

# ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES



## ANNUAL REPORT 2007

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I have pleasure in presenting, as Secretary General of AIU, the Annual Report for the year 2007 at 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association being held at the beautiful campus of Anna University, Chennai. Details of activities of the Association during the year are reported below.

### Research Division

Roundtables/Seminars/Workshops

*Organised*

1. National Workshop on Management of University Administration, August 20-24, 2007, University of Calcutta, Kolkata
2. National Workshop on Examination Reforms in University Education, September 19-21, 2007, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

*Scheduled:*

1. National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management, December 3-7, 2007, University of Pune, Pune
2. National Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences, December 10-14, 2007, M S University of Baroda, Vadodara
3. National Seminar on Women Studies in India, Engendering Health: New Paradigms, December 17-19, 2007, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

### PROJECTS

*Completed :*

1. Unit Cost of Higher Education in Punjab: A Study of Universities and their Affiliated Colleges
2. Towards Examination Reforms in Higher Education - A Study of Student Performance in Entrance Examination and Board Examination
3. University-Industry Interaction in Indian Higher Education
4. Status of Basic Science Research in Institutions of Higher Education (Chemistry)

### Selections from University News

*Completed*

1. Financing Higher Education

*DATA BASE*

1. Enrolment at different levels under general category (including professional/non-professional education): state-wise, gender-wise, course/programme-wise data (2003-04, 2004-05)
2. Student Mobility: International Students in Indian Universities

3. Creation of Data Bank of Global Universities (the preliminary document Access to Global Universities completed)

### **Annotated Bibliography**

Quality Assurance in Higher Education (Completed)

### **Occasional Paper**

1. Dongaonkar, Dayanand and Negi, Usha Rai (2007), Student Mobility: International Students in Indian Universities

### *Theses of the Month*

A list of 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.

### *Papers Presented*

Dongaonkar, Dayanand, (2007) “Financing of Higher Education – Overview: Indian Context ” at AIU-AVCC Roundtable on “University Finances”, at Goa on June 21-23, 2007

Dongaonkar, Dayanand (2007) University-Industry Interaction AIU Experience - an overview” at EDUCON -2007 at Kuala Lumpur on August 30-September 2, 2007

Dongaonkar, Dayanand (2007) “University-School Linkages” at South Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meeting at Cochin University of Science and Technology on September 13, 2007.

Dongaonkar, Dayanand (2007) “Equivalence of Foreign Degrees with Indian Degrees” at Executive Seminar on recognition of Cross Border Education and Training Activities, Enschede, Netherland on November 1-2, 2007.

### **Foreign Visits**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of Officer</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Dates &amp; Place of visit</b>
1	Prof S S Katiyar President and Prof Dayanand Dongaonkar Secretary General	UMIOR Conference	March 3-5, 2007 Teheran, Iran
2	Prof Dayanand Dongaonkar Secretary General	2 <sup>nd</sup> International Advisory Group (Atlas) Meeting of IIE, New York	April 18-20 2007 Mexico
3	Prof S S Katiyar President	2 <sup>nd</sup> Global Conference of University Associations of IAU	May 30-June 2, 2007 Paris, France

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4	Prof Dayanand Dongaonkar Secretary General	2 <sup>nd</sup> Global Conference of University Association of IAU. Meeting with Leadership Foundation, London, Visited University of Kingston, London	May 30-June 6, 2007, Paris, France London, UK
5	Prof Dayanand Dongaonkar Secretary General	AUSF General Body Meeting (Sponsored)	July 15-17, 2007 Shenzhen, China
6	Prof S S Katiyar President	FISU Conference on Sports Creates Man and Man builds nation	August 8-12, 2007 Bangkok, Thailand
7	Prof Dayanand Dongaonkar Secretary General	FISU General Body Meeting and Conference on Sports Creates Man and Man builds nation	August 4-12, 2007 Bangkok, Thailand
8	Dr. Gurdeep Singh Under Secretary (Sports) and Mr. K M C Nambiar Under Secretary, (Admn)	Universiade 2007, (FISU)	August 6-18, 2007 Bangkok, Thailand
9	Prof Dayanand Dongaonkar Secretary General	Executive Seminar on recognition of Cross Border Education and Training activities (Sponsored)	November 1-2, 2007 Enschede Netherlands
10	Prof Y C Simhadri President	Universidad Veracruzana 2007 Autumn Symposium (Sponsored)	November 15-17, 2007 Mexico

### **International Cooperation**

I) Signed MoU with Institute of International Education (IIE), New York

The IIE will provide AIU a complimentary membership to its IIE Network that includes over 900 higher education institutions and several thousand higher education professionals across the world. Membership includes free copies of all IIE publications, including Open Doors, IIE Passport Directories, Funding US Study and the IIE Networkers magazine and online Bulletins.

II) Accepted the membership of

- a) International Association of Universities (IAU), Paris, France as a member.
- b) The Asian University Sports Federation, (AUSF) China

### **Academia-Industry Collaboration**

The Association in collaboration with Sakal Papers Ltd., Pune organized “Educon-2007” at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on August 30-September 2, 2007, for close cooperation with industry, which is likely to be developed into collaborative projects.

Sakal group has shown commitment to improve the quality of education and research by supplementing universities by providing senior faculty at their own cost.

They have also agreed to give wide publicity to practices specially of agricultural universities.

The group has agreed to support Research Convention to support and recognise research in higher education sector.



## **Evaluation Division**

During the year the Evaluation Division issued 624 Equivalence Certificates to Indian and foreign students, obtaining qualifications from abroad. The Division continued to provide professional assistance on the status of foreign qualifications to universities, Ministries of the Government of India, Union Public Service Commission, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Medical Council of India and other Central/State Government agencies dealing with the nomination/selection of Indian/foreign students intending to pursue higher education in Indian Universities.

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

Approximately 2900 Visitors were provided with 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 1900 enquiries received through E. Mail/Telephone and 2069 through post were attended and replied to.

The Division also receive numerous enquiries from the nationalized Banks with regard to the status of the Indian/foreign Universities and the courses offered by them for sanction of Education Loan to the students.

During the year recognition already accorded to the Two-year full-time Postgraduate Diploma programme in Management of Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad, was extended for a further period of five years as equivalent to Master of Business Administration Degree of an Indian University.

## **Students Information Services Division**

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

The Division continued to update itself by screening the leading newspapers in respect of admission notifications on various courses issued by universities and other institutions from time to time in order to provide latest information to students and updating the Handbooks.

The SIS Division has revised and updated the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Handbook on Engineering Education'.

## **Publication & Sales Division**

1 The activities of the Division may be categorized as per the following: -

- (a) Printing and Publishing
- (b) Sales of AIU Publications
- (c) Advertisement in University News
- (d) Subscription to University News

### **Printing & Publishing**

All the printing and publishing needs of the different divisions of AIU are undertaken including the printing of University News – a weekly journal of Higher Education and Research.

During the period under report, the revised and updated edition of the following publications have been brought out.

- (a) New Publications
  - (i) University Institutions in India – AIU Members (February 2007)
  - (ii) University Institutions in India – AIU Members (July 2007)
  - (iii) Handbook on Engineering Education (2007)
  - (iv) Proceedings of 81<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting
- (b) Reprinted Publication
  - (i) Handbook on Distance Education (2004).
- (c) Reports
  - (i) AIU Occasional Paper 2007/1 Students Mobility – International Students in Indian Universities.
  - (ii) Access to Global Universities.
  - (iii) AIU Initiatives for North-East Region.
  - (iv) Inter-University Youth Festivals (2006-07).
  - (v) Annual Report 2007.

### **Sale of AIU Publications**

#### **Book Exhibition**

The AIU publications are being displayed at the venue of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting at the Anna University, Chennai.

#### **Advertisements in University News**

We regularly receive advertisements to be published in our journal - University News from our member universities, institutions, Govt. departments, booksellers and other parties.

#### **Special issues of University News**

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

- (a) Volume 45 Issue No. 04 dated January 22-28, 2007: on the occasion of the Post Centenary Golden Jubilee Celebration of University of Calcutta, Kolkata.
- (b) Volume 45 Issue No. 48 dated November 26-December 02, 2007: on the topic - “Report of National Knowledge Commissions” on the occasion of 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting.

## **Subscriptions of University News**

The print run of University News as of date is 6750 copies. The current number of paid subscribers is about 5770 and 726 copies are being sent on complementary basis to the Vice Chancellors/Directors and Registrars of member universities, Government officials and other important dignitaries/academics.

### *Monthly Pocket Planners*

In addition to the above, Monthly Pocket Planners are being sent to Vice Chancellors/Directors, Registrars of member universities and other dignitaries as per the mailing list maintained for this purpose in the Division.

## **Sports Division**

### *Appointment of AIU Observers*

In order to ensure authenticity of performance of the young sportspersons and to monitor the progress of the conduct of Inter University Tournaments, as many as 70 most suitable AIU Observers selected from University sector, National Sports Federations, Sports Authority of India and National Institute of Sports etc. were appointed. The selection criteria was based mainly on three major aspects. Sports achievement, Professional experience and contribution to the field of sports. Over the years, it is observed that the existing monitoring system proved to be quite helpful in stream-lining the management of university sports and raising the standard of technical conduct of Inter-University competitions at par with the National Championships. As a result, performance level of university athletes/teams has been improving constantly. This significant development is viewed as a healthy sign of Brighter Future of the Indian Sports at domestic and International levels.

### *Inter University Tournaments*

The Inter University Tournaments constitute the main component of Programme(s) for promoting competitive sports in universities and colleges. During the year 2007, Inter-University Tournaments in 19 disciplines for men, 16 for women and 18 for both men and women were organized at 70 university centers throughout India, with a view to create sport-culture and broad-base competitive sports for achieving desired results.

Inter-University Tournaments are used as a common platform for Talent search for promotion on scientific lines to throw up adequate youth potential to feed the main national stream. As a matter of fact, the university sports deserves high priority in the National Agenda for raising the performance level of Indian athletes while competing at international sporting events.

### *Strength of Participants*

More than of 2,00,000 (Two Lakh) University Students participated in 87 Inter-University competitions during the year 2007. The details are given as under:



S No	Category of the Tournaments	Number of Events	Average Number of Participants/Athletes
1.	National Basis	26	51,225
2.	Three Zone Basis	21	53,140
3.	Five Zone Basis	40	96,300
	Total Events & participants	87	2,00,665

*World University Games: 2007*

A 63 member Indian Universities Contingent participated in the World University Games from August 8-18, 2007 held at Bangkok (Thailand) All the athletes displayed their ever best performance during the mega event. For the first time in the history of Association of Indian Universities, two medals were won by the Indian Athletes in a highly contested World competition.

- Ms Harveen Kaur Sarao won Gold Medal in 10 mts Pistol Shooting
- Another Bronze Medal was also won in a team event of 10 mts Pistol Shooting at the World University Games-2007

For this splendid success in the highly competitive Universiade, the credit goes to the member universities for providing the athletes focused and result-oriented training and effective psychological moral boosting for their respective competitions

Further, parental support in their build up stage proved to be miraculous deserving all admirations. We hope that universities will continue to inspire and perspire young generation athletes for achieving excellence in International Sporting events and bring laurels to the nation. The details of the participants are given below:

*14<sup>th</sup> Champion Colleges Hockey(M) Tournament : 2007*

The Champion Colleges Hockey (Men) Tournament was introduced in the year 1992-93 with a view to encourage and promote competitive hockey at the college level. The tournament was jointly organized by the Association of Indian Universities and Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society from February 8-17, 2007 at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi. As a result of the collective, sustained and sincere efforts of both AIU and Nehru Hockey, the SAIL, a public sector unit, came forward to take-up the responsibility of providing the required finances to the tune of Rs.8.00-Lakh only for the successful conduct of the prestigious tournament. The event was a grand success. The services of the professionally qualified and competent officiating staff were provided by the Indian Railways Sports Promotion Board and Sports Authority of India, in this regard. The ranking of the participating teams in the tournaments is given below:-

S.No.	Name of Participating College and University	Position
1.	D A V College, Jalandhar (Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar)	First
2	Government Mahindra College (Punjabi University, Patiala)	Second
3.	J L Nehru College (Barkatullah University, Bhopal)	Third



*A glimpse of Cultural Rally during East Zone Youth Festival 2006-07 at BIT , Moira Raichy*



*Bhutanese Contingent presenting Folk Orchestra at SAUFEST 2007 at SNDT Women's University, Mumbai*



*One Act Play being presented by Gujarat University, Gujarat at SAUPEST 2007, at SNDT Women's University Mumbai*



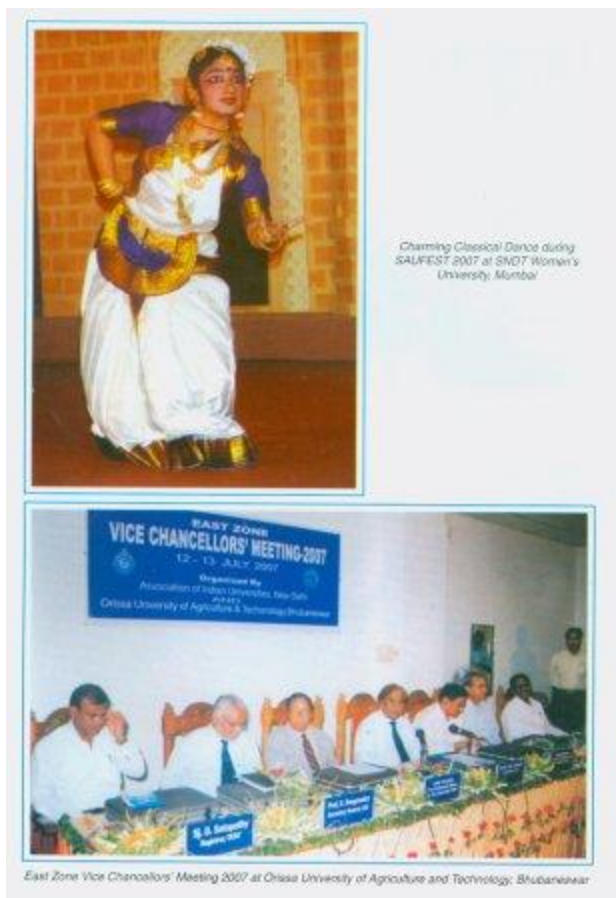
*A Scene of Dance Ballet during SAUPEST 2007 at SNDT Women's University Mumbai*



*Erithvadi Folk Dance by Banasthal Vidyapeeth, Banasthal during West Zone Youth Festival 2006-07.*



*Folk Dance going on at North Zone Youth Festival 2006-07 held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar*



#### *Vizy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament: 2006-2007*

As per the existing practice, the AIU and BCCI jointly organize the Vizy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament every year so as to promote Cricket in the university sector, on the professional lines. The Vizy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament was successfully and smoothly conducted by University of Calcutta, Kolkata from December 22 to 28, 2006. This mega event was sponsored by the BCCI through the AIU. The coveted Trophy was lifted by West Zone by winning the final match with a convincing margin. The East Zone was declared as Runners-Up of the tournament. The competition was held under the close and careful supervision of qualified officiating staff provided by the BCCI.

#### *Advance Training of Combined Universities Cricket (M) Team: 2007*

During the Vizy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament, only twenty (20) talented Cricket Players were selected by the duly constituted Committee headed by Shri Sanjeev Sharma, International test player. The advance training of the Indian Universities Cricket (M) Team was organized and sponsored by the BCCI from January 16 to 31, 2007 at National Cricket Academy, Bangalore under the able guidance of the qualified coaches and trainers. It proved to be a meaningful and rewarding experience for the university budding cricket players.

The Indian Universities (M) team participated in Inter-Zonal Cricket Academy Tournament in the month of May-June, 2007 held at NCA, Bangalore. The young team displayed satisfactory performance and made their presence felt in the circles of Indian professional Cricket. We hope that this positive development will certainly motivate many other young players to take up Cricket as their professional career option.

### **Youth Affairs Division**

In continuation of AIU endeavors towards promoting art, culture, human and cultural values amongst youth, the Division organized various youth programmes during the calendar year at the regional and national level. The youth programmes are pivotal for an all round development of personality of our youth, towards facilitating in them an appreciation for art and culture; positive life style, life skills, leadership qualities, national and emotional integration.

#### *Inter-University National Youth Festival*

The University of Madras hosted the Inter-University National Youth Festival during January 21 to 25, 2007 in which 830 selected university youth artistes of 60 universities participated.

The under-mentioned universities claimed various championships in different cultural and literary events:

Music	:	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
Dance	:	Punjabi University, Patiala
Theatre	:	Manipur University, Manipur
Literary	:	Punjab University, Chandigarh and Bangalore University, Bangalore
Fine Arts	:	University of Calicut, Calicut
Overall Runners-Up	:	Punjabi University, Patiala
Overall Championship	:	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

#### *Second South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST)*

The S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai organized the Second South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST) under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) at the Juhu campus of the S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai. The concept of organizing SAUFEST is to encourage the future generation of the youth from South Asian countries to come on a common platform for sharing views, experiences, innovations and common agenda in tackling the future challenges. The participating countries included India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives, Mauritius, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

Over 250 youth delegates and officials participated in the event held from March 7-11, 2007. In addition to the 100 foreign delegates, 150 selected participants of the four

Inter- University Zonal Youth Festivals, which were organized by AIU during 2006-2007, participated in the event.

During the five-day festival, four different panel discussions and one special interactive session of HIV/AIDS were organized. The panel discussions included - Scientific Basis of Yoga (7<sup>th</sup> March), Empowerment of Women (8<sup>th</sup> March), South Asian Developmental Issues on Education (9<sup>th</sup> March) and South Asian Developmental Issues on Human Rights (11<sup>th</sup> March). The eminent speakers participated in the panel discussions. The delegates were also taken for a sight seeing of Mumbai, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

*Participation of selected Universities Teams in National Open Youth Festival, Pune*

The cultural contingents of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (Folk Song) and University of Mumbai (Group Song) participated in the National Open Youth Festival which was organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India during January 12-16, 2007 in Pune. This was the first ever invitation from the Ministry to invite the AIU contingents in the National Open Youth Festival.

*Third I U National Yoga Training Camp*

AIU organised the Third National Yoga Training Camp at the Swami Vivekanand Yoga Anusandhan Samsthan, Bangalore during January 11 to 22, 2007. During the ten-day yoga camp the participants were made aware about the importance of Yoga for the youth. The emphasis was laid both on theoretical and practical aspects of yoga. Forty participants from the twenty universities participated in the programme.

*Participation in the Commonwealth Youth Day Celebration, Sri Lanka*

On the invitation of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India three students of Rajiv Gandhi Univ. of Health Sciences, Bangalore and Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi participated in the Commonwealth Youth Day Celebration held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 12-14 March 2007. They presented their views on the theme "Respecting Difference and Promoting Understanding".

*Participation in the Youth Delegation Exchange Programme, China*

Names of 64 selected students from 32 universities were sent by AIU to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India for further consideration under the Youth Delegation Exchange Programme held in China during June 2007. Finally, 16 youth from various universities participated in the programme, while the Ministry has kept the names of remaining youth for future programmes

*Poster on HIV/AIDS*

The best poster on HIV/AIDS was sent to the universities as a part of awareness on HIV/AIDS. The Poster was selected from the Inter-University National Poster Exhibition organised by AIU at the University of Mumbai with the sponsorship of NACO.

*Second Youth Leadership Camp*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-University National Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) was organized by the AIU in collaboration with Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar at the University

Holiday Home, Dalhousie, Himachal Pradesh from September 13-22, 2007. 31 students of 12 universities participated in the programme. During the programme, the experts were invited to interact with the participants on the topics pertaining to Personality Development, Communication and Presentation Skills, University-Industry Linkage, Youth and Career, Gender Sensitivity, Literacy, Environment, Leadership, Health Issues, Team Building etc.

#### *International Non-Violence Day*

As declared by the UN that the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi should be observed as an International Non-Violence Day during 2001-2010; the universities were sent information to observe the same. The period has been declared by the United Nations as the International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Youth of the World.

### **Library and Documentation Division**

The AIU Library and Documentations Division renders the following services to the researchers:

- Circulation Services
- Reference Services
- Selective Dissemination of Information
- Indexing Services
- Press Clipping Services
- Bibliographic Services
- Reprographic Services

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

During the year 2007, 120 titles have been added to the AIU Library's collection. During the year the library received 150 periodicals (109 Indian and 41 foreign). Of these 37 were subscribed, 69 were received gratis and 44 received in exchange of 'UNIVERSITY NEWS'.

Around 2500 students and scholars (including from Developed and Developing Countries), visited the library during the year. About 11,400 photocopies had been supplied to the scholars. 15 requests were received for Inter-Library loan and 12 were serviced during the year. Around 1050 telephonic queries were attended during the year.



## *UNIVERSITY NEWS*

The University News maintained its longstanding tradition of regularity of appearance in the year 2007 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 in the year 2007 are :

1. A Special Issue was brought out on the occasion of East Zone Vice Chancellor's Conference at Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar (July 09-15, 2007).
2. A Special Issue was brought out on the occasion of West Zone Vice Chancellor's Conference at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur (September 03-09, 2007).
3. A Special Issue was brought out on the occasion of South Zone Vice Chancellor's Conference at Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi (September 10-16, 2007).
4. Environmental Issues and Global Warming on the occasion of North Zone Vice Chancellors' Meeting-2007 at Panjab University, Chandigarh, October 29-30, 2007
5. Report of National Knowledge Commission on the occasion of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association at Anna University, Chennai November 26-28, 2007.

## **Finance Division**

The Finance Committee at its meeting held on September 25, 2007 considered and approved the revised budget estimates for 2007-08 and budget estimates for 2008-09.

The audited accounts of the Association and AIU PF Trust from M/s. K N Goyal & Co, Chartered Accountants which include balance sheet, income and expenditure account, receipt and payment account were also approved in the FC Meeting. These are placed before the General Body Meeting for consideration.

The Government Auditors have audited the accounts for the year 2005-06 and their Report along with the replies were placed before the Finance Committee Meeting held on September 25, 2007. The replies were approved by the FC/SC.

The position of Govt. Grants sanctioned by the Ministry of Human Resource Development/Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the year 2007-08 is as follows:

Non-plan	-	Rs.25.00 lakhs
Plan	-	Rs.50.00 lakhs

Youth Affairs	-	Rs.39.83 lakhs (Likely to be released by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports)
SSG	-	Rs. 94.33Lakhs (Likely to be released by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports)

### **Administration Division**

The Administration Division provides personnel, material and usual administrative support to the activities of AIU. Besides attending to the regular maintenance of the plant, equipment, essential services and doing human resource management the following activities were also undertaken.

The interior structure and design of the AIU Office is being re-done for creating better work-environment and to ensure optimum utilization of the available space. After identifying the Architects an agreement has been signed for undertaking the work. The process has thus been set to begin.

### **Computer Division**

Besides the normal routine functions of in-house maintenance and support services of computer related work, the Computer Division has taken up the following activities during the year under review:

- a) Entire website has been redesigned & developed.
- b) Centralized backup systems introduced for various division in AIU.
- c) The following software have been developed for various division in AIU :

#### Research Division

- Role of Information & Technology Software
- Theses of the Month Software
- Foreign Students Database Software

#### Accounts Division

- EPF Management Software

#### Administration Division

- Asset Management Software
- City-wise and PIN Code-wise Software for post-mailing

#### Meetings Division

- Vice Chancellor's Seniority Software

#### Sales & Publication Division

- Updation & Maintenance of existing Software

- d) Database of all the Member Universities has been created on our website.
- e) Training programme to employees for Hardware, Softwares, Networking, presentation and image editing which helps them to make computer savvy.
- f) Department-wise E-mail Account have been created.
- g) Various proforma in PDF and Word formats for various divisions has been uploaded.
- h) Three ways Virus Security installed in entire AIU setup.
- i) Web promotion by cross-linking our website with prestigious organizations & Universities.

## Meetings Division

### Membership

AIU Visiting Committee visited the Choudhary Devi Lal University, Sirsa, and its report was considered by the Standing Committee at its meeting held on 21/06/2007 at Goa, wherein the consideration of the report was deferred for want of detailed information from the University.

The following Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meeting-2007 were organized:

Zone	Venue	Date
East Zone	Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneshwar	July 12-13, 2007
West Zone	Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur	September 6-7, 2007
South Zone	Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi	September 12-13, 2007
North Zone	Panjab University, Chandigarh	October 29-30, 2007

Recommendations of zonal meetings are included in agenda of the General Session for consideration.

Details of Meetings/Conferences/Workshops held during 2007.

S.No	Committee/Workshop/Conference	Dates	Venue
1.	Committee to consider relationship with private Universities	20/02/2007	AIU House
2.	Research Committee	2/3/2007	AIU House
3.	Standing Committee	2/3/2007	AIU House
4.	Inter-University Sports Board of India	April 1-2, 2007	Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur
5.	Sports Committee	April 1-2, 2007	Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Committee/Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>
6.	National Inter-University Cultural Board	3/5/2007	Jadavpur University, Jadavpur
7.	Cultural Committee	4/5/2007	Jadavpur University, Jadavpur
8.	Standing Committee	21/06/2007	Goa
9.	AIU-AVCC Roundtable on University Finances	June 21-22/23, 2007	Goa
10.	East Zone Vice Chancellors' Meeting	July 12-13, 2007	Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar
11.	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy Committee	4/8/2007	AIU House
12.	National Workshop on Management of University Administration,	August 20-24, 2007	University of Calcutta, Kolkata
13.	EDUCON-2007	August 30-September 2, 2007	Kuala Lumpur
14.	West Zone Vice Chancellors' Meeting	September 6-7, 2007	Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur
15.	South Zone Vice Chancellors' Meeting	September 12-13, 2007	Cochin University of Science and Technology, Koch
16.	Finance Committee	25/9/2007	AIU House
17.	Equivalence Committee	25/9/2007	AIU House
18.	Staff Affairs Committee	25/9/2007	AIU House
19.	Standing Committee	26/9/2007	AIU House
20.	National Workshop on Examination Reforms in University Education,	September 19-21, 2007	Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Committee/Workshop/Conference</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>
21.	North Zone Vice Chancellors' Meeting	October 29-30, 2007	Panjab University, Chandigarh
22.	82 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting	26/11/2007	Anna University, Chennai
23.	Inter-action with heads of Apex Bodies	26/11/2007	Anna University, Chennai
24.	International Forum on Higher Education	27/11/2007	Anna University, Chennai
25.	General Session	27/11/2007	Anna University, Chennai

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Prof S S Katiyar, Past President, Prof Y C Simhadri, President and Prof. S K Mukherjee, Vice President, members of the Standing Committee and all Vice Chancellors/Directors of member Universities/Institutions for their support, guidance and cooperation and active participation in activities of the Association. I thank my colleagues in AIU House for their continued support.

Thank you.



AIU Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with International Institute Education, New York