Group song (Indian) by Punjabi University, Patiala during North Zone Youth Festival at University of Jammu.

A scene of SKIT by Manipur University during Inter-University East Zone Youth Festival at NEHU, Shillong.

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It gives me great pleasure to present, as Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities, the Annual Report for the year 2006, at this 81st Annual Meeting of the Association, being held at this historic and beautiful campus of University of Mumbai, Mumbai. Details of activities of the Association during the year 2006 are reported, in brief.

Research Division

During the year following activities were taken up by the division as approved by the Research Committee at its meeting held on March 4, 2006.

Roundtables and Workshops

Organized:

2. National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management, September 4-8 2006, West Bengal University of Technology, Kolkata.

Scheduled:

1. National Workshop on Research Methodology in Basic Sciences, November 13-17, 2006, Assam University, Silchar.

Projects In Progress

1. Unit Cost of Higher of Education in Karnataka.
2. Women Development Initiatives taken by Women Studies Centres in Indian Universities.
5. Status of Computerization and Use of Information Technology in the University Libraries.
6. University – Industry Interaction in Indian Higher Education.
7. Towards Examination Reforms in Higher Education – A Study of Student Performance in Entrance Examination and Board Examination.
8. Database on Foreign Education Providers in India.
9. Creation of Data Bank on Foreign Universities.

Selection from University News

Published
1. University – Industry Interaction
2. GATS and Higher Education

In progress
1. Financing of Higher Education
2. AIU Presidential Addresses
3. Women Education and Empowerment
4. Dynamics of Extension Education

Academics and Beyond

Published
1. Tryst with Health Science Education

In Progress
1. Tryst with Engineering Education
2. Tryst with Agriculture Education
3. Tryst with Distance Education

Selected Statistical Data
- Enrolment at different levels under general category and SC, ST, OBC (including professional/non-professional education) state-wise, gender-wise, faculty-wise data on Indian Higher Education Institutions.
- Fee Structure for General Education in Indian Higher Education Institutions.
- Data Base of Teachers in Indian Higher Education Institutions.
- Data on Non-teaching staff.
- Data on International Students in Indian Universities.

Paper/Articles

Presented
- Anand, R D (2005), Basic Science Education in Rural Areas, Seminar on Science and Technical Education in Rural Areas: Limitations and Perspectives, Punjab University, Patiala, November 30, 2005.
- Dayanand, D (2006) 'Leadership Programme for Vice Chancellors' at ACU Conference of Executive Heads held at University of Adelaide, Australia from 8-12 April, 2006
- Dayanand, D (2006) 'Access & Equity in Higher Education' at Roundtable organized by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in collaboration with Australian Education International (AEI) 'Access & Equity' at Hotel Taj Malabar, Cochin on 4-5 May, 2006
- Dayanand, D (2006) '150 Years of Higher Education' at the North Zone Vice Chancellors Conference at Kumaun University, Nainital on 26-28, June, 2006


Negi, Usha Rai, Anand, R D and Dongaonkar, D, (2006), International Student Mobility and International Students in Indian Universities, Tenth Anniversary Celebration of China Scholarship Council (CSC) Beijing, China and International Student Mobility Conference, Jointly Organized by CSC and Institute of International Education (IIE), New York, USA at Beijing, China, June 15-17, 2006.


Annotated Bibliography (In progress)

Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Theses of the Month

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

AIU Occasional Paper

1. 'Missing Links in Education System in India' published in November 2006.

Foreign Visits

1. AIU delegation under the Chairmanship of President, AIU visited France from January 28 to February 5, 2006 at the invitation (sponsored) of French Embassy, New Delhi.

2. Secretary General on an invitation (sponsored) by WHO, Geneva, visited Sydney, Australia for the Asia-Pacific High Level Consultation on Health Workforce Responses to Crisis, Threats and Opportunities, from 20-23 February 2006.

3. Secretary General visited Colombo, Sri Lanka, to address the students from Sri Lanka who graduated from Bangalore University, Bangalore at the invitation (sponsored) of the Brindavan College, Bangalore on 18-19 March 2006.

4. Secretary General visited Brisbane, Australia from 3-6 April 2006, to attend the International Education Forum organized by the Australian Department of Education, Science & Training at Brisbane.

5. President (sponsored), Secretary General, as invited speaker (partially sponsored) visited Adelaide, Australia, from 9-12 April 2006 to attend the ACU Conference of Executive Heads.

6. A four member AIU delegation headed by President, AIU and comprising of Prof. Vachaspati Upadhyaya, Prof. S S Katiyar and Secretary General, visited Australia for the Indo-Australia Education Forum at University of Geelong, Victoria Australia on 5th September, 2006 and visited Universities of Deakin, Melbourne and Monash from September 6-8, 2006.

7. President and Secretary General visited France from 18-21 October 2006, at the invitation (sponsored) of Universite de Lyon, Lyon to participate in the 'International Week'.

International Cooperation

The Association of Indian Universities has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the La Conference des Presidents d'Universite(CPU) and La Conference des Directors d'Ecoles et Formations d'Ingénieurs (CDEFI) during the visit of AIU delegation under the Chairmanship of Prof S F Patil, President AIU to France on January 29 to February 03, 2006.

The Association has joined as the member of Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI) established by UNESCO at the United Nation University of the Technical University of Catalonia with no cost to AIU.

Academia-Industry Collaboration

Evaluation Division

During the year under review, the Evaluation Division issued 532 Equivalence Certificates to Indian and foreign students, having obtained their qualification from abroad. The Division continued to provide expertise/assistance on the status of foreign qualification 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 join Indian Universities.

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

About 2400. Visitors were provided information relating to equivalence of foreign degrees and on the status of courses offered by the professional institutions outside the purview of the universities. Over 6200 enquiries received through E. Mail/Telephone and 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 Educational Loan.

During the year Two-year Full-time Postgraduate Diploma programme in Management of one Institute was recognized as equivalent to Master of Business Administration Degree of an Indian University for a period of five years.

The Second edition of our publication “Equivalence of Foreign Degrees” has been brought out during the year.

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 30th edition of ‘Universities Handbook’ and the 31st edition was released in July 2006. Now the division is revising and updating the 10th edition of ‘Handbook on Engineering Education’.

Library and Documentation Division

The AIU Library and Documentation 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

The total number of books in the library today stands more than 20,000. Library receives around 150 periodicals, specially on higher education. This, reference and research library has over the years acquired a highly specialized collection of documents, on higher education, as a discipline by itself, as against catering to different disciplines at the level of higher education. Among the areas prominently represented are- Educational Sociology, Educational Planning, Educational Administration, teaching and Teacher’s Training, Economics of Education, Country Studies, University-Industry Interaction and Quality in Higher Education, Books on Developing fields of adult education, distance education and educational technology are well stocked. 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.

The Library and Documentation Division brought out the Handbook on Library and Information Science. The Library provides statistical and other related information to the University News Unit, for publication in the “University News” a weekly journal of higher education.

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

Following paper was published during the year

During the year 2006, 125 titles have been added to the AIU Library’s collection. 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 2400 students and scholars (including from developed and developing countries), visited the library during the year. About 12,600 photocopies had been supplied to the scholars. Twenty requests were received for Inter-Library loan and 15 were serviced during the year. Around 1100 telephonic queries were attended during the year.

**University News**

The University News maintained its longstanding tradition of regularity of appearance in the year 2006 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 2006 are:

1. A Special Issue was brought out on ‘Education and Indian Cultural Heritage’ on 27 January, 2006 on the Occasion of XVII New Delhi World Book Fair
2. A Special Issue was brought out on ‘Environmental Concerns’ on March 20, 2006 on the Occasion of 82nd Foundation Day of the Association of Indian Universities.
3. To commemorate the Sesquicentennial Celebrations of University of Mumbai and University of Madras, Special Issues were brought out on the topics ‘Sesquicentennial Foundation Day of University of Mumbai’ and ‘Sesquicentennial Foundation Day of University of Madras’ on July 17-23, 2006 and September 04-10, 2006 respectively.
4. A special issue was brought out on the occasion of 81st Annual Meeting of the Association, on ‘150 years of Indian Higher Education’ on 27th November, 2006.

**Publication Unit**

This Unit meets all the printing and publishing requirements of the different Divisions of AIU and University News.

During the period under report, the revised and updated editions of a number of publications have been brought under the category of Handbooks, Directories, Books & Proceedings, Reports, etc. The following publications/report were brought out/reprinted during the period from January 01, 2006 till date:

**I. New Publications**

(b) Equivalence of Foreign Degrees (2006).
(c) University Institutions in India – AIU Members (February 2006).
(d) University Institutions in India – AIU Members (July 2006).
(e) University Industry Interaction (Selection from University News -17).
(f) GATS and Higher Education (Selection from University News – 18).
(g) Tryst with Health Science Education (Academics & Beyond).

**II. Publications (Reprinted)**

(a) Education and Women Empowerment (1999) - Selection from University News 3.
(c) Internationalisation of Indian Higher Education (2002).
(d) Handbook on Distance Education (2004).

**III. Report**

Inter University Youth Festival (2005-06).

**Sales Unit**

The sale promotion of AIU publications is done through various exhibitions, publicity materials and circulars are sent to the institutions/ Universities, Indian Embassies abroad and foreign mission in India from time to time and whenever new books are released. Besides, as and when the new publications, reports, etc are
published, the same are dispatched to the Vice Chancellors/Directors of member Universities on complementary basis.

17th New Delhi World Book Fair (2006)

The Division had participated in the 17th New Delhi World Book fair, which was held from January 27 to February 04, 2006 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Ten member Universities also participated under AIU banner for displaying and selling their publications.

Following activities are covered by the Unit (a) Advertisements in University News; (b) Publishing of University News including its special issues and (c) Monthly Pocket Planners. The print run of University News as of date is 6250 copies.

Sports Division

Appointment of AIU Observers:

In order to ensure authenticity of performance of the young sportspersons and to monitor the progress of Inter University Tournaments, as many as 70 most suitable AIU Observers selected from Member Universities, 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 such as Sports achievement, Professional experience and Strategic contribution in 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 being viewed by the professionals 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 NSO Programmes for promoting competitive sports in universities and colleges. During the year: 2005-2006, Inter University Tournaments in 18 disciplines for men, 16 for women and 17 for both men and women were organized at 70 university centers throughout India, with a view to create sport-culture and broad-base competitive sports for achieving excellence.

The Inter University Tournaments are being used as a common platform for Talent Search and Talent Promotion on scientific lines for the purpose of throwing up adequate amount of potential youth to feed the main national stream. As a matter of fact, the university sports deserves high priority in the National Agenda for enhancing the performance level of Indian athletes/teams while competing at international matches.

More than of 2,00,000 university students participated in 87 Inter-University competitions during 2005-2006. The details are given as under:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>S No.</th>
<th>Category of the Tournaments</th>
<th>Number of Events</th>
<th>Average Number of Participants/Athletes</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>National Basis</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>51,225</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Three Zone Basis</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>53,140</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Five Zone Basis</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>96,300</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Total Events/ participants</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>2,00,665</td>
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3. a. Details of Gold Medalists in Individual Sports at All India Basis

<table>
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<tr>
<th>S. No.</th>
<th>Sporting Event</th>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Name of the Participant</th>
<th>University</th>
<th>Performance</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>50 M Free Style</td>
<td>Women</td>
<td>Shikha Tandon</td>
<td>Bangalore</td>
<td>00.28.56 sec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>50 M Free Style</td>
<td>Men</td>
<td>Atul Krishna S</td>
<td>Kerala</td>
<td>00.24.53 sec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>1KM M Start</td>
<td>Women</td>
<td>Rajinder Kaur</td>
<td>Punjab</td>
<td>1.32.31 sec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>1KM Team Trial</td>
<td>Men</td>
<td>Abhishek Rana</td>
<td>Punjab</td>
<td>1.44.411 sec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>Air Rifle</td>
<td>Women</td>
<td>Reshu Rani</td>
<td>CCS Meerut</td>
<td>1*</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Air Pistol</td>
<td>Women</td>
<td>Anura</td>
<td>CCS Meerut</td>
<td>1*</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Air Rifle</td>
<td>Men</td>
<td>Mintu Punia</td>
<td>Delhi</td>
<td>1*</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Air Pistol</td>
<td>Men</td>
<td>Himanshu Singh</td>
<td>Delhi</td>
<td>1*</td>
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<tr>
<td>9.</td>
<td>Floor Exercises</td>
<td>Women</td>
<td>Saroj</td>
<td>GNDU,ASR</td>
<td>1*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.</td>
<td>Floor Exercises</td>
<td>Men</td>
<td>Sahil Dogra</td>
<td>GNDU,ASR</td>
<td>1*</td>
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<tr>
<td>11.</td>
<td>100 mtr</td>
<td>Women</td>
<td>Sumitha Varghese</td>
<td>MGU Kottayam</td>
<td>12.68 sec</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>200 mtr</td>
<td>Women</td>
<td>V D Shijila</td>
<td>Kambur</td>
<td>25.08 sec</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>Hammer Throw</td>
<td>Women</td>
<td>Suman</td>
<td>MDU Rohtak</td>
<td>48.68 Mr</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>100 mtr</td>
<td>Men</td>
<td>M Manika</td>
<td>Madras</td>
<td>11.03 sec</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>200 mtr</td>
<td>Men</td>
<td>Arun Jit</td>
<td>Kerala</td>
<td>22.21 sec</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>800 mtr</td>
<td>Men</td>
<td>Satnam Singh</td>
<td>GNDU,ASR</td>
<td>1.53.06 sec</td>
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13th SAIL-Nehru Champion Colleges Hockey (M) Tournament: 2005-2006

The AIU-Nehru 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 for the year 2005-2006 was jointly organized by the Association of Indian Universities and Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society from February 8-14, 2006 at Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium, Rourkela, Orissa. As a result of the collective sustained and sincere efforts of both AIU and Nehru Hockey, the SAIL-a public sector unit, took the initiative and came forward to take-up the responsibility of providing the required finances Rs.8.00 Lakh for the successful conduct of this prestigious event. 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.

The ranking of the teams in the tournaments is given below:

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<th>S.N.</th>
<th>Participating College and University</th>
<th>Position</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Faculty of Social Sciences, JMI, Delhi</td>
<td>1st</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>DAV College, Jallandhar Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar</td>
<td>2nd</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>SAIL Hockey Academy, Rourkela (Orissa)</td>
<td>3rd</td>
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Vizzy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament: 2005-2006

As per the existing practice, the AIU and BCCI jointly organize the Vizzy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament every year so as to promote Cricket in the university sector, on the professional lines. The Vizzy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament for the year 2005-2006 was successfully and smoothly conducted by University of Mumbai, Mumbai from February 3-10, 2006. This mega event was sponsored by the BCCI through the AIU. The coveted Trophy was lifted by South 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.

Training of Combined Universities Cricket (M) Team: 2005-2006

During the Vizzy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament held at Mumbai from February 3-10, 2006, twenty (20) talented Cricket Players were selected by the duly constituted Committee headed by Shri Parveen Amre, International test player. The advance training of the Indian Universities Cricket (M) Team was organized and sponsored by the BCCI from March 6-23, 2006 at National Cricket Academy, Bangalore under the able guidance of the qualified coaches and trainers. It was a meaningful and rewarding experience for the university budding cricket players
For the first time, Indian Universities (M) team participated in Inter Zonal Cricket Academy Tournament from 28.5.2006 to 8.6.2006 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 options. Shri Karan Vir, a cricket player of Panjab University, Chandigarh was selected on the basis of his outstanding performance and represented Indian Team under 19 years which recently toured England. He is a dependable player to reckon with in due course of time.

Youth Affairs Division

As part of our continued efforts in inculcating human and cultural values amongst youth, the Youth Affairs Division of AIU organized several youth programmes during the calendar year at the Inter-University Zonal and National level. Such programmes are vital for developing holistic personality of our youth thereby facilitating in them an appreciation for art and culture; positive life style, life skills, leadership qualities, national integration and international understanding.

Inter-University National Youth Festival:

The Inter-University National Youth Festival was hosted by Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra from 15-19 January, 2006. Number of participating universities was 61 and number of participants was 780.

The following Universities bagged championships in different fields:

- **Music**: Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
- **Dance**: Dr. H. S. Gour University, Sagar & Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
- **Theatre**: Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
- **Literary Activities**: Panjab University, Chandigarh
- **Fine Arts**: Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
- **Overall Runners**: University of Mumbai, Mumbai
- **Championship**: Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST):

Over 270 youth delegates and officials participated in the South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST), held during February 12 to 16, 2006 at the University of Jammu, Jammu, under the auspices of Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The delegates comprised of Bangladesh, Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Maldives. In addition to the 100 foreign participants, 172 selected participants of the four Inter-University Zonal Youth Festivals, which were organized by AIU during 2005-06 at University of Jammu, Jammu; North Eastern Hills University, Shillong; Vikram University, Ujjain and Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum participated in the gala event.

University Action on AIDS (UNAAIDS):

In order to prevent the soaring problems of HIV/AIDS Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in collaboration with National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) organized University Action on AIDS (UNAAIDS) during the session 2005-06. Under this programme the events of Inter-University Quiz Contests, Debate Contests, Theatre Festivals, Poster Exhibition and Exhibition and Essay Contest were hosted at the Zonal and National level.

Total No. of Programmes 17
Total No. of Participants (approx) 900

The Inter-University National Essay Contest was organized directly by the Youth Affairs Division, AIU on ‘Role of Youth in Combating HIV/AIDS’ in different universities/institutes. Total number of essays received were - 161 from 70 universities/institutes; including 105 in English and 56 in Hindi. The Award Winning Essays were coded and a panel of judges evaluated the same with the following results:

**English**

I Prize: Ms. Ann Shalini Jacob
II Prize: Ms. Grace George
III Prize: Mr. Syed Tahseen Raza
II Prize: Mr. Jose Kumar J

**Hindi**

I Prize: Ms. Fauzia Bano
II Prize: Ms. Varsha Jain
III Prize: Ms. Pooja Ahuja
II Prize: Mr. Syed Haider Abbas

The selected essays have been published and circulated to the universities and youth agencies for further dissemination on HIV/AIDS.
Inter- University Yoga Education and Practice Camp:

In order to provide a holistic approach of education and to promote yoga education and practice centers on university campuses, the Second Inter- University Yoga Education and Practice Camp was organized by AIU at Swami Vivekanand Yoga Anusandhan Sansthan, Bangalore during 2 to 11 February 2006.

YUVA (Youth Unite against Victory on AIDS)

This programme was launched under the banner of Youth Unite for Victory on Aids (YUVA) on 27th June 2006 by the Hon'ble Vice President of India at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi 110001 which would function as India Youth Network. Under this project, seven National Youth organizations have been identified to take charge of youth programmes including the awareness of HIV/AIDS. On this occasion, AIU gave a power point presentation before a selected gathering as to how it would help in promoting the cause of youth related issues amongst the universities youth.

Finance Division

The Finance Committee at its meeting held on October05, 2006 considered and approved the revised budget estimates for 2006-07 and budget estimates for 2007-08. The audited accounts of the Association from M/s. Lodha & Co. Chartered Accountant which includes balance sheet, income and expenditure account, receipt and payment account, alongwith Provident Fund Trust accounts duly audited by M/s Chhaier & Co. approved by the Standing Committee at its meeting held on 28/10/06. These are placed before the General Body for consideration.

The government auditors have audited the accounts for the year 2004-05 and their report was placed before the Finance Committee Meeting held on 5/28th October, 2006.

The position of government grants sanctioned by the Ministry of Human Resource Development/Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the year 2006-07 is as follows:

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Non-plan</td>
<td>Rs.25.00 lakhs</td>
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<td>Plan</td>
<td>Rs.50.00 lakh</td>
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<td>Rs.4.50 lakhs (Data Bank on Foreign Universities)</td>
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<td>Youth Affairs</td>
<td>Rs.35.00 lakhs (Likely to be released by the Min. of Y A&amp;S)</td>
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<td>SSG</td>
<td>Rs. 94.33Lakhs (-do-)</td>
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The Association has been granted exemption to donations made to it in Income Tax under section 80G(S)(VI) of the Income Tax Act. 1961, for a period of three years by the Director of Income Tax (E). The exemption is valid up to 31.03.2009.

Administration Division

Apart from its normal routine functions of maintenance and support services the Administration Division undertook the following activities during 2006:

I. Special Events

1. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on June 26, 2006 between AIU and Sakaal Papers Limited, Pune for working towards expansion and improving quality of higher education in the country.

2. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on October 4, 2006 between AIU and Stump Vision (P) Limited, Bangalore to broad base university sports in order to enable university athletes achieve excellence at national and international sporting events.

3. Pursuant to the recommendation of the Sub-Committee set up for reviewing Manpower, Job Profile and Staff Cadre, the Association took the help of the All India Management Association for studying and assessing the manpower. Their team interacted with the staff of AIU. According to their interim report and recommendation, a Competency Building workshop-cum-training was organized for the first batch of staff from September 13 to 26, 2006.

4. The Secretary General acted as Convenor of the Committee headed by the former Chief Election Commissioner, Mr. J M Lyngdoh, constituted by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development on the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to give suggestions/recommendations and to frame guidelines for Election to Student Union in Universities and Colleges in India. The AIU Administration helped in compiling suggestions and opinions collected from all concerned and in the initial drafting of the background of the matter. It is noteworthy that, the report of the Committee was accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court without any change.

II. Facilities added

1. Commissioned the Networking System in the office and connection to broad-band on February 6, 2006. Undertaking maximum correspondence by e-mail, which is cheaper and quicker, is being encouraged.

2. Installed new EPABX system at AIU on March 25, 2006 replacing the old one that has been giving trouble.
Computer Division

Computer division expanded the horizons of Information technology during the Year 2006,

- Intranet and Internet is used to reduce paper work and as a communication medium, as Email addresses for each division is introduced.
- Website is under process for transformation to interactive Portal.
- New packages are developed on customized needs.
- Database of Member Universities is created
- Address book – prepared
- In-house maintenance of all computer peripherals is taken care.
- In-house training programmes for staff are organized regularly.

Meeting Division

Membership

During the year AIU Visiting Committee visited the following University level Institutions for inspection of facilities to grant membership of the Association:

1. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi
2. Indian Law Institute, New Delhi
3. Dr. B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar
4. Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai
5. Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore

The Standing Committee at its Meeting held on 04th May, 2006 and 6/28 October, 06 resolved to recommend to the General Body to grant membership of the Association to all University level Institutions mentioned above effective from year 2006-07 except Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore.

During the year Royal University of Bhutan, Bhutan has joined as Associate Member of the Association of Indian Universities from year 2006-07, raising the total membership to 284 (including 3 Associate Members)

During the year all the four zonal conferences have been organized at Kumaun University, Nainital, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi, Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior and Osmania University, Hyderabad. Recommendations of zonal conferences are included in the Agenda of General Session for discussion.

The following Meetings/Conferences were held during the year:

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Workshop on “Emerging Trends in Information Technology in University Management” | September 4-8 06 | West Bengal University of Technology, Kolkata
West Zone Vice Chancellors’ Conference | September 21-23, 06 | Lalshimbai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior
Sub Committee on “Amendments in AIU Rules and Regulations and Bye-Laws” | 03-10-06 | AIU House
Finance Committee Meeting | 05-10-06 | AIU House
Staff Affairs Committee Meeting | 05-10-06 | AIU House
Equivalence Committee Meeting | 05-10-06 | AIU House
Standing Committee Meeting | 06-10-06 | AIU House
South Zone Vice Chancellors’ Conference | October 16-18, 06 | Osmania University, Hyderabad
National Workshop on Management of University Administration, | October 23-27, 06 | Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Finance Committee Meeting | 28-10-06 | AIU House
Standing Committee Meeting | 28-10-06 | AIU House
National Workshop on Research Methodology in Basic Sciences, | November 13-17, 2006 | Assam University, Silchar
Standing Committee Meeting | 25-11-06 | University of Mumbai, Mumbai
81st Annual Meeting | 25-11-06 | University of Mumbai, Mumbai
National Seminar on “150 Years of Indian Higher Education” | 26-11-06 | University of Mumbai, Mumbai
Interaction with heads of Apex Bodies | 27-11-06 | University of Mumbai, Mumbai
General Session | 27-11-06 | University of Mumbai, Mumbai
Business Session | 28-11-06 | University of Mumbai, Mumbai

Before concluding, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Prof. S F Patil, President, AIU, Prof. S S Katiyar, Vice President, Prof. Vachaspati Upadhyaya, Immediate Past President and all members of the Standing Committee for their continued interest, guidance and cooperation in all activities of the Association. I am grateful to all Vice Chancellors/ Directors of member Universities/Institutions for their continued cooperation and support to multifaceted activities of the Association. I thank my colleagues in AIU house for their continued support.

Thank you.
A scene of one Act play by Dr. H.S. Gour University, Sagar at Jiwaji University, Gwalior organised under NACO Sponsored Programme on HIV/AIDS

Srilanka performs Folk Dance during saufest at University of Jammu.