khusrau, way back in the 13th Century. The Event was splendidly organized with participation of the following universities:

1. Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab
2. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab
3. Chandigarh University, Chandigarh
4. Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana

5. Dr Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, MP
6. University of Jammu, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir
7. University of Mumbai, Mumbai, Maharashtra
8. SNDT University, Mumbai, Maharashtra

The Overall Championship of I.U. National Qawwali Competition – 2016 went to LPU, Phagwara while Runner-Up Overall Championship went to Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad: 7th Indian Students Parliament, Pune will be held at MAEER's MIT Campus, Pune for which AIU requested member universities to participate in three-day conclave (January 17-19, 2017) encouraging independent thinking and sociopolitical initiative in young students and facilitates the learning of crucial social and political skills. This helps in mobilizing the youth of our country in understanding the importance of citizenry and participation of youth in democratic processes. The platform is bringing professional outlook in the youth towards political system and encouraging them to embrace public life.

10th South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST)

Under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore (India) is going to hosted the 10th South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST) during February 28, to March 04, 2017. Amongst its varied youth-centric activities, the South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST) is a noble concept of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with goal to promote active collaboration and mutual understanding amongst the South Asian countries in educational, social, cultural and economic fields. It is an attempt towards bringing the youth from the South Asian countries to a common platform for sharing views, experiences, innovations and common ideas so that a common agenda in taking the future regional challenges can be taken up. Furthermore, the role of SAUFEST is to ensure unity for peace, harmony and brotherhood amongst the people of the south Asian region.

About 300 selected youth artistes of 17 selected universities will participate in the SAUFEST including youth from the following South Asian Countries, including: India; Afghanistan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Nepal; Pakistan; Maldives; Mauritius; Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

FINANCE DIVISION

The Division provides 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: (a) Budgeting & Forecasting (b) Accounting of Receipts (c) Expenditure Management; (d) Books of Accounts; (e) Finance Committee; (f) Management of Funds; (g) Salaries & EPF (h) Provident Fund Trust; (i) Statutory & Government Audit.

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

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee Meeting was held on 16.8.2016 under the Chairmanship of Prof D S Chauhan, President, AIU. In this meeting, apart from other important issues, following proposals were considered and approved :

- 1) The Revised Budget Estimates for 2016-17;
- 2) Budget Estimates for 2017-18;
- 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 2015-16 of AIU and AIU Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme;
- 4) Audited Accounts of AIU PF Trust which include Revenue Account, Balance Sheet of AIU PF Trust audited by M/s. Girish Neelam & Associates, Chartered Accountants for the year 2015-16;
- 5) Appointment of Statutory auditors of AIU, AIU Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme & AIU Provident Fund Trust for the Financial Year 2016-17;
- 6) An Appeal(s) were filed under Form 35 before the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeal) against the arbitrary order(s) issued by the Assessing Officer, Income Tax (E) for the AYs 2009-10 & 2013-14;

Income Tax Refund

Income Tax Refund was claimed from the Income Tax Department on completion of Assessment Proceedings before the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeal) for the AYs

2010-11 & 2011-12. Finally, a sum of Rs.22,45,850/- & Rs.1,29,61,830/- for AYs 2010-11 & 2011-12 respectively was released by the Income Tax Department after consistent persuasion from Finance Division.

7th CPC

The Finance Committee recommended to the Governing Council in principle approval to adopt and implement the recommendation of the 7th PC as notified by the Govt. of India vide their Notification No.1-2/2016-IC dated 25.7.2016. The Governing Council of the Association, however, resolved that the same be considered for implementation only after the notification for implementation in the autonomous bodies, particularly Central Universities are made by the GOI.

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 2016-17 were sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for approval of grant in favour of AIU.
2. The Ministry has sanctioned a grant of Rs.200.00 lacs and Rs.32.00 lacs for Plan and Non Plan activities respectively for the FY 2016-17.
3. The Ministry has revised the pattern for release of grant effective from 3rd quarter of Financial Year 2016-17 for Autonomous Bodies.
4. Proposal(s) for RE 2016-17 & BE 2017-18 (Plan and Non Plan) in respect of Department of Higher Education were submitted
5. The grant for 3rd quarter of Financial Year 2016-17 has been released by the Ministry.

Provident Fund Trust

1. Universal Account Number of EPFO was implemented for members of AIU Provident Fund Trust.

2. Online monthly payment(s) using EPFO Portal were implemented for Family Pension Contribution and Administrative Charges.

Initiatives & Activities

1. Annual Subscription Notices for the year 2016-17 were sent to the Member Universities in March, 2016. Subscription of Rs.3,72,57,937- has been received as on 30.11.2016.
2. Utilization Certificates were issued in respect of Plan, Non-Plan and Youth Affairs Grant received during the FY 2015-16.
3. The Association has adopted New Group Leave Encashment Scheme of LIC for AIU employees effective from March, 2016.
4. An agreement was signed between AIU and RITES Ltd. a Government of India Enterprise on 14.9.2016 for upgrading, redesigning and refurbishing including interior designing work of AIU House.
5. The Governing Council constituted a Committee in February, 2014 for finalizing the Recruitment Rules, Service Rules, Promotions and other matters related thereto. The committee members met from time to time and finalized the Recruitment Rules which are to be placed in the forthcoming meeting of the Governing Council for approval.

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 and 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 comprising recruiting required manpower, managing personnel matters, legal matters, RTI matters, vigilance 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-Rest Rooms for the Vice Chancellors/Directors and functions as a facilitator to the member Universities/Institutions.

Computer Section

The Computer Section working under Administration Division is committed to provide uninterrupted IT solution and network services to various AIU divisions including following:

1. AIU website maintenance and periodic updation of the information thereon
2. Network maintenance in AIU House, including monitoring of local network and Wi-Fi.
3. Installation and Monitoring of Cyberoam Unified Thread Management in AIU House for gateway level security and betterment of the network.
4. In-House software development for various AIU divisions and its updation as and when required.
5. Patronage of IT peripherals like Hardware/ Printers/ Scanners etc. and coordination with CAMC agency.
6. Providing IT support to AIU divisions e.g. IT support for online submission of Monthly challan, e-returns on EPFO portal; technical assistance to library division for collocation and processing of data for printing of bibliography etc.

RTI Cell

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

1. During the year approximately 250 applications under section RTI Act, 2005 were replied to by the cell, including Appeals and applications received through email.
2. Appeared before Central Information Commissioner at CIC, New Delhi for hearing of three second Appeal cases filed there.

3. Reply of RTI applications received through online RTI interface provided by the nodal Ministry of AIU i.e. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (<https://rtionline.gov.in>)
4. Providing information online to Public Grievance received through portal provided by Government of India (<https://pgportal.gov.in>)

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Prof D S Chauhan, President; Prof. C K Kokate, Vice President; Prof Ranbir Singh, Immediate Past President; 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.

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