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Annual Report 2019-20

I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Association of Indian Universities for the year 2019-20 at the 94th Annual Meet of the Association being held at this beautiful and serene campus of National Law University, Dwarka, New Delhi. AIU functions through its various divisions, mainly Meetings, Research, Evaluation, Student Information Service, International, Publications & Sales, Library and Documentation, Sports, Youth Affairs, Finance and Administration.

MEETINGS DIVISION

Prof M M Salunkhe, Vice Chancellor, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune, Maharashtra took over as the President, AIU and Dr. Tej Partap, Vice Chancellor, GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand took over as the Vice President of the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi in pursuance of the decision taken at the 93rd Annual Meeting (Business Session) held at Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed to be University), Bhubaneswar on February 16, 2019.

A. Zonal Meetings

During the year Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2019-20 were held as per detailed below:

Sl.No.	Host University	Dates
North Zone		
01	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, J&K on the theme Developing Employability and Entrepreneurship as Cornerstones in Higher Education	November 16-17, 2019
Central Zone		
02	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh on the theme Improving access and governance Reforms in Indian Higher Education	November 25-26, 2019
West Zone		
03	IIS (deemed to be University), Jaipur, Rajasthan on the theme Internationalization of Higher Education and Global Rankings.	December 11-12, 2019

East Zone		
04	Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi, Jharkhand, on the theme: Towards Global Best Teaching-Learning process in Indian Higher Education	19-20 December, 2019
South Zone		
05	Noorul Islam Centre For Higher Education, Kumaracoil, Tamil Nadu on the theme Promoting Research, Innovation and Excellence in Indian Universities	06-07 January, 2020

Recommendations of the Zonal Meets' 2019-20 have been included in the agenda of the 94th Annual Meet (General Session) for discussion.

B. Annual Meet

The 93rd Annual Meet of the Association was held on February 16-18, 2019 at Siksha 'O' Anusandhan (Deemed to be University), Bhubaneswar wherein it was decided to hold 94th Annual Meet at National Law University, Dwarka, Delhi. Accordingly, the 94th Annual Meet is being held at National Law University, Dwarka, Delhi on March 23-25, 2020. The theme for discussion during the AIU national seminar on March 25, 2020 is **“Reimagining Indian Universities”** with following sub-themes:

- Developing Employability and Entrepreneurship as Cornerstones in Higher Education
- Improving access and governance Reforms in Indian Higher Education
- Internationalization of Higher Education and Global Rankings
- Towards Global Best Teaching-Learning process in Indian Higher Education
- Promoting Research, Innovation and Excellence in Indian Universities

A special issue of the University News on the topic is being brought out on this occasion.

C. Membership

During the year, the following Universities/Institutes have been granted provisional membership of the Association of Indian Universities:

1.	Pandit S N Shukla University, Shahdol, MP	16.01.2018
2.	D.A.V. University, Jalandhar, Punjab	01.04.2019
3.	Maharaja Vinayak Global University, Jaipur	01.04.2018
4.	MGM Institute of Health Science, Navi Mumbai	01.04.2019
5.	International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore	01.04.2018
6.	O P Jindal University, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh	09.11.2018
7.	Bennett University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	15.09.2018

8.	Himalayan Garhwal University, Dahiad Gaon, District Pahuri Garhwal, Uttarakhand	29.09.2018
9.	L N C T University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	17.09.2018
10.	Garden City University, Bangalore, Karnataka	01.04.2019
11.	Birla Global University, Bhubaneswar	05.12.2018
12.	Netaji Subhas University of Technology, New Delhi	29.11.2018
13.	Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur, Odisha	01.04.2019
14.	Gurugram University, Gurugram, Haryana	12.02.2019
15.	RUDN University, Moscow	01.04.2018 Associate Membership

The Governing Council, at its 351st Meeting held on 15.02.2019 at Shiksha 'O' Anusandhan, Deemed University, Bhubaneswar accorded provisional membership of the Association to Universities listed at Sl. No 1 to 14 and Associate membership to Universities listed at Sl. No. 15 above.

16.	Kaloji Narayana Rao University of health Sciences, Warangal, Telangana	01.04.2019
17.	Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, Gadag, Karnataka	01.04.2019
18.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand	01.04.2019
19.	Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal	01.04.2019
20.	Sikkim State University, Sikkim	01.04.2019
21.	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	01.04.2019
22.	Karnavati University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	01.04.2019
23.	NIILM University, Kaithal, Haryana	01.04.2019
24.	Sumandeep Vidyapeeth, Vadodara, Gujarat	01.04.2019
25.	Sri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, MP	01.04.2019
26.	AURO University of Hospitality & Management, Surat, Gujarat	01.04.2019
27.	Swarnim Startup & Innovation University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	01.04.2019

The Governing Council, at its 353rd Meeting held on 25.05.2019 at AIU House, New Delhi accorded provisional membership of the Association to Universities listed at Sl. No 16 to 27.

28.	Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam University, Indore	28.06.2019
29.	Dhanamanjuri University, Imphal, Manipur	01.04.2019
30.	Maharishi Valmiki Sanskrit University, Kaithal, Haryana	01.04.2019
31.	Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Deemed to be University, Nalanda	01.04.2019
32.	Amity University, Jharkhand	01.04.2019

The Governing Council at its 356th Meeting held on 23.07.2019 at AIU House, accorded provisional membership of the Association to Universities listed at Sl. No 28 to 32 above.

33.	YBN University, Ranchi, Jharkhand	12.07.2019
34.	Sanjay Ghodawat University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra	21.06.2019
35.	Shyam University, Dausa, Rajasthan	12.07.2019
36.	Vishwakarma University, Pune, Maharashtra	30.07.2019
37.	Jharkhand University of Technology, Ranchi, Jharkhand	21.06.2019
38.	Apex University, Jaipur	12.07.2019
39.	Ajeenkya D Y Patil University, Pune	01.04.2019
40.	Jananayak Chandrashekhar University, Ballia	01.10.2019

The Governing Council at its 357th Meeting held on 14.10.2019 at AIU House, accorded provisional membership of the Association to Universities listed at Sl. No 33 to 40 above.

41.	KLE Technical University, Hubballi, Karnataka	24.10.2019
42.	Mansarovar Global University, Sehore, Madhya Pradesh	01.04.2019
43.	BLDE (Deemed to be University), Vijayapura, Karnataka	01.04.2019
44.	OM Sterling Global University, Hisar, Haryana	07.01.2020
45.	GIET University, Gunnupur, Odisha	18.10.2019
46.	Shri Khaushal Das University, Rajasthan	21.11.2019
47.	DR. C.V Raman University, Madhya Pradesh	09.01.2020
48.	Xavier University, Bhubaneshwar	05.04.2019
49.	Medi-Caps University, Indore	18.10.2019
50.	Quantum University, Roorkee	31.10.2019
51.	Symiosis Skill and Open University, Maharashtra	01.04.2019
52.	Purnea University, Bihar	01.04.2019
53.	Arunodaya University, Arunachal Pradesh	01.04.2019
54.	PP Savani University, Surat Gujarat	25.07.2019
55.	IILM University, Gurugram, Haryana	11.10.2019
56.	Atmiya University, Rajkot	15.11.2019
57.	Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (Deemed to be University), Karad, Maharashtra	01.04.2019
58.	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Law University Sonapat	01.04.2020
59.	Sanskriti University, Chhata, Mathura, U. P	01.04.2020
60.	Khaja Bandanawaz University, Kalaburagi, Karnataka	01.04.2020

61.	Eternal University, Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh	01.04.2019
62.	School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada	01.04.2020
63.	MGM University, Aurangabad, Maharashtra	01.04.2020
64.	Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Gurugram, Haryana	01.04.2020
65.	IES University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	01.04.2020
66.	Sai Tirupati University, Udaipur, Rajasthan	01.04.2020
67.	Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai	01.04.2020
68.	James Cook University, Singapore	01.04.2019 Associate Membership
69.	Livingstone International University of Tourism Excellence and Business Management	01.04.2020 Associate Membership

The Governing Council at its 358th Meeting held on 03.03.2020 at AIU House, accorded provisional membership of the Association to Universities listed at Sl. No 41 to 69 above and withdrawn the status of Associate Membership of AIU from Middle East University, UAE w.e.f March 03,2020. The GC with the admission of above Universities to Membership of AIU, the total membership of AIU rose to 799 including 17 Associate Members from foreign countries.

D. Governing Council Meetings

S. No.	Details of the Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	352 Extraordinary Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	30.03.2019
2.	353 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	25.05.2019
3.	354 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	17.06.2019
4.	355 Extraordinary Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	25.06.2019
5.	356 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	23.07.2019
6.	357 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	14.10.2019
7.	358 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	03.03.2020
8.	359 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi (On-line Mode)	20.05.2020

E. Sub-Committee Meetings

S. No.	Details of the Meeting	Venue	Date
01	Sports Committee and Sports Board Meetings	Manipal University, Jaipur	23.05.2019
02	Equivalence Committee	AIU House, New Delhi	23.07.2019
03	Cultural Committee Meeting	Royal Global University, Guwahati	07.08.2019
04	Research Committee Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	11.09.2019
05	Finance Committee Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	12.09.2019

F. Foreign Visits

1. Hon'ble President, AIU Prof. M. M. Salunkhe represented Indian Contingent as Head of Delegation (HOD) in World University Games held from July 03-14, 2019 at Napoli (Italy).
2. Dr. Baljit Singh Sekhon, Joint Secretary (YA & Sports) attended FISU-AUSF Seminar held in New Taipei city from September 20 to 21, 2019 wherein a Proposal of KIIT-Deemed to be University, Bhubaneshwar for hosting first ever Asian University Championship in India in the year-2020 was placed.
3. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU along with 03 Vice Chancellors' of AIU Member Public Universities attended the China Trip organized and funded by Chinese Embassy from October 16-22, 2019 for the China-India University Alliance.
4. Hon'ble President, AIU Prof. M. M. Salunkhe attended IAU's 2019 Global Meeting of Higher Education Associations (12-13 November) and International Conference (13-15 November), held in Puebla, Mexico.
5. Hon'ble President, Prof. M. M. Salunkhe, Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU along with 08 Vice Chancellors' of AIU Member Universities attended the Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL) and Vice-chancellor's Forum organized by National Association of Universities and Higher Education Institution held in Mexico from November 30th to December 3, 2019 in Mexico

RESEARCH DIVISION

Research Division, one of the most dynamic and vibrant divisions of AIU has carved a niche by making significant academic contribution to the higher education system of the country. Established in 1975 as Research Cell with the financial support from the then Ministry of Education, Government of India, has the mandate of acting as a catalyst in

the development of higher education. Having elevated to Research Division in 1993, it subsumed its responsibility of providing an intellectual platform to the community of higher education for debating the issues and policies of emerging concern and providing research-based recommendation to government of India for enriching the policy framework on higher education. The Division, which takes care of all the academic activities of AIU, has received accolade and recognition through its pioneering research work which includes ‘Unit Cost of Higher Education’; ‘Question Bank’; ‘University-Industry Interaction in Higher Education’, Diminishing Autonomy of Universities, Comparative Analysis of Institutions of Higher Education for Determining the Quality Measures, etc. The Division also facilitates the universities through providing expertise on up-to-date developments in the field of advance teaching and research and on experiments in the management and organization of higher education both in India and abroad. The academic activities of the Division are conducted with the objective of creating a solid theoretical and empirical foundation for policy-making and national reconstruction. The Division organizes a number of academic activities for promoting the cause of higher education.

Funding: The expenditures incurred on activities of Research Division are met out from the General Grants received from Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) as annual grants. During the current Financial Year (2019-20), AIU received sanction of **Rs. 250 Lakhs** from the Ministry of Human Resource Development out of which **Rs. 225.00 Lakh** has been received as on February 25, 2020.

The regular academic activities of the Division include:

- Research Projects
- Capacity Building Programmes such as Workshop /Seminar
- *ANVESHAN* – Student Research Convention
- Vice Chancellor’s Roundtable Conferences
- Data-base activities
- Publications

Research Projects: The Division conducts research studies on the various emerging issues related to different aspect of higher education for having a clear and broader picture so that a pragmatic and research-based inputs could be given to the policy-making bodies to prepare the broader policy framework. So far, a number of research projects conducted by the Division received input from the academia and intellectuals across the country, which are compiled, collated, analyzed and accordingly recommended for policy formulation. Presently, the short-term projects are conducted in-house.

Capacity Building Programmes - Workshops/Seminars

Research Methodology: Research Methodology Workshops are organized to train the budding researchers to pick up the right kind of research problem and equipping them

with the skill of conducting quality research. Another important objective is to inculcate an intensive research culture in institutions of Higher Learning and strengthen the foundation of research. The Workshop intends to provide an opportunity to the research scholars, young faculty members engaged in research and allied activities to upgrade their knowledge on research methodology and enrich their skills.

Management of University Administration: Management of University Administration now a days has become a most challenging task. The Workshops on Management of University Administration are organized for senior administrative officers of the universities and colleges for effective managing the university administration in a changed scenario. The participants of the workshop are Registrar, Finance Officer, Controller of Examinations and Admissions, Deputy Registrar and Assistant Registrars, Deputy Finance Officers, Deputy Controller and Assistant Controllers and Senior Academics holding analogous post.

IT Applications in Management of University Administration: The Workshop aims at sensitizing administrators about the recent developments in information technology and make them use of ICT for improving the quality and efficiency of university management and decision-making.

Examination Reforms: Pattern of examination and its efficacy determines the diagnostic and terminal behavior of the students. Owing to the fact that a radical transformation has taken place in Higher Education, emphasis is being attached on reforming the examination system. The Research Division of AIU organizes workshops and seminar for training the faculty members and university officers on advance system of examination.

Seminar: The Division organizes ‘National Seminars on Women Studies’ as its regular activities. The main objective of organizing such seminar is to bring Academic and Research directly linked to Centers for Women’s Studies and other Departments in Universities to a common forum to discuss and deliberate on the issues such as awareness of women right, women self-reliance, economic empowerment, bridging the gender gaps and reducing the discrimination and participation of women in the process of national development.

ANVESHAN: Student Research Convention

Student Research Convention (SRC) is a pioneering initiative of the Research Division. The Conventions are organized for identifying the young talents with aptitude of research and nurturing these talents by giving them adequate academic and other support. Students Research Convention has been conducted at four zonal and one National level since 2008. With the substantial increase in number of universities and other higher education institutions one more zone has been added for organizing the Conventions, making it five zonal and one National Convention. This flagship programme has motivated the young researcher to take up research as career option and it has also provided impetus to the institution of higher learning to have renewed commitment for research. The Research Conventions have been applauded across the country for providing an innovative platform to students to showcase their talents. The Convention has been conducted at three stages.

At the first stage universities invite research projects from their bonafide, full time UG, PG and Research students and select the winners through a panel of judges after having a poster and oral presentations. The winners of each university of a zone get entry for the zonal level competitions. Similarly, the winners of zonal level competition compete at the National Level Student Research Convention. The winners of National Level Convention get cash prizes, medals and trophies. The Research Projects are invited in the following five areas:

- i. Agriculture, ii. Basic Sciences, iii. Engineering & Technology, iv. Health Sciences & Allied Disciplines, v. Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce & Law

Round Table Conferences of Vice Chancellor/Academics: The Division also organizes Round Table Conferences of Vice Chancellors on emerging issues in higher education. The main objective of organizing such programmes is to bring the Vice Chancellors and Senior Academics and policy-makers in a common platform to discuss and deliberate on the problems and issues in various areas of higher education. This paves the way for preparing a broader framework on the issues of national importance.

Publications: The Division brings out publication on various themes from time to time. The Publication of the Division includes; Research Reports, Annotated Bibliographies, Selection from the University News, Occasional Papers, Reports of the Workshop /Training Programmes/Seminar/ Roundtable Conferences.

The Activity Calendar of Research Division follows the financial year. The following Activities are completed/Scheduled in the year 2019-20.

Activities from April 2019 to March 2020

Approved by RCM

I. Research Projects: In Progress:

1. Research Study on “*Student Development Index: Conceptualizing and Identifying Relevant Parameters*”
2. Research Project on “*Devising a Standardized Formula*” for Calculating Eligible Enrolment Ratio in Higher Education in India.
3. State wise Statistical profile on Higher Education

II. Capacity Building Programmes:

Workshops /Seminars

- National Workshop on Emerging Trends in Information Technology and its application in University Management: on the theme “New Dimensions for Using ICT in Universities”, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune, Maharashtra, November 06-08, 2019
- National Workshop on Management of University Administration: on the theme

'Managing Strategic Change in governance of Indian Universities', Chandigarh University Punjab, November 27-29, 2019

- National Workshop on Research Methodology on the theme “How to write an Impactful Research Proposal”, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology Bhubaneswar, Odisha, December 17-19, 2019
- National Seminar on Women Empowerment on the Theme: New Dimensions of Women Empowerment, Dr D Y Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, Maharashtra, January 17-18, 2020
- Workshop on ‘Safe Campus: Implementation of UGC Guidelines/Regulation on Gender Champions and POSH’, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, January 22-23, 2020
- National Workshop on Examinations Reform: on the theme: How to Implement the UGC/AICTE Report on Evaluation Reforms, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (UP) (to be rescheduled)

III. Round Table of the Vice Chancellors/Directors:

- Roundtable on Draft National Education Policy (NEP) -2019, India International Centre, New Delhi, July 24, 2019
- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Workshop on “India in Top 100, AIU House, New Delhi, August 09, 2019
- UKIERI Study in India Programme, AIU and British Council Partnership-UKIERI Delhi and Hyderabad British Council Division, September 02-06 2019
- Educating the Mind, Body and Heart: International Conference on Gandhi and Higher Education Today, India International Centre, New Delhi, September 18-20, 2019
- Roundtable Conference of VCs on Gandhi’s Vision for Sustainable Development: A Unified and Integrated Approach for 21st Century, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, September 30-October 01, 2019
- AIU-QS India Summit 2019, CDADE DE Goa Resort, Goa, October 20-22, 2019
- Indian Chamber of Commerce 2nd Globalized Education Forum, The Park, New Delhi, December 05, 2019
- Vivekananda International Foundation, Roundtable to Discuss the Report on STEM Education Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, February 05, 2020

IV. Other Additional Activities

- NAFSA: Association of International Educators Workshop on “Global trends in international higher education: what is (and should be) the role of India?”, The World Bank, 70, Lodi Estate, New Delhi, January 13, 2020

- Ambassador, Turkey Turkey Scholarship Programme, Turkey, January 27-29, 2020
- Ambassador, Brunei, Higher Education Expo 2020 Brunei Darussalam, Brunei, February 08-09, 2020
- 2nd Tech VCs Conclave 2020, JNTUA, Anantapur, MP, February 13-14, 2020
- Symbiosis International University, Pune, International Conference on the Theme -‘*Transcending National Boundaries – Diversity & Inclusion: Critical for Effective Internationalization*’, SIU, Pune March 06-07, 2020
- Central University of Rajasthan, Kishangarh, Two-day’s National Workshop on “*Reservation Policy implemented in Central Universities*”, Central University of Rajasthan, Kishangarh, March 26-27, 2020
- Groningen Declaration Network (GDN), 9th Annual Meeting on broad theme *Using Innovation to Disrupt: Creating a Sustainable Digital Ecosystem for Learners*, The Oberoi, New Delhi, April 15-17, 2020
- Mother Teresa Women’s University (MTWU), Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu. One day workshop/seminar on the theme ‘*Women Upliftment and Higher Education Prospects*’, MTWU, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, Date not decided
- Think Science World Fair 2020, Mid-April, organized by UAE, April (Date not decided)

EVALUATION DIVISION

Equivalence and Recognition of Qualifications: AIU is the nodal agency for granting equivalence to the degrees awarded by the accredited foreign universities and institutions for the purpose of admission to higher academic courses and employment. The equivalence of foreign degrees is carried out by the Evaluation Division. The highlights of activities of the Division during financial year 2019-20 are as follows: -

- Around **2600** Equivalence Certificates were issued to the students;
- Around **540** enquires were received from the **Nationalized Banks** pertaining to disbursement of **Educational Loans** to the students intending to join Foreign Universities and replied;
- Replies to about **2800 queries** received from various agencies/individuals/universities/institutions were given;
- **Email replies** to about **2200** received from individuals/universities were given;
- **More than 6,000 Telephonic enquiries** were received and replied;
- Approximately **2000 Visitors** visited the Division to seek clarification with regards to equivalence of their qualifications/accreditation status of foreign universities etc. and were replied;

The Division is also responsible to accord equivalence to the Two-year Full Time Postgraduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) awarded by the stand-alone institutions falling outside the purview of universities equating their PGDM with Master of Business Administration degree and Indian University for the purpose of admission to higher studies. PGDM Programme of 76 such AICTE Approved Autonomous Management Institutions have so far been accorded equivalence.

Besides these, throughout the Year the Evaluation Division has provided professional assistance on the status of foreign qualifications to Universities, Ministries of Government of India, Union Public Service Commission, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, Medical Council of India, AAYUSH and other Central/State Government Agencies dealing with nomination/selection/employment of prospective Indian students having obtained their degrees from foreign universities and also for deciding the eligibility of the foreign students intending to pursue higher education in Indian Universities.

The Division is taking an initiative to receive the Applications for Equivalence through ONLINE BOARD, which will facilitate the Indian and Foreign Student to obtain equivalence certificates without any hazels. The Division will accept to receive Online Applications by the end of this Academic Session.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has initiated a step to facilitate the Indian Students intending to join foreign universities, for further Higher Education. A Web Portal is being prepared by them in which all related information shall be available with relevant links of the concerned agencies, in India and Abroad, so as to facilitate and safeguard the larger interest of Indian Students not being misguided/misled/cheated by any tout/agent. The Evaluation Division has also been approached by them and is facilitating MEA, especially in deciding the acceptability of the foreign degree(s)/accreditation status/equivalence.

STUDENTS INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

The activities of Students Information started at AIU in the year 1927 with the Publication of Universities Handbook. In the year 1997, a Division named as 'Students Information Services' was set up. The Division provides requisite information on university institutions, professional bodies, accredited courses conducted by all universities, teaching staff of university departments, etc. It brings out comprehensive Universities Handbook giving detailed information about the universities, their faculty, administration, disciplines in which it offers courses at all levels, admission schedule and academic calendar. It also brings out handbooks on professional courses including Management Education, Engineering Education, Health Sciences Education, Computer Education and Distance Education. The Division provides information to the stakeholders in India on their eligibility for admission to an Indian university or on the standing of an institution through e-mail, post and telephone. Presently the division is revising and updating the 34th Edition of 'Universities Handbook'.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

The International Cell was established in AIU in the year 1997. Keeping in view the Globalization, Internationalization of Higher Education necessitating increasing international academic collaboration in the areas of common interest particularly exchange of students/faculty/research and technical staff, joint research projects, sharing of information, joint capacity building Programme, credit transfer, recognition of courses and programmes, equivalence of degree etc. between the universities of India with Association of Universities of other countries and coordinates the activities related to the Internationalization of Higher Education.

The division also keeps records of MoUs/Collaboration with National/International Organization and representation of AIU in various International forums. The division collects and collate the data of International Students in India and after analysis of the same brings out the publication. Division assists in organization of the International Conference on 'Internationalization of Higher Education'.

PUBLICATION AND SALES DIVISION

Activities of the Division

1. The activities of the Publication & Sales Division may be categorized as per the following:

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

Printing & Publishing

2. All the printing & publishing needs of different divisions of AIU are being undertaken through the empanelled printers and also, as per the approved rates. As a part of new initiatives, the printing of University News journal and the processes of dispatching of weekly issue have been standardized for giving a new look to enhance its popularity.

3. During the period under report, the following Publications, Reports, etc. have been brought out:

(a) Publications/Reports, etc. (Printed/Re-printed)

- En-route to New Higher Education Policy – Inputs on the Draft
- National Education Policy-2019
- Anveshan 2017: National Student Research Convention – a compendium

- AIU Audited Accounts, Employees Group Gratuity Scheme and
- PF Trust (2018-2019)
- Printing of Hindi Version of AIU Audited Accounts, Employees Group Gratuity Scheme and PF Trust (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) to meet the requirement of MHRD.
- Printing of Hindi Version of Annual Report (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) to meet the requirement of MHRD.
- Participation & Merit Certificates for Inter-University Youth Festivals (Zonal & National): 2019-20
- Merit Certificates for the Sportspersons and Teams securing first three positions in All India/Inter-Zonal Final Competitions during the year 2019-20
- Brochure covering activities and introduction to AIU Web Portal as an IT Initiatives
- Equivalence Certificates
- AIU AT a Glance
- AIU Year Planner 2020
- Recommendations and Minutes of various Zonal VC Meetings and 93rd Annual General Meeting for the year 2018-19
- Directory – AIU Members (March 2020)
- Presidential Address for Annual General Meet (2019-20)
- Report for Annual General Meet (2019-20)

Sale of AIU Publications

4. **Promotion of Sales:** The sale promotion of AIU publications is being done through various exhibitions, dispatching of publicity materials and circulars to the Universities, Institutions, Foreign Mission in India, Publishers, Book Sellers from time to time and whenever new books are released. Thus, additional Fund is generated through the sale of AIU publications.

5. **Publication and other Materials on Complimentary Basis :** As and when new publications, reports, etc are published, the same are being dispatched to the Vice Chancellors/Director Generals/Directors/Provosts of member Universities, President, Vice President, Prime Minister of India, Ministry of HRD, some dignitaries of Ministries and Apex autonomous bodies, etc on complimentary basis.

Advertisements in University News Journal

6. AIU regularly receives advertisements for publishing in weekly journal- University

News from member Universities, Institutions/Colleges, Govt. departments, Advertising Agencies, Book Sellers and other parties. These advertisements are being considered for inclusion in the issues on pre-payment basis and thus, generating the Fund for AIU.

Special issues of University News

7. Apart from the regular printing of weekly issue of University News, the following **Special Issues** were printed on the occasions/topics as mentioned below :

- Volume 57 No. 39 (September 30-October 06, 2019) : on ‘*Educational Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi – To Commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Centenary Year Celebration of Gujarat Vidyapith*’. on the occasion of AIU West Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet -2019.
- Volume 57 No. 45 (November 11-17, 2019) : on ‘*Developing Employability and Entrepreneurship as Cornerstones in Higher Education*’ on the occasion of AIU North Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet - 2019.
- Volume 57 No. 47 (November 25-December 01, 2019): on ‘*Improving Access and Governance Reforms in Indian Higher Education*’ on the occasion of AIU Central Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet – 2019.
- Volume 57 Issue No. 49 (December 09-15, 2019) : on the theme – “*Internationalization of Higher Education and Global Rankings*” on the occasion of AIU West Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet – 2019.
- Volume 57 Issue No. 50 (December 16-22, 2019) : on the theme - “*Towards Global Best Teaching – Learning Process in Indian Higher Education*” on the occasion of AIU East Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet - 2019.
- Volume 58 Issue No. 01 (January 06-12, 2020) : on the theme – “*Promoting Research, Innovation and Excellence in Indian Universities*” on the occasion of AIU South Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet - 2019.

Subscriptions of University News

8. The print run of University News as of date is nearly 6000 copies. Apart from the paid subscribers, the copies of University News are being sent on complimentary basis to the Vice Chancellors/Director Generals/Directors/Provosts & Registrars of member Universities/ Institutes, President, Vice President & Prime Minister of India, Ministry of HRD, important dignitaries of Ministries, dignitaries/academics of Apex Autonomous bodies, etc on complimentary basis, contributors of Articles and also, on exchange basis on the recommendations of Library and Documentation Division, AIU. The subscription of University News is a source of generating Fund for AIU.

AIU Yearly Planner

9. The Year Planner of AIU is being provided to the entitled dignitaries, which include Vice Chancellors/Directors General/Directors/Provosts & Registrars of member universities/institutes, some dignitaries of the Government/Apex Bodies, Former Presidents & Secretary Generals of AIU as per the mailing list maintained for this purpose. The Planner is also being provided to AIU Staff members.

LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION DIVISION

In fulfillment of its objectives 'to act as a service agency and a clearing house of information', the Association has established a Library and Documentation Centre. This is engaged in a two-pronged programmes of development. The first relates to strengthening its resources while the second aims at dissemination. In pursuance of these goals it has launched an ambitious programme of collection development and evolving instruments to reach the information to maximum numbers. The total number of books in the library today stands 21,147. The Library is particularly strong in its collection of Reports and Documents, emanating from governments and non-commercial and highly specialized educational associations and organizations. The Annual Reports, Calendars, Handbooks, Acts of the different Universities and Supreme Court Judgment on Educational Matters also available in the Library, which are regularly in demand and consulted by numbers of users.

During the year 2019-20, 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 1360 students and scholars visited the library during the year. Around 1130 telephonic and email queries were attended during the year.

Publications

Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations:

1. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Science and Technology 2018 (With QR Code and URL of the thesis as per database of INFLIBNET).
2. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Social Sciences 2018 (With QR Code and URL of the thesis as per database of INFLIBNET).
3. Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Humanities 2018 (With QR Code and URL of the thesis as per database of INFLIBNET).

Theses of the Month

A list of Doctoral Theses accepted in Science & Technology, Social Sciences and Humanities by Indian Universities and other Institutions of Higher Education is compiled

and published regularly under the column Theses of the Month in University News, every week. For the year 2019-20 so far, the reported number of thesis is 4400.

New Initiatives

1. A MoU has been signed between Association of Indian Universities and INFLIBNET to merge all the bibliographic information of doctoral dissertations awarded by Indian Universities for more comprehensive database. INFLIBNET provide the QR code and URL to each thesis from the Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations 2018 onwards.
2. SOUL Software provided by the INFLIBNET for computerization of AIU Library activities.
3. A meeting of AIU Library Committee has been convened under the Chairpersonship of Secretary General, Dr Pankaj Mittal.

Library Automation

- Started the computerization of Library activities by using SOUL 2.0 Library Automation Software provided by INFLIBNET.

Training

- Dr Youd Vir Singh (Head) and Mr. Noushad Ahmed (Library Assistant) attended Training program on “SOUL 2.0 Software” from 14th – 19th October, 2019 at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar.

Library Services

- Started “Online Newspapers Clipping in Education Service” on daily basis to Governing Council Members of AIU, former Presidents of AIU, Director NAAC, AIU staff and Vice Chancellors of Indian Universities on demand.
- Started Online “AIU Higher Education Monthly News Compendium” of Newspaper Clippings in Education, to Governing Council Members of AIU, former Presidents of AIU, Senior officials of MHRD, UGC, NAAC, AICTE, NBA, AIU staff and Vice Chancellors of AIU Member Universities and AIU staff.

University News

This year has been a Special Year for the University News as it has entered its nonagenarian stage. Launched in 1929 as a Yearly Bulletin, it traversed through several phases of journey which include Bi-annual, Tri-annual, Fortnightly, and finally became a Weekly Journal in 1984 and this year the Journal has turned 90. To mark the celebration of 90 years, the cover design has been changed. The new cover design is clean and uncluttered with new font and new colors every month that are elegant and timeless to better showcase the image of the University News as well as AIU. The Cover page of every Issue is inscribed with the

phrase ‘Celebrating 90 years of Success’. Whereas, the University News has maintained its longstanding tradition of regularity of appearance in the year 2019-20 also, this year, it has carved a niche for itself in the field of higher education in the country by maintaining richness, relevance and state-of-the art contents. The Special Issues brought out in the year 2019-20 are:

- Special Issue on ‘**Benchmarking Excellence in Higher Education Ranking, Rating and Research**’ was brought out on the occasion of AIU Central Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet-2109 and XXVII New Delhi World Book Fair-2019 (Vol. 57 No 01, January 07-13, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘**Social Development and Sustainability**’ was brought out on the occasion of AIU East Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet -2109 (Vol. 57 No 02, January 14-20, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘**Autonomy for Excellence in Higher Education**’ was brought out on the occasion of AIU Annual General Meeting of the Association of Indian Universities (Vol. 57 No 06, February 11-17, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘Review of Draft National Education Policy—2019’ was brought out on the occasion of AIU Round Table (Vol. 57 No 29, July 22-28, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘**Treasuring the Teachers**’ was brought out on the occasion of Teachers’ Day (Vol. 57 No 35, September 02-08, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘**Educational Thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi**’ was brought out on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Centenary Year Celebrations of Gujarat Vidyapith (Vol. 57 No 39, September 30-October 06, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘**Development Employability and Entrepreneurship as Cornerstones in Higher Education**’ was brought out on the occasion of AIU North Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet-2019 (Vol. 57 No 45, November 11-17, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘**Improving Access and Governance Reforms in Indian Higher Education**’ was brought out on the occasion of AIU Central Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet-2019 (Vol. 57 No 47, November 25-December 01, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘**Internationalization of Higher Education and Global Rankings**’ was brought out on the occasion of AIU West Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet-2019 (Vol. 57 No 49, December 09-15, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘**Towards Global Best Teaching-learning Process in Indian Higher Education**’ was brought out on the occasion of AIU East Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet-2019 (Vol. 57 No 50, December 16-22, 2019).
- Special Issue on ‘**Promoting Research, Innovation and Excellence in Indian Universities**’ was brought out on the occasion of AIU South Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet-2019 (Vol. 58 No 01, January 06-12, 2020).

- Special Issue on ‘**New Dimensions of Women Empowerment**’ was brought out during the Seminar on Women Empowerment (Vol. 58 No 02, January 13-19, 2020).
- Special Issue on ‘**Safe Campus: Implementation of UGC Guidelines/Regulation on Gender Champions and POSH**’ was brought out during the Workshop on Creating Safe Campus and POSH (Vol. 58 No 03, January 20-26, 2020).

Forthcoming Special Issue

- Special Issue on ‘Reimagining Indian Universities’ is being brought out on the occasion of AIU Annual General Meet-2020 (Vol. 58 No 12, March 23-29, 2020).

New Initiatives

- Apart from Special Issues of the University News, a new initiative was taken to bring out an Edited Book on ‘**Reimagining Indian Universities**’ on the occasion of AIU Annual General Meet-2020.

An initiative of launching a New Journal called ‘**AIU Journal of Higher Education**’ was taken. Blueprint of the Journal was prepared and preliminary Meetings and other ground works are underway.

SPORTS DIVISION

1. National Sports Calendar

Annual Sports Calendar of National University Games for the year 2019-20 was finalized and approved in the AGM of Inter University Sports Board (AIU) held at Manipal, Jaipur. National University Games are the main components of NSPO Scheme for promoting sports in university sector which is being considered as a nursery of potential for excellence in Indian Sports.

2. Allotment of Tournaments

Inter University Tournaments were allotted to member willing universities by a duly constituted Sub-Committee by the Hon’ble President, AIU who is the Chairman, Sports Board. While distributing the sporting events to the eligible universities, following parameters were kept in mind:

- Standard size of Sporting Infrastructure(s)
- Qualified and Competent Officiating Staff
- Adequate Accommodation & Local Transport

3. Conduct of Tournaments

As many as 226 Inter University Tournaments were organized at various 108 University sports centers throughout the country, with a view to create sport-culture and broad-base

“youth sports” at the grass roots for achieving excellence at National and International level. As a result, National University Games proved to be a national platform for Talent Search and Talent Promotion with scientific approach and in a professional manner for throwing up adequate amount of sporting potential to feed the national stream to create “Large Talent Pool” with attainable and sustainable performance targets on the long term basis.

4. Number of Participants

At present, approximately, 5,44,725 highly talented university students/athletes participated in University sporting Competitions during the year : 2018-19. The details are given below:

(a) Strength of sportspersons

S.No.	Category of Tournaments	No. of Sporting Events	Average No. of Participants
1	National Basis	106 (M/W)	1,60,325 (MW)
2	Four Zone Basis	60 (W)	1,80,950 (W)
3	Four Zone Basis	60 (M)	2,03,450 (M)
4	Total Events and Participants	226 (M/W)	5,44,725 (MW)

5. Sports Board as NSPO

It is a matter of great honour for all the stakeholders that Inter University Sports Board (AIU) had been granted the status of National Sports Promotion Organization (NSPO) by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports vide letter No. F.9-22/2007-SP.I dated 05/05/2008 on account of its meritorious contribution to promotion of competitive sports at the grass root level, especially in universities and colleges in India. Hence, Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is considered to be at par with all other National Sports Federations (NSFs) approved and recognized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for availing financial assistance for the purpose of promoting competitive sports and participation of university students at national and international events. The NSPO is partially funded by Sports Ministry as and when funds are available.

6. Co-ordination with Sports Bodies

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) maintained a cordial and healthy relationship with all National Sports Federations (NSFs) while finalizing the dates and drawing fixtures of Zonal and National University Games. The Organizing Committee of each competition approached and consulted the respective National Sports Federations, so as to avoid clash of dates of Inter University Tournaments and National Championships organized. As a result, university, athletes/students were able to participate both in Inter University Competitions and National Championships during the year: 2019-20 conveniently to display their talent and skills.

7. Performance in World University Games: 2019

The AIU being member of International Universities Sports Federation (FISU), projected Indian universities teams in World University Games in 2019. It is heartening to note that Indian athletes won total 04 Medals, out of which Indian universities won 1 Individual Gold Medal 1 Individual Silver Medal and 2 Bronze medals in the highly contested global competitions. The details of performance of Indian contingents are as follows:

Sl.No.	Name of Athlete	College/University	Sporting Event	Medal Won
1.	Dutee Chand	KIIT University, Bhubaneswar	Athletics-100m	Gold
2.	Elavenil Valarivan	Gujarat university	Shooting-10m Air rifle	Silver & Team Bronze
3.	Nina Chandel	Panjab, Chandigarh	Shooting-10m Air rifle	Team Bronze
4.	Aaushi Gupta	Shooting-10m Air rifle	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	Team Bronze
5.	Angad Vir Singh Bajwa	Shooting-Skeet	Manav Rachna International University	Bronze

The present medal tally reflects that “University Sports” is emerging progressively as Life Line and Spring Board for Olympic Medal(s) in near future. As a result, university sports need an adequate investment in terms of financial, scientific and technical support from Public Private Partnership for broad-basing competitive sports in university sector for achieving excellence at international level.

8. Invitation from Rashtrapati Bhawan for Interaction with Hon’ble President of India on January 03, 2020 for significant contribution in the field of University Sports

An invitation has been received from Rashtrapati Bhawan for Interaction with Hon’ble President of India on January 03, 2020 for significant contribution in the field of University Sports wherein all our World University Games-2019 Medalist were invited to share their experiences and future plans.

9. 1st Khelo India University Games-2020:

1st Khelo India University Games (KIUG)-2020 was organized in coordination with SAI & MYAS in 17 disciplines approved by Govt of India, MYAS & SAI, at the Campus of KIIT University, Bhubaneswar from February 22, 2020 to March, 01,2020 where approximately 4000 athletics participated in various disciplines at the single venue. The Hon’ble Prime Minister of India inaugurated the event through video conferencing and has indicated in his program ‘Man Ki Baat’ that this will now be an annual event.

10. Hosting of 1st Asian Universities Volleyball (MW) Championship and 1st World University Shooting (MW) Championship in India:

AIU has added another feather in the field of sports by initiating the process of hosting international university events in India. Accordingly, International University Sports Federation (FISU) accepted our proposals and accorded the responsibility to host 1st ever Asian Universities Volleyball (MW) Championship and 1st World University Shooting (MW) Championship in India. This initiative will go a long way in promoting the culture of sports at international level and strengthen the relation with International Sports Community.

YOUTH AFFAIRS DIVISION

During the academic year 2019-20 the division organized several youth programmes at Zonal and National level pertaining to promotion of National Integration, Communal Harmony, Youth Leadership and Capacity Building including IUNCB Meeting, Inter-University Zonal and National Youth Festivals, AIU International Youth Festival, South Asian Universities Youth Festival, , I.U. National Qawwali Competitions, Moot Court Competition, National Women Student Parliament, etc.

1. IUNCB Meeting

The 14th Meeting of the Inter-University National Cultural Board (IUNCB) was held at The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati, Assam on August 7, 2019 in which Committee Members, Cultural Coordinators of universities including youth experts and student representatives were invited to participate. In the Meeting, Zonal, National, International and other new initiatives of youth related activities in Universities have been finalised and undertaken during the year 2019-20.

2. 1st AIU International Youth Festival

To promote and to augment spirit of international integration among the youth, 1st AIU International Youth Festival was organized at Chandigarh University, Chandigarh on 25-27, September 2019 under the aegis of AIU in which 600 participants from 26 countries played a vital role in burgeoning cultural, emotional and international integration with the help of cultural exchange amongst students from diverse countries, regions and religions.

3. 1st AIU National Moot Court

To upgrade the credential/skills for Law students, 1st National Moot Court Competition was organised by Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Panjab during February 14-16, 2020 under the aegis of AIU among the member universities for Law students studying in various Higher Education Institutions in order to provide a platform for simulating the court proceedings.

4. 1st AIU National Women Student Parliament

To reinforce the ancestry of democracy and for enabling women student leaders in higher education sector to have cherished understandings of the working of Parliament, 1st AIU National Women Student Parliament under the aegis of AIU is proposed to be organised at Mewar University, Rajasthan during March 28-30, 2020.

5. Inter-University Zonal and National Youth Festivals (UNIFESTS)

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

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

The 35th Inter-University Five Zonal and One National UNIFESTS were organized at various Universities in which approx. over 10000 selected university youth artistes participated in 27 competitive events of music, dance, theatre, fine arts and literary events. During the session the Zonal & National UNIFESTS were organised at:

Zone	University	Dates	Univs	Participants
East	The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati	November 11-15, 2019	23	758
South	Alagappa University, Karaikudi, TN	December 18-22, 2019	35	1152
Central	Jiwaji University, Gwalior	December 18-22, 2019	24	905
North	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	December 25-29, 2019	33	1200
West	UkaTarsadia University, Gujrat	December 27-31, 2019	46	1607
National	Amity University, Noida	February 3-7, 2020	90	1300

6. 13th South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST)

Under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the Kurukshetra University, Haryana (India) hosted the 13th South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST) during February 24-28, 2020. Amongst its varied youth-centric activities, the South Asian Universities Youth Festival (SAUFEST) is a noble concept of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) with goal to promote active collaboration and mutual understanding amongst the South Asian countries in educational, social, cultural and economic fields. The SAUFEST is attended by the winning contingent of the I.U. National Youth Festival and youth participants from South Asian countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka. It is an attempt towards bringing the youth from the South Asian countries to a common platform for sharing views, experiences, innovations and common ideas so that a common agenda in taking the future regional challenges can be taken up. Furthermore, the role of SAUFEST is to ensure unity for peace, harmony and brotherhood amongst the people of the South Asian region.

7. I.U. National Qawwali Competition

To promote national integration and communal harmony the 4th I.U. National Qawwali Competition was organised at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (MP) under the aegis of AIU on November 6-7, 2019. Total 7 University teams from different part of India participated in the competition.

8. Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad: 10th Annual National Conclave of Indian Student Parliament

AIU requested member universities to participate in a four-day conclave (February 20-23, 2020) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi encouraging independent thinking and sociopolitical initiative in young students and facilitates the learning of crucial social and political skills. This helps in mobilizing the youth of our country in understanding the importance of citizenry and participation of youth in democratic processes. The platform is bringing professional outlook in the youth towards political system and encouraging them to embrace public life.

FINANCE DIVISION

The Division strives hard to provide value-based services to various stakeholders with a view to serve the cause of higher education as well as to meet the financial needs of the organization. The Division manages:

- Budgeting & Forecasting
- Accounting of Receipts
- Expenditure Management
- Books of Accounts

- Finance Committee
- Management of Funds
- Salaries & EPF
- Provident Fund Trust
- Statutory & Government Audit

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

1. Finance Committee Meeting

During the year Finance Committee Meeting was held on 12.9.2019 under the Chairmanship of Prof. M M Salunkhe, President, AIU. In the meeting following important proposals were considered and approved:

- a) The Revised Budget Estimates for 2019-20;
- b) Budget Estimates for 2020-21;
- c) Audited Accounts of the Association from M/s. Sanjay Satpal and Associates, Chartered Accountants which include Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account, Receipt and Payment Account for the year 2018-19 of AIU and AIU Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme;
- d) Audited Accounts of AIU Provident Fund Trust from M/s. Sanjay Satpal and Associates, Chartered Accountants which include Revenue Account, Balance Sheet for the year 2018-19;
- e) Appointment of Statutory auditors of AIU, AIU Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme & AIU Provident Fund Trust for the Financial Year 2019-20;
- f) Implementation of Expenditure, Advance & Transfer (EAT) Module' of Public Finance Management System (PFMS) in AIU as per the direction of the MHRD for getting the Grant-in-aid General under OH-31;
- g) Implementation of Online Payment Portal (<https://university.aiu.ac.in>) for transfer of funds directly to our Bank Account using Debit Card, Credit Card, Net Banking and UPI option including BHIM App and Bharat QR Code;
- h) Implementation of new arrangement for operation of Savings Bank Accounts of AIU as per the approval of the Finance Committee and the Governing Council;
- i) A proposal for enhancement in the Subscription Rates of University News was approved by the Finance Committee and the Governing Council to be implemented effective from 1.4.2020;
- j) The Finance Committee approved the charging of GST over and above the fee being charged by AIU for various services effective from 1.4.2020.

2. Grant-in-Aid from the MHRD

- a) The Division has been providing required information and financial statements of Receipts and Expenditure to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for procuring the Grant on year to year basis.
- b) Physical & Financial targets for the FY 2019-20 were sent to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for approval of grant in favour of AIU.
- c) Ministry of Human Resource Development has allocated the Budget Estimate of Rs.250.00 lakhs in favour of AIU under Grants-in-aid General Object Head-31.
- d) Output-Outcome Budget 2019-20 was submitted to the Ministry.
- e) The grant of Rs. 225.00 lakhs have been released by the MHRD for the F.Y. 2019-20 during the period 1.4.2019 to till date.

3. Initiatives & Activities

AIU has added a new, paperless payment solution for the depositing fee by Member Universities, Institutes and Applicants for following services:

- Fee for Annual Subscription
- Processing Fee for New Membership
- Fee for Inter University Tournaments (Non-Member Universities)
- Fee for Youth Festivals (Non-Member Universities)
- Fee for Equivalence Certificate
- Fee for Equivalence Enquiry
- Fee for Vice Chancellors' Retiring Rooms
- Fee for Conference Rooms

4. Annual Subscription

Annual Subscription Notices for the year 2019-20 were sent to the Member Universities in March, 2019. Subscription of Rs.4.28 crores has been received during the period 1.4.2019 to till date.

5. Income Tax Proceedings before ITAT and CIT (Appeal)

A Notice from the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, New Delhi was received with regard to Assessment Year(s) 2009-10. The Income Tax Department (Revenue) preferred an appeal before the ITAT under Section 250 of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The hearings before the ITAT were held which were attended by Mr. C S Aggrawal, Advocate expert in ITAT

matters on behalf of AIU. The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (Delhi Bench) dismissed the appeal filed by the Revenue Department by issuing an order in favour of AIU.

AIU preferred an appeal before the CIT (Appeal) against the arbitrary order issued by the Assessing Officer with regard to Assessment Year(s) 2014-15. The Appellate Authority CIT (Appeal) has issued order by stating that the assessee is apparently not involved in any trade, commerce and business to attract the proviso to section 2(15) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

6. Provident Fund Trust

Compliance Audit of AIU Provident Fund Trust was conducted by the Employees' Provident Fund Organization, Regional Office, Delhi for the year 2018-19 in January, 2020.

7. GST Audit

GST Audit was conducted by M/s Gaurav K Arora & Co. for the year 2017-18 during January-February 2020.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Division of the AIU plays a vital role in implementation of policies of the General Body, Governing Council, Staff Affairs Committee and various other Committees constituted from time to time for framing policies/guidelines related to establishment and General Administration matters. The Division is responsible for all establishment & personnel matters, Court cases, RTIs etc matter of AIU. The Division also provides manpower and training support to all the Divisions of AIU.

1. Establishment

The section is responsible for implementation of policy decision of the Governing Council pertaining to Recruitment, Appointment, Promotions, framing of Recruitment Rules, Manpower Management, Annual Increment, Fixation of Pay, Leave, LTC, Retirement cases and other pay matters etc. The changes happened related to staff recruitment, retirement, etc. during the year are given below:

- a) **Appointment** The following are appointed on deputation basis for a period of three years w.e.f. 01.11.2019(F/N):
- i) Shri Satya Pal Singh, Sr. PA to SG (on deputation)
 - ii) Smt. Rekha Kumra, Sr. PA to SG (on deputation)

Note Regular vacant posts of Joint Secretary (02), Section Officer (02) and Senior Research Assistant (01) were advertised along with temporary positions of Consultants (03) and Post-Doctoral Fellow (03). The applicants against which have been received and are under process.

b) Retirements The following employees have proceeded on retirement from the services of the AIU:

- i) Dr. Gurdeep Singh, Joint Secretary (Sports) w.e.f.31.1.2019(A/N)
- ii) Shri Sambhav Srivastava, Under Secretary w.e.f.31.3.2019 (A/N)
- iii) Smt. Neelam Arora, Assistant w.e.f.31.3.2019(A/N)
- iv) Smt. S.K. Dua, Section Officer w.e.f.31.10.2019(A/N)

c) Contractual/Third Party 11 Data Entry Operators (DEOs) and one Receptionist have been engaged on contractual basis with the minimum approved wages through the third party – M/s GA Digital Web World Pvt Ltd, Delhi and a *Consultant and Post Doctoral Fellow (PDF)* have been engaged purely on temporary and contractual basis for a period of six months with effect from 17.2.2020(F/N). The details of which are as follows:-

- i) Shri Gopinathan. V.T., Consultant (Admn)
- ii) Dr. Ashwani Kharola, Post Doctoral Fellow

2. General Administration

AIU have adopted General Financial Rules (GFR) to carries out all procurement. The major procurement carried out in the past year in addition to general use stationary is as follows:

- a) A new Oil Filled Outdoor Transformer (315 KVA/11 KV) of Kirloskar Electric Company Limited has been purchased and installed in view of the non-availability of the services of old transformer.
- b) Computers/Laptops and Peripherals for employees with a total expenditure of Rs 30 lakhs.
- c) A unifies Threat management Firewall for Security of IT networks and data.
- d) In order keep the place clean and hygienic, Old Files/Records/Newspapers have been disposed off through e-tendering of authorized agency and thus, fetching an amount of Rs. 1,85,000 as scraps value.

The Division also maintains VC Retiring Rooms for Member Universities/Institution's Vice Chancellors/Directors. Besides that, the Conference/Committee Room is also made available to member Universities/Institutes for conducting Meetings, Interviews, etc. as well.

3. Renovation/Refurbishing/Interior furnishing of AIU Office Building

The case for Renovation/Refurbishing/Interior furnishing of AIU Office Building is in progress with M/s RITES Ltd with a total financial implication of Rs. 5.16 Crores. The case is presently at tendering stage and the renovation work is expected to commence in the months of May/June 2020.

4. Creation of Central Travel Desk

To facilitate the Official Tours of AIU employees, a Central Travel Desk has been operationalized for booking of Air & Train tickets with the objective of making all official engagements/travels hassle free through a single window system.

5. Computer Section

The section is committed to provide uninterrupted IT and network services to various AIU divisions. The section has initiated automation of the AIU activities related to Evaluation, Sports and Youth Affairs, Meetings, Research, International Collaborations etc and shall also provide other Value Added Services like AIU Job portal, Admission portal etc for all its Member Universities. INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar has been appointed as an agency to undertake AIU's automation. The following is being developed by AIU IT Initiates and Value Added Services:

- i. AIU Admission Portal
- ii. AIU Job Portal
- iii. Identification of Good Department/ Faculty in each Member University to facilitate
- iv. National and International Collaborations
- v. Equivalence of Foreign Degrees/ PGDM/ Doctoral Degrees
- vi. New Membership Management
- vii. Meetings Management System
- viii. Sale of AIU Publications
- ix. Event Management System
- x. Sports Program Management
- xi. Youth Affairs Program Management
- xii. AIU Publication Management

A Leased Line Connection have been procured from Reliance JIO to provide better Internet connectivity to AIU users for providing better services to its member Universities as the plan offers identical upload and download speeds and will not be subject to contention with other users.

The section maintains following on day to day basis:

- a) AIU website with epigrammatic information and user-friendly layout (<https://www.aiu.ac.in>) maintenance and periodic updating of the information;
- b) Network maintenance in premises including monitoring of local network and Wi-Fi.
- c) Monitoring of Unified Thread Management in the premise for gateway level security and betterment of the network.

- d) Procurement of latest configuration Computers & Laptops for official uses in various AIU divisions.
- e) Patronage of IT peripherals like Hardware/ Printers/ Scanners etc. along with coordination with CAMC.

6. RTI Cases

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

During the year approx. 400 applications received including RTI, Appeals and email queries, seeking information under section RTI Act 2005 were replied by this office. These applications were received through online RTI-MIS provided by the nodal Ministry of AIU i.e. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. (<https://rtionline.gov.in>)

Disposed of 32 online Public Grievance cases received through portal provided by the nodal Ministry of AIU i.e. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (<https://pgportal.gov.in>)

Thank you



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