

# ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

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## RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

### *MINUTES*

**Date: July 25, 2022**

Time [11:00 A.M]

AIU House

New Delhi-110002

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Chairman

Prof Suranjan Das

Vice Chancellor

Jadavpur University

&

President, AIU

### Members

Prof G D Sharma Vice Chancellor University of Science and Technology Meghalaya & <b>Vice President, AIU</b>	Prof. K K Aggarwal Chairman National Board of Accreditation (NBA) New Delhi
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Prof Bhushan Patwardhan Chairman, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru	Prof. B. R. Kamboj Vice Chancellor Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar
Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal Secretary General, AIU Member Secretary	Dr Amarendra Pani Joint Director & Head, Research Division AIU, Secretary

## Association of Indian Universities Minutes of Research Committee Meeting

July 29, 2022

The meeting of Research Committee of the Association of Indian Universities was held on **July 25, 2022** at 11.00 A.M. The Meeting was held in blended mode. Online provision was created through the Zoom platform for the members who couldn't make it to attend the meeting in physical presence. Following members were present:

Prof Suranjan Das  
Vice Chancellor  
Jadavpur University, Kolkata  
& President, AIU

Chairman  
(Physical Presence)

Prof G D Sharma  
Vice Chancellor  
University of Science and Technology Meghalaya  
& Vice President, AIU

Member  
(Physical Presence)

Prof. K K Aggarwal  
Chairman  
National Board of Accreditation, New Delhi

Member  
(Physical Presence)

Prof Bhushan Patwardhan  
Chairman  
National Assessment and Accreditation Council  
Bengaluru

Member  
(Virtual Mode)

Prof Najma Akhtar  
Vice Chancellor  
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Member  
(Virtual Mode)

Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal  
Secretary General, AIU

Member Secretary  
(Physical presence)

Dr Amarendra Pani  
Joint Director & Head, Research Division  
AIU

Secretary  
(Physical presence)

Dr Rama Devi Pani, DD Research and Editor, University News

Prof Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi couldn't join due to some prior engagement.

The Meeting commenced with Dr Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General extending a warm welcome to the Chairman and the members of the Research Committee. Providing a brief



background about the meeting and the role of the Research Committee, the agenda items were presented by Dr Amarendra Pani, Joint Director & Head, Research Division.

#### AGENDA

1. To Confirm the minutes of the Research Committee Meeting held on **September 13, 2021.**

*Confirmed*

2. To Consider the **Action Taken Report** on the Minutes of Research Committee Meeting Held on **September 13, 2021.**

*Approved*

3. To report the successful organisation of following Webinars / Roundtables:

- i. National Webinar on **World University Ranking in Indian Context**, April 05, 2021. **Beneficiaries:** Teachers, Students, University Administrative Functionaries, IQAC Heads and policy makers. **Participation:** More than 100. VCs, Deans, IQAC Heads, Senior Academics who were oriented about the latest issues and trends of World Ranking of Universities. The issues faced by the Indian HEI were discussed and strategies for building internal capacity for securing good ranking positions were devised.
- ii. International Webinar on "**Philanthropic Funding in Higher Education: Exploring the Opportunities**" on **May 17, 2021.** **Beneficiaries:** The Webinar was addressed by some of the internationally acclaimed Academic Luminaries like Lord Meghnad Desai, formerly with London School of Economics, Prof William De Villiers, Vice Chancellor, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, Ms. Sarah Archer, Director, Fundraising, Stellenbosch University. Strategies for securing philanthropic funding from national and international agencies were discussed. Making the HEI institutions self-reliant and less dependency on Govt funding was focused.
- iii. **CII-AIU Conference on "Innovation in Learning" held on June 29-30, 2021.** **Beneficiaries:** VCs, Faculty members, Educational Administrators, Industry Interns, IT Personnel in Universities. Participants were oriented with latest learning pedagogy, assessment techniques, technology application and interface with industry
- iv. **AIU-MFF Safe Campus online Programme for member universities/institutions on June 29-30, 2021.** **Beneficiaries:** Faculty members and others dealing with Gender related issues. The Participants were sensitized about the sexual harassment issues in the campuses and training was imparted on dealing with the sexual harassment and related policies for its prevention. It is monthly programme.
- v. **Leadership Development Program in Circular Economy in collaboration with International Council for Circular Economy on October 06, 2021.** **Beneficiaries-** All higher Education Stakeholders. Participants – More than 150.
- vi. **2nd Edition of Global Education Conclave on the theme India-The Destination for Global Education, October 21-22, 2021** in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). **Beneficiaries** – Heads of International Education Departments, VCs, Educational Administrators, students and Policy makers. Participants- More than 100.
- vii. **International Conference on Hybrid, Blended & e-Learning ICHBEL- 2021**



**December 3-5, 2021** in collaboration with Educational Technology and Management Academy at Gurgaon Progressive School Council. Participants – More than 100

*Noted & Approved*

4. To report the successful collaboration with member universities in organising the following Conferences/ Seminars:

- i. **International Conference on Recent Innovation in Multidisciplinary Research (ICRIMR-2021)** held on **December 22-23, 2021** in collaboration with **RKDF University, Ranchi**.
- ii. **Rajasthan Archaeology and Epigraphy Congress** in collaboration with **Shri Khushal Das University, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan KDU, December 23-24, 2022**.
- iii. National Webinar on **“Creating Food and Nutritional Security for a Sustainable Future** in Collaboration with **Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), January 11-12, 2022**.
- iv. **International Conference on Next Generation of Internet of Things (ICNGIoT-2022)** in collaboration with **Gandhi Institute of Engineering and Technology University (GIET) Gunupur, Odisha, February 03-04, 2022**.

*Noted & Approved*

5. To report the successfully organisation of the following **10 National Consultative Meetings** for providing preconference input to the 3<sup>rd</sup> UNESCO World Higher Education Conference organised by **UNESCO at Barcelona, Spain during May 18–20, 2022**.

- i. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on **“International Cooperation to Enhance Synergies”** in collaboration with **Sabitribai Phule Pune University** on **May 21, 2021** in virtual/online mode. More than 100 participants attended the Event.
- ii. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on **“Quality & Relevance of Programmes”** in collaboration with **Sri Sri University, Cuttack, Odisha** on **July 09, 2021**. More than 80 participants attended the Event.
- iii. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on **“Inclusivity in Higher Education”** in collaboration with **Dayalbagh Educational Institute (DEI), Agra** on **July 26, 2021**. More than 50 participants attended the Event.
- iv. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on **“Data and Knowledge Production”** in collaboration with **SASTRA University, Thanjavur** on **October 23, 2021**. More than 100 participants attended the Event.
- v. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on **“Governance in Higher Education”** in collaboration with **Mizoram University** on **October 29, 2021**. More than 100 participants attended the Event.
- vi. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on **“Academic Mobility in Higher Education”** in collaboration with **Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu**, on **Nov 13, 2021**. More than 100 participants attended the Event.
- vii. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on **“Financing in Higher**



**Education**" in collaboration with National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi on November 30, 2021. More than 80 participants attended the Event.

- viii. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on "**Preparing for the Future of Higher Learning**" in collaboration with Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi on December 22, 2021. More than 100 participants attended the Event.
- ix. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on "**Higher Education and the SDG (Sustainable Development Goals)**" in collaboration with O P Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana on January 27, 2022. More than 100 participants attended the Event.
- x. National Consultative Meeting Cum Webinar on "**Impact of COVID-19 on Higher Education**" in collaboration Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat on February 11, 2022. More than 30 participants attended the Event.

**Noted & Approved**

- 6. To Report the Organisation of **Anveshan**: National Student Research Convention in collaboration with Academy of Maritime Education and Training (AMET) University, Chennai during March 27-28, 2022.

**Noted & Approved**

- 7. To Report the launching of following AIU Awards and Schemes for Encouragement of Faculty members, Researchers and students.

- i. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Award for Best Faculty Researcher
- ii. AIU Award for the Faculty Researcher for the Publications
- iii. AIU Award for the Best Doctoral Thesis
- iv. AIU Award for the Best All Rounder University Student

**[Resolution:** *It was resolved that the AIU shall authorise the respective universities for issuing Certificates and mementoes under the joint endorsement of AIU and the concerned university with the logo of both organisations and the certificates will be signed by the AIU Secretary General and Vice Chancellor of the concerned university for the current year. From next year the policy on schemes to be revised as per the response of universities.]*

**Noted & Approved**

- 8. To Report the publication of the report of the following AIU Committees
  - i. AIU Committee for Looking in to the Student Welfare (Published)
  - ii. AIU Committee for Addressing the Needs of Differently Abled Persons , in Higher Education Institutions- Strategies for Implementation. (Published)
  - iii. AIU Committee on Ranking, Rating and Accreditation. (In Press)
  - iv. AIU Committee on Implementation of NEP 2020 (in progress)

**Noted & Approved**

*[Resolution: Item no (iv) - Report on Implementation of NEP-2020 is to be placed in GC for approval after obtaining feedback from QQGC members.]*

9. To report the successful Publication of following Reports/Documents/Books.

- i. "Exploring the Concept of using Eligible Enrolment Ratio (EER) in Higher Education" as a Parameter for Measuring Access to Higher Education.
- ii. India Higher Education Profile (2019-20)
- iii. Compendium of **Anveshan**: National Student Research Convention (2020-2021)
- iv. Study Report on "Preparedness of Indian Higher Education Institutions for Online Education".
- v. Book on "Reimagining Indian Universities".
- vi. COVID-19 Response Toolkit for Indian Higher Education Institutions.
- vii. Protecting Academic Interest of Students During COVID-19 Pandemic and Sharing Best Practices.
- viii. Study Report on Student Experience in Research Universities (SERU) during Pandemic.

**Noted & Approved**

10. To report the progress of the Research Project "Student Development index: Conceptualizing and Identifying Relevant parameters"

*[Resolution: Revised Concept paper is to be circulated to RCM members for feedback after which the same shall be placed before the Committee Constituted for SDI]*

11. To consider the following Research Projects to be taken up **in-house** during the current session.

- i. Association of Indian Universities: Genesis, History and contribution to the Development of Higher Education in India.
- ii. Educational Thoughts of Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee and his contribution to Indian Higher Education and Socio-political Development.

*[Resolution: Proposal for financial support to be sent to Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) and Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR) and action is to be taken based on the response]*

- iii. A Directory of People of Indian Origin occupying various eminent Positions in International Higher Education and Developing a Network for Mutual Cooperation and Benefit.





*[Resolution: Approved with resolution that the network needs to be established with eminent people working in higher education globally]*

iv. Status of Implementation **Academic Bank of Credit (ABC)**

*[ Resolution: In view of the fact that the Implementation of ABC is in Nascent Stage, and hence this project may not be undertaken at this stage.]*

v. To consider the proposal for establishment of **Indian Network for Internationalization of Higher Education (INIHE)**.

*[ Resolution: AIU collaboration portal shall be linked with INIHE Portal and ways be thought of to collaborate with member universities for helping the universities to increase the international students. The top 100 universities based upon the list of AISHE /NIRF Reports 2022 shall again be invited to become member of INHIE]*

vi. To report the progress of Creating the Consultancy Cell in AIU.

*[Resolution: The format of the application form to be revised and simplified by minimising the information sought so that interested consultants can easily apply. Action may be taken on the proposals for seeking consultancy received from the universities and consultancy services shall be started immediately to initiate the functioning of the Consultancy Cell]*

vii. To consider the proposals for introducing **AIU's International Journal of Research and Public Policy**.

*[Resolution: There will be two Bodies for managing the Journal – Advisory Board with Senior Academics, Reviewers Board for reviewing the papers and articles and Editors for execution of the publishing of the Journal in which Secretary General, AIU will be Chief Editor, Dr Sistla Rama Devi Pani, Editor University News will be Editor and Dr Amarendra Pani, Joint Director & Head, Research Divison will be the Associate Editor.*

*In the Advisory Board along with proposed members, other names are to be added including a few international members. The services of advisory board members may also be taken for the purpose of review of articles*



The title of the Journal Shall be **International Journal of Higher Education Policy & Research**]

12. To consider the proposal for conducting following Research Projects in **collaboration with member universities:**

- i. Promoting Internationalization of Higher Education: Strategic Interventions (Symbiosis International University, Pune)
- ii. Creating future ready students: Industry 4.0 compliance. (Chitkara University, Punjab)

*[ Resolution: Approved. Financial support to the tune of Rs. 1.00 lakh may be provided for the projects to identified universities and projects may be conducted under the banner of AIU and under monitoring of the Head of Research Division Head]*

13. To consider the proposal for establishing **AIU Academic & Administrative Development Centres (AADC)** in the select member universities.

*[Resolution: The GC has already approved the proposal. Expression of Interest may be invited from Member Universities of AIU for setting up of 10 centres. One-time Financial Assistance of Rs. 2.00 lakhs (two lakhs) is to be provided by AIU to each centre. Thereafter, the Centres will run in self-financing/self-Sustaining Mode. The centres will organise training and faculty development programmes for academic and Administrative staff of member universities. Each Centre will organise about 10 programmes every year. The programmes shall be held under the banner of AIU and be monitored by the Research Division with support in terms of structure, themes, duration and other operational aspects]*

14. To consider the proposal for organising **45 days Teacher Empowerment programme on Blended Learning.**

*[Note: A proposal has been received from Educational Technology Management Association, New Delhi, a non-profit organisation engaged in promoting the application of technology in Education seeking AIU Collaboration for organising the above proposed programme. In view of the increasing online educational activities, there is need for training and sensitising the higher education teachers on blended learning].*

*[ Resolution: AIU shall not promote any commercial interests of any private organisation/firm whether national or international. Therefore, ETMA be informed to collaborate with any member universities such as M S Baroda, and then send the proposal through the university to AIU. The AIU will not be directly involved in collaboration with ETMA.]*

15. To Consider the Collaboration with **Quality Assurance, Strategic Planning and**

**Institutional Research (QASPIR)** in conducting a Joint Research project on Transformational and Holistic Learning and professional Development programmes for University Faculties.

*[Note: A proposal has been received from QASPIR, UK seeking AIU Collaboration for conducting a joint Research Project on Transformational and Holistic Learning and professional Development programmes for University Faculties. In 2021-22, AIU collaborated with QASPIR in conducting a joint Research project on Preparedness of Indian Higher Education Institutions for Online Education. The report was circulated to all member universities and apex Bodies in Higher Education. The report and recommendations were appreciated. A series of FDPs on content generation and innovative pedagogy for online Teaching and Learning was also organised in asynchronous manner in partnership with QASPIR].*

**[ Resolution: Approved if there is no financial involvement.]**

16. To consider the proposal for organising two Roundtable Conferences of **Newly Appointed Vice Chancellors** in 2022-23.

**Approved**

*[Resolution: Notification/Circular will be sent to member universities for inviting proposals for collaboration through AIU website and University News]*

17. To consider the proposal for organizing **Anveshan: Student Research Convention** for the financial year 2022-23 (Five Zonal and One National)

*[Note: Anveshan: A pioneering Initiative of the Research Division of AIU was introduced in the year 2007. The objective was to promote the culture of research and innovation in universities by identifying, incentivising and nurturing the young research talents. It has received accolades and appreciation from the universities. It has become an annual activity of the Research Division. Every year five Zonal Level and One National Level Research Conventions are organised in which innovative research projects in five areas are invited which are assessed by a panel of three experts in Five fields viz. Basic Sciences; Engineering & Tech.; Agriculture Sciences; Health Sciences & Allied subjects; Arts, Humanities, Business Management, Commerce and Law. The winning projects are incentivised through cash awards along with certificates and mementoes.]*

**[Resolution: Approved. Resolved that along with continuing the present format of organising Five Zonal Conventions and one National Convention, efforts will be made to organise Anveshan Plus (International) with collaboration with ProjectSet, UK, so that**



*Indian students may get opportunity to collaborate with foreign students. For maintaining the quality and rigour of the Research Convention, long-term institutional collaboration will be explored through the University Associations of other countries. To begin with, the collaboration with Association of Commonwealth universities shall be explored so as to reach out to the member universities of ACU*

*AIU will encourage the universities of the Winning Projects (in the National convention) to continue and institutionalise the projects]*

18. To consider approaching ICHR, ICSSR, ICPR, and other Councils for funding of research projects on issues like conducting surveys, studies, writing history of AIU, Internationalisation of higher education etc.

**Approved**

19. To consider the proposal for bringing out following publications in the Year 2022-23

- iii. Funding Agencies and Mechanism of Research Funding.
- iv. India Higher Education Profile (2020-21)
- v. Realising SDGs through Higher Education Institutions (under process)
- vi. Indian Higher Education: Heritage and Present Scenario
- vii. Renaissance in Higher Education
- viii. *Anveshan*: National Student Research Convention (Compendium 2021 - 2022)
- ix. **Academics and Beyond**: Compilation of Convocation Address delivered by Eminent Personalities.

*[ Resolution: Approved. Resolved that in order to commemorate the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", best 75 convocation addresses (item No. ix) published in the last five years may be compiled and published]*

20. To consider the proposal for partnering with '**Economic Times**' in organising a National Conference on Higher Education.

*[Note: A proposal has been received from "Economic Times" requesting AIU Collaboration for organising "The Economic Times Education Leadership Summit in the month of November 2022. The objective is to promote the Education Sector and its Ecosystem by connecting with Government, Industry, R&D, Academia and others].*

**Approved**

21. To consider the proposal for entering into MoU with **Global AI Hub** and partnering in introducing self-pace learning courses on Artificial Intelligence in the AIU member universities without any cost to AIU or member universities.

*[Note: Global AI Hub is a Swiss based leading global community with interest in AI. It has initiated a project called **10 Million.AI** which is non-profit*

and social good initiative supported by leading institutions in the world. The project aims at educating 10 million talents in the world and providing them access to job and internship opportunities. A proposal has been received from Global AI Hub to collaborate with AIU to promote the initiative by organising bootcamps in India for providing basic training on AI].

**Approved if there is no financial involvement.**

22. To consider the proposal of *TeamLease Edutech Ltd.* to roll out Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes in Indian Universities

**[Note:** *TeamLease Edutech Ltd. is a leading online Learning services Company engaged in supporting universities in launching and managing online programmes and improving employability of their students through skilling programmes. It also helps the corporates to build talent supply chain and improve employee productivity. A proposal is received from TeamLease Edutech Ltd. Seeking AIU collaboration for launching Apprenticeship Embedded Degree programme in Member Universities].*

**[Resolution:** *TeamLease Pvt. Ltd is a Private entity. AIU shall not be involved in promoting such ventures by the Private organisations/Firms who have commercial interests. However, a time slot of short duration can be allotted to TeamLease Pvt Ltd. to present their ideas and programmes in AIU zonal Meets of Vice Chancellors]*

23. To consider the proposal for partnerships With *Edunet Foundation Ltd.* for launching a pilot programme under **Tech Saksham** (by Microsoft and SAP) and **IBM SkillsBuild Programme** for Engineering Education.

**[Note:** *Edunet Foundation is a non-profit organisation engaged in promoting STEM Education, technical innovation, employability and entrepreneurship. A proposal has been received from Edunet Foundation, Gurgaon seeking AIU collaboration for Launching two Programmes – (i) Pilot Faculty Development Programme under Tech Saksham (by Microsoft and SAP), (ii) IBM SkillsBuild programme for engineering students in member universities of AIU.*

**[Resolution:** *Collaboration be made with Edunet Foundation Ltd. for the proposed programmes, provided that the programmes are run on complimentary basis without any financial implications on AIU or member universities]*

24. To Consider the themes and subthemes for the AIU zonal and Annual Vice



Chancellors' Conferences

**[Resolution: The President, AIU was authorised to approve the themes]**

25. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.

- i. To consider the proposal received from American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) for collaboration to work together in strengthening the linkages between Indian Universities and the US Universities in the areas envisaged under the National Education Policy 2020.

**Approved**

- ii. To include GLA university, Mathura, UP in INIHE network.

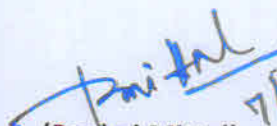
**Approved**


**[ Resolution: Interested Universities other than the list secured from NIRF/AISHE may also be invited to become member of INIHE]**

- iii. The Proposal received from Dr. Pavan Duggal, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Chairman, International Commission on Cyber Security Law for collaboration in the field of Cyber security in universities in the following domains:-

- a) Organising joint awareness session on Cyberlaw and Cyber Security for members of AIU.
- b) Introducing joint Online Certification Course on Cyber Security & Cyberlaw for Education Ecosystem Stakeholders;
- c) Introduce Diploma Course on Cyber Law & Cyber Security

**[Resolution: The item at (a) approved. Regarding the other two items, it was resolved that AIU shall not promote fee based programmes offered by Private parties/organisation in member universities]**

  
(Pankaj Mittal)  
Secretary General  
7/10/22

  
(Suranjan Das)  
President  
7/10/22