

**Association of Indian Universities**  
**365<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting: Through Blended Mode**

**Venue: AIU House**  
**16, CIG Marg**  
**New Delhi-110002**

**Date: September 14, 2021**  
**Time: 11:00 am**

**Present**

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| 1.  | Col. Dr. G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU         | In Chair         |
| 2.  | Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice President, AIU          | Member           |
| 3.  | Dr. Tej Partap, Imm Past Prsident, AIU           | Member           |
| 4.  | Prof. Prem Kumar Kalra                           | Member           |
| 5.  | Dr. Jagannath Patnaik                            | Member           |
| 6.  | Prof. Rajan Welukar                              | Member           |
| 7.  | Prof. Ina Shastri                                | Member           |
| 8.  | Prof. S Sudalaimuthu                             | Member           |
| 9.  | Prof. S Sudarsana Sarma                          | Member           |
| 10. | Prof. (Dr.) P Kaliraj                            | Member           |
| 11. | Prof. R V Raja Kumar                             | Member           |
| 12. | Prof. (Dr.) Upinder Dhar                         | Member           |
| 13. | Prof. K Seetharama Rao                           | Member           |
| 14. | Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay                 | Member           |
| 15. | Dr. Premavathy Vijayan                           | Member           |
| 16. | Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU | Member Secretary |

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. Roop Kishore Shastri
2. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak
3. Prof. Sunaina Singh
4. Prof. Bikaschandra Singha Mahapatra
5. Prof. S Mahendra Dev
6. Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar Joshi
7. Dr. C Raj Kumar

Col. Dr. G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU, Dr. Tej Partap, Prof. Rajan Welukar, Prof. K Seetharama Rao, Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay and Dr (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU attended the meeting in person from AIU House. Prof. Sunaina Singh, Dr. C Raj Kumar and Prof. Roop Kishore Shastri could not attend the meeting due to some unavoidable circumstances and requested for grant of leave of absence.

The President and Secretary General, AIU welcomed all members of Governing Council. Col. Dr. G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU started his address with a verse from 'THIRUKKURAL'-

"The man who store of learning gains, in one, through seven Worlds, bliss attains".

He appealed to the Governing Council members to take initiative to contact the Vice Chancellors of the Universities in arrears of the annual subscription of the AIU in their state according to state wise statement list being forwarded to them.

He proposed to place the photo of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who served as the President, AIU in the Conference Room. He also suggested that the incumbency board for the President and Secretary General of the Association may be placed in the AIU. He informed the GC that as per AIU Bye-Laws, there is a provision of four (4) Governing Council Meetings; however, in order to expedite the various initiatives of the AIU, six (6) meetings of the Governing Council may be conducted.

After this, the agenda items were taken up for discussion, consideration and decision.

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTE**

365/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 364<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on July 20, 2021.

***Confirmed.***

### **ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES**

365/02 To report action taken on the Minutes of the 364<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on July 20, 2021.

***Noted.***

### **ITEMS FOR REPORTING**

365/03 To report the following changes in the composition of AIU Sub-Committees 2021-22 (July 01, 2021 to June 30, 2022):

#### **Equivalence Committee**

| <b>SL No</b> | <b>Details of Members of Sub-Committee as on date</b>                    | <b>Basis of Nomination</b>                              |
|--------------|--|---|
| 1.           | Col. (Dr.) G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU                               | Chairman  |
| 2.           | Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice President, AIU                                  | Member  |
| 3.           | Prof S. Sudarsana Sarma, VC, Sri Venkateswara Vedic University, Tirupati | Four different disciplines, faculties, nominated by the |
| 4.           | Prof. Sunaina Singh, VC, Nalanda University                              |   |

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| 5.  | Prof S Mahendra Dev, Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai                                     | Governing Council amongst its members   |
| 6.  | Prof. (Dr.) Upinder Dhar, VC, Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth, Indore   |   |
| 7.  | Dr. C Raj Kumar, VC, O P Jindal Global University, Sonapat   | Two members to be co-opted by the President, AIU (AIU 86 <sup>th</sup> AGBM held on 17.12.2011) |
| 8.  | Dr. Premavathy Vijayan, VC, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women University Coimbatore |   |
| 9.  | Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU   | Member Secretary  |
| 10. | Shri Kuldeep Dagar, DS (EV)  | Secretary   |

**Research Committee**

| SL No | Details of Members of Sub-Committee as on date  | Basis of Nomination   |
|-------|---|---|
| 1.    | Col. (Dr.) G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU  | Chairman  |
| 2.    | Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice President, AIU   | Three members of the Governing Council, including the Vice President                            |
| 3.    | Prof Vinay Kumar Pathak, VC, Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow             |   |
| 4.    | Prof Prem Kumar Kalra, Director, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra                      |   |
| 5.    | Prof. Bikashchandra Singha Mahapatra, VC, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Nadia (WB) | Two members from outside  |
| 6.    | Prof. (Dr) Sunil Kumar Joshi, VC, Uttarakhand Ayurved University, Dehradun                  | Two members to be co-opted by the President, AIU (AIU 86 <sup>th</sup> AGBM held on 17.12.2011) |
| 7.    | Prof. (Dr) P Kaliraj, VC, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore                                 |   |
| 8.    | Prof. R V Raja Kumar, Director, Indian Institute. of Technology, Bhubaneshwar               |   |
| 9.    | Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU  | Member Secretary  |
| 10.   | Dr. Amrendra Pani, Joint Director (Research)  | Secretary   |

**Cultural Committee**

| SL No | Details of Members of Sub-Committee as on date | Zone | Basis of Nomination |
|-------|--|------|---------------------|
| 1.    | Col. (Dr.) G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU     | -    | Chairman            |

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|-----|---|---------|---|
| 2.  | Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice President, AIU   | -       | Member  |
| 3.  | Prof Vinay Kumar Pathak, VC, Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow                                 | North   | Five members of the governing Council, one drawn from each zone                                 |
| 4.  | Dr. Jagannath Patnaik, VC, The ICFAI University, Sikkim   | East    |   |
| 5.  | Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay, VC, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University                                    | West    |   |
| 6.  | Prof S. Sudarsana Sarma, VC, Sri Venkateswara Vedic University, Tirupati  | South   |   |
| 7.  | Prof. (Dr.) Upinder Dhar, VC, Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth, Indore  | Central |   |
| 8.  | Prof. Ina Shastri, VC, Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Tonk, Rajasthan   | -       | Two members to be co-opted by the President, AIU (AIU 86 <sup>th</sup> AGBM held on 17.12.2011) |
| 9.  | Prof. Roop Kishore Shastri, VC, Gurukula Kangri Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar                                       | -       |   |
| 10. | Prof D B Naik, VC, Karnataka Folklore University  | -       |   |
| 11. | Ms. Mokshada Chandrakar, Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, Dist. Rajnandgaon, (Chhattisgarh)     | -       | Four persons from outside nominated for their special knowledge and competence                  |
| 12. | Prof Byomakesh Tripathy, Utkal University of Culture, Bhubaneswar   | -       |   |
| 13. | Dr. Premeela Gurmurth, VC, The Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University (TNJMFAU), Chennai | -       |   |
| 14. | Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU  | -       | Member Secretary  |
| 15. | Dr. Baljit Singh Sekhon, JS (Youth Affairs & Sports)  | -       | Secretary   |

**Finance Committee**

| SL No | Details of Members of Sub-Committee as on date | Basis of Nomination |
|-------|--|---------------------|
| 1.    | Col. (Dr.) G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU     | Chairman            |
| 2.    | Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice President, AIU        | Member              |

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| 3. | Prof. Tej Partap, VC, GBPUAT, Pantnagar                                     | Imm Past President  |
| 4. | Dr. S. Sudalaimuthu, VC, Karapagam Academy of Higher Edn, Coimbatore        | Two members to be co-opted by the President, AIU (AIU 86 <sup>th</sup> AGBM held on 17.12.2011) |
| 5. | Prof. Rajan Welukar, VC, AURO University of Hospitality & Management, Surat |   |
| 6. | Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU                            | Member Secretary  |
| 7. | Mrs. Ranjana Parihar, DS(F)   | Secretary   |

**Establishment Committee (Earlier Staff Affairs Committee)**

| SL No | Details of Members of Sub-Committee as on date  | Zone    | Basis of Nomination  |
|-------|---|---------|--|
| 1.    | Col. (Dr.) G Thiruvassagam, President, AIU  | -       | Chairman   |
| 2.    | Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice President, AIU   | -       | Member   |
| 3.    | Prof. Tej Partap, Imm Past President, AIU & VC, GBPUAT, Pantnagar                           | -       | Member   |
| 4.    | Prof. (Dr) P Kaliraj, VC, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore                                 | South   | Three other members, nominated by the President on the basis that each of five zones is represented on the Staff Affairs Committee |
| 5.    | Prof. K Seetharama Rao, VC, Dr. B R Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad                     | Central |  |
| 6.    | Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay, VC, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University                | West    |  |
| 7.    | Prof. Rajan Welukar, VC, AURO University of Hospitality & Management, Surat                 | West    |  |
| 8.    | Prof. Bikashchandra Singha Mahapatra, VC, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Nadia (WB) | East    |  |
| 9.    | Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU  | -       | Member Secretary   |
| 10.   | Sh. Kuldeep Dagar, DS(Admin)  |         | Secretary  |

**Noted.**

365/04 To report the following changes in the composition of AIU Governing Council:

- (a) Prof. Sunaina Singh, VC, Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar will be representing on AIU Governing Council on the basis of individual seniority from East Zone for the period of 02 Years i.e., w.e.f. from 01.08.2021 to 31.07.2023 in place of Prof. O R S Rao, VC, The ICFAI University, Ranchi who has completed his tenure on the Governing Council on 31.07.2021.

**Noted.**

- 365/05 To report the nominations of the AIU representatives on the various Organization (as per Chapter-3 of AIU Bye Laws).

**Noted. The GC resolved that the necessary amendments in the Chapter 3 of the AIU Bye Laws may be carried out in respect of the organizations who have informed that AIU nominations are not required according to their revised regulations/ Bye-Laws.**

- 365/06 To report the progress of AIU Building Renovation work

**Noted and approved.**

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 365/07 To consider withdrawal of membership of the Association from the Manav Bharti University, Solan, H.P.

**The GC resolved to temporarily suspend the membership of AIU of the Manav Bharti University, Solan, H.P, till the investigation of fake degree case by the different intelligence agencies gets completed and a letter may also be sent to MoE and UGC to this effect.**

- 365/08 To consider grant of membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following University:

#### **For Public and Self-financed Private Universities (Public-01, Private-02, Total- 03):**

- (1) World University of Design, Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Sonapat, Haryana w.e.f. June 4, 2021 (date of UGC letter).
- (2) JSS Science and technology University, Mysuru, Karnataka w.e.f. April 01, 2021.

(3) Indian Institute of Information Technology Guwahati, Assam w.e.f. April 01, 2021.

*The GC resolved to grant membership of the Association of Indian Universities as per AIU rules and regulations; to the above- mentioned Universities from the date mentioned against each university.*

*The GC resolved to authorize the President of the Association to approve the grant of membership of AIU to the applicant universities subject to fulfillment of the condition of AIU rules and regulations and the matter be reported to the GC subsequently.*

365/09 To consider and approve the minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on August 7, 2021.

**Approved.**

365/10 To consider and approve the minutes of Establishment Committee (Earlier Staff Affair Committee) meeting held on August 06, 2021.

*Col. Dr. G. Thiruvassagam, President, AIU briefed the members about the observations on the Inspection Report submitted by Mr. P. Selvan on the computation and Pay Fixation as per the 6th CPC and 7th CPC of the AIU employees and the report of Shri. P.K. Mittal, Director (Retd.), CAG of India, New Delhi, and shared the abstract of excess payment of Rs. 2.12 Crores made to these employees between 01.01.1986 to 01.01.2021, based on wrong computation and the implementation of the 6<sup>th</sup> CPC and 7<sup>th</sup> CPC*

*The GC members deliberated on the matter at length about the recovery of the excess payment made to the employees and excess payment is being made every month now due to wrong computation and decided that a legal opinion is to be obtained for the recovery of this excess amount paid to the employees. It was also resolved that the appointment of an Under Secretary (Audit) to look after all the future financial transactions including Pay Fixation etc., is to be made according to AIU Bye-Laws by adopting financial scrutiny. In the meantime, the details of excess payment made due to wrong computation may be shared with the excess-paid employees while seeking their reply.*

*The GC resolved to constitute a committee consisting of Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice president, AIU and VC, Jadavpur University, Kolkata as Chairperson and Prof. Rajan Welukar, VC, Auro University, Surat and Prof. (Dr.) Ami Umakant Upadhyay, VC, BAOU, Ahmedabad as members to look into the matter and suggest future course of action. The committee may submit its report within two months.*

*The GC resolved to approve the Superannuation/ Retirement age for the all-the permanent employees of the Association recruited before September 14, 2021 i.e the date of the GC resolution to remain as Sixty-Two (62) years. However, for all the new recruitments carried out after September 14, 2021, the Superannuation/ Retirement age will be considered as Sixty (60) years.*

- 365/11 To consider and approve the minutes of Research Committee meeting scheduled to held on September 13, 2021.

*Approved.*

- 365/12 To consider and approve the minutes of Equivalence Committee meeting scheduled to held on September 13, 2021.

*Approved.*

- 365/13 To consider and approve the Recruitment Rules for the post of Under Secretary (Audit) on Deputation basis in the AIU.

*Approved.*

- 365/14 To Consider the approval of the Background /Concept Paper for establishment of Indian Network for Internationalisation of Higher Education.

*Approved.*

- 365/15 To consider the proposal for recommending inclusion of Innovation and Patents in the Academic Performance Indicator (API) Calculation methodology for faculty and staff of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

*Approved. The GC carefully deliberated on the issue and recommended that revision in the provision of the API Calculation in the present UGC guideline of 2018 as proposed by Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, MHRD's Innovation Cell, MoE, Govt. of India shall be more prudent as nation should prioritize patents*

*as it leads to a product-oriented country. The GC strongly supported the cause raised by Dr. Jere for addressing the innovation component which is currently missing from API methodology to encourage the faculty members for converting their research into the new products & its solutions. The GC resolved that the representation of Dr. Jere may be forwarded to UGC along with GC's endorsement.*

- 365/16 To consider the revision of remuneration and regularization of contractual employees working in AIU.

*The Governing Council resolved to increase the remuneration of Contractual Employees working in AIU i.e. by 10% for employees drawing ₹50,000 per month and by 15% for the rest of the contractual employees which will come to effect from September 2021.*

- 365/17 To report probation clearance and confirmation of two Joint Secretaries (Dr. Alok Kumar Mishra and Dr. Baljit Singh Sekhon):

**Noted.**

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 365/18 To consider proposal for bring out following 2 Edited Volumes:

- (1) Edited Volume titled '75 Years of Higher Education in Independent India' to commemorate 75 years of Indian Higher Education. The Book shall contain 75 papers on Indian Higher Education.
- (2) To bring out Edited Volume on 'Realizing SDGs through Higher Education Institutions through Higher Education Institutions' to coincide with Annual General Meet on the same theme.

**Approved.**

- 365/19 To consider grant of membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following University:

For Public and Self-financed Private Universities (Private-01, Total- 01):

- (1) Swami Vivekanand Yoga Anusandhan Samsthan (S-VYASA, Deemed to be University), Bangalore, Karnataka w.e.f April 1, 2021.

**The GC resolved to grant membership of the Association of Indian Universities as per AIU rules and regulations; to the above- mentioned University from w.e.f April 1, 2021.**

**Any other Items**

365/20 To report the selection of host universities for the AIU 96<sup>th</sup> National Conference/AGBM and Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2021-22 along with the themes as per following details:

| Sl. No.  | Zone    | Theme   | Date                 | Host University  |
|--|---------|---|----------------------|--|
| 1.   | North   | "Realizing SDGs - 5,10,11,12 (Gender Equality, Reduces Inequalities, Sustainable Cities and Economic Influences) through Higher Education Institutions" | November 26-27, 2021 | Shoolini University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh                       |
| 2.   | West    | "Realizing SDGs 8,9, 16,17 (Employability, Industrialization, Strong Institutions, Inclusivity and Partnerships) through Higher Education Institutions" | December 07-08, 2021 | Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, Pune, Maharashtra |
| 3.   | Central | "Realizing SDGs 1,2,3,6 (Poverty, Health, Hunger and Sanitation) through Higher Education Institutions"   | December 20-21, 2021 | Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth, Indore, Madhya Pradesh                   |
| 4.   | East    | "Realizing SDGs - 7, 13,14,15 (Energy, Climate, Life below Water and Life on Land) through Higher Education Institutions"                               | January 10-11, 2022  | Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam                                   |
| 5.   | South   | "Realizing SDG4 (Quality Education) through Higher Education Institutions"  | February 01-02, 2022 | Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu                      |
| <b>AIU National Seminar/ 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting</b> |         |   |                      |  |
| 1.   |         | "Realizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Higher Education Institutions"  | March 23-25, 2022    | University of Mysore, Mysuru, Karnataka                            |

***Noted and approved.***

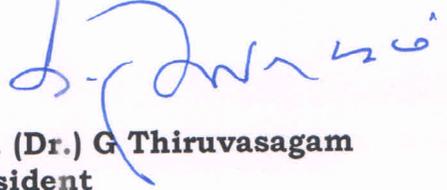
365/21 Prof. Rajan Welukar, VC, Auro University, Surat informed the GC member about the hosting a Vice Chancellors' Meet in joint

collaboration with AIU on the theme 'Integral Education and Transformational Leadership during January 6-8, 2022 on the occasion of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo at Auro University, Surat.

- 365/22 The GC resolved to schedule the next Governing Council meeting of the AIU at Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad on November 12, 2021 in a blended mode.
- 365/23 The GC requested the Secretary General, AIU to send letters to all the Vice Chancellor/Director of the top 100 universities in NIRF ranking, congratulating them for their performance.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
**(Dr. Pankaj Mittal)**  
**Secretary General**

  
**Col. (Dr.) G Thiruvassagam**  
**President**