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ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

Annual Report 2023-24

I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Association of Indian Universities for the year 2023-24 at the 98th Annual General Body Meet of the Association being held at this beautiful and serene campus of The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad (Telangana). 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. G D Sharma, Vice Chancellor, University of Science and technology, Meghalaya took over as the President, AIU and Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Vice Chancellor, CSJMU, Kanpur took over as the Vice President of the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi for the period of one year i.e., w.e.f. July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in pursuance of the decision taken at the 97th Annual Meeting (Business Session) held at University of Science and technology, Meghalaya during March 23-25, 2023.

A. Zonal Meetings

During the year Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2023-24 were held as per detailed below:

Sl. No.	Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2023-24	Dates
South Zone		
01	Theme: Digital Transformation in Higher Education held at Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, Karnataka	October 26-27, 2023
East Zone		
02	Theme: Integrating Bhartiya Knowledge System (BKS) with Higher Education held at The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati, Assam	November 21-22, 2023
West Zone		
03	Theme: Future of work & skill development held at Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai, Maharashtra	December 19-20, 2023
Central Zone		
04	Theme: Nurturing Research & Innovation Ecosystem held at Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh	January 18-19, 2024
North Zone		
05	Theme: Globalization & Internationalization of Higher Education held at Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Nepal	February 15-16, 2024

Recommendations of the Zonal Meets' 2023-24 have been included in the agenda of the 98th Annual Meet (General Session) for discussion.

B. Annual Meet

The 96th Annual Meet of the Association was held at University of Mysore, Mysuru, Karnataka during March 23-25, 2022, wherein it was decided to hold 97th Annual Meet and National Conference of Vice Chancellors of Association at University of Science and technology, Meghalaya during March 23-25, 2023. Accordingly, the 97th Annual Meet and National Conference of Vice Chancellors was held at University of Science and technology, Meghalaya during March 23-25, 2023. The theme for discussion during the AIU National Conference of Vice Chancellors was “Transformative Higher Education for AtmaNirbhar Bharat” with following sub-themes:

- *Internationalization for transformative Higher Education*
- *Pedagogies and use of Technologies for transformative Higher Education*
- *Curriculum for a holistic and Multidisciplinary transformative Higher Education*
- *Research & Excellence for transformative Higher Education*
- *Evaluation Reforms for transformative Higher Education*

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

C. Membership

As per the Annual Report 2022-23 membership/Associate Membership of AIU, the total membership of AIU was reported as **934** including **15** Associate Members.

Following five member universities of AIU were reported in the Annual Report 2021-22 and it was inadvertently reported again in the Annual Report 2022-23:

Sl. No.	University	Date of Membership
1.	University of Engineering and Technology Roorkee (UETR), Roorkee, Uttarakhand	01.04.2022
2.	Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate University (HSNC University), Mumbai, Maharashtra	01.04.2022
3.	Renaissance University, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	01.04.2022
4.	Sanjeev Agrawal Global Education University (SAGE), Bhopal, M. P	01.04.2022
5.	Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University, New Delhi	01.04.2022

Hence, after deduction of above mentioned five universities, the total membership of AIU in the year 2022-23 stands to **929** including **15** Associate Members.

During the year 2023-24, the following Universities/Institutes have been granted membership of the Association of Indian Universities:

Sl. No.	University	Date of Membership
1.	Monark University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	01.04.2023
2.	Sikkim Professional University, Gangtok, Sikkim	01.04.2023
3.	Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University, Ferozepur, Punjab	01.04.2023
4.	Jamshedpur Women's University, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	01.04.2023
5.	Indian Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Kolkata	01.04.2023
6.	J.S University, Shikohabad, U. P	01.04.2023
7.	JEPPIAAR University, Chennai	01.04.2023
8.	COEP Technological University (COEP Tech), Maharashtra	01.04.2023
9.	National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Ahmedabad	01.04.2023
10.	RV University, Bengaluru	01.04.2023
11.	Babu Dinesh Singh University, Jharkhand	12.04.2023 (Date of UGC letter)
12.	Aurora Higher Education and Research Academy, Uppal, Hyderabad, Telangana	01.04.2023
13.	Gujarat Biotechnology University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	20.04.2023 (Date of UGC letter)
14.	TransStadia University, Kankaria, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	01.04.2023
15.	Golden Gate University, San Francisco California, USA (Associate Member)	01.04.2023
16.	International Business, Science and Technology University (ISBAT University), Kampala, Uganda (Associate Member)	01.04.2023
17.	Medhavi Skills University, Sikkim	01.04.2023
18.	Hindi University, Howrah, West Bengal	01.04.2023
19.	National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM-T), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu	01.04.2023
20.	Andhra Kesari University, Pernamitta, Ongole, Andhra Pradesh	01.04.2023
21.	Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune Maharashtra	11.05.2023 (Date of UGC letter)
22.	St Joseph's University, Pune, Maharashtra	01.04.2023
23.	Mandsaur University, Madhya Pradesh	29.05.2023 (Date of UGC letter)
24.	Amity University, Mohali Punjab	01.04.2023
25.	Srinath University, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	01.04.2023
26.	Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh	01.04.2023
27.	Madhusudan Law University, Cuttack, Odisha	01.04.2023

28.	Prestige University, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	25.07.2023(Date of UGC letter)
29.	National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh	01.04.2023
30.	Vidhyadeep University, Surat, Gujarat	01.04.2023
31.	ITM Skill University, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra	04.07.2023 (Date of UGC letter)
32.	Swaminarayan University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	01.04.2023
33.	Dr. P.A Inamdar University, Pune, Maharashtra	07.06.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
34.	The Neotia University, Kolkata, West Bengal	26.04.2023 (Date of UGC letter)
35.	Bareilly International University, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh	01.04.2023
36.	Bagalkot University, Jamakhandi, Karnataka	18.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
37.	Haridwar University, Roorkee, Haridwar, Uttarakhand	19.09.2023 (Date of UGC letter)
38.	Kodagu University, Kodagu, Karnataka	25.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
39.	Haveri University, Haveri, Kerimattihalli, Karnataka	25.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
40.	Kumar Bhaskar Verma Sanskrit & Ancient Studies University, Nalbari, Assam	29.08.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
41.	Bidar University, Bidar, Karnataka	02.08.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
42.	Maharashtra State Skills University, Mumbai, Maharashtra	21.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
43.	Koppal University, Koppal, Karnataka	21.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
44.	Kalahandi University, Bhawanipatna, Odisha	01.04.2023
45.	Hassan University, Hemagangothri, Hasan, Karnataka	25.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
46.	Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Basar, Telangana	01.04.2023
47.	Universal AI University, Karjat, Raigad, Maharashtra	13.07.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
48.	Puducherry Technological University, Puducherry	01.04.2023
49.	Arka Jain University, Jharkhand	01.04.2023
50.	Cluster University, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh	01.04.2023
51.	Sarla Birla University, Ranchi, Jharkhand	09.11.2023 (Date of UGC letter)
52.	Geeta University, Panipat, Haryana	01.04.2023
53.	JECRC University, Jaipur, Rajasthan	01.04.2023

54.	Vikrant University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	01.04.2024
55.	AIPH University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	01.04.2023
56.	University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bengaluru, Karnataka	04.05.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
57.	Sigma University, Vadodara, Gujarat	21.06.2023 (Date of UGC Letter)
58.	Assam Women's University, Jorhat, Assam	01.04.2024
59.	Chamarajanagara University, Chamarajanagara, Karnataka	01.04.2024
60.	Bankura University, Bankura, West Bengal	01.04.2024
61.	The Aryavart International University, North Tripura, Tripura	01.04.2024
62.	Mohan Babu University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh	01.04.2024
63.	DES Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra	01.04.2024
64.	Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil University, Satara, Maharashtra	01.04.2024
65.	Kaushalya-The Skill University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	01.04.2024
66.	Bhatkhande Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	01.04.2024
67.	National Institute of Technology, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand	01.04.2024
68.	Delhi Teachers University, New Delhi	01.04.2024
69.	Lamrin Tech Skills University, Punjab	01.04.2024
70.	Kishkinda University, Karnataka	01.04.2024
71.	Shri Kalla Ji Vedic Vishwavidyalaya, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan	01.04.2024
72.	Scope Global Skills University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	01.04.2024
73.	Sikkim Global Technical University, Sikkim	01.04.2024
74.	Dr. YSR Architecture and Fine Arts University, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh	01.04.2024
75.	Bhaikaka University, Gokalnagar, Gujarat	01.04.2024
76.	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru, Karnataka	01.04.2024

During the year 2023-24, De Montfort University, United Kingdom, one of the Associate Member University had requested to withdraw the Associate Membership of the Association of Indian Universities. Consequently, the GC in its 375th GC Meeting dated 30.06.2023 (Item No. 375/13) had resolved to approve the request of De Montfort University, United Kingdom Associate Member University of the AIU for withdrawal of the Associate Membership of AIU with immediate effect.

With the admission and withdrawal of above Universities to membership/Associate Membership of AIU, the total membership of AIU rose to **1004** including **16** Associate Members from foreign countries. During the preceding three year i.e., 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 the total membership of AIU was 799, 827, 875 and 929 respectively.

D. Governing Council Meetings

S. No.	Details of the Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	374 Governing Council Meeting	University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya	22 March, 2023
2.	375 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	30 June, 2023
3.	376 Governing Council Meeting	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	08 August, 2023
4.	377 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	10 November, 2023
5.	378 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	16 January, 2024
6.	378 (a) Extraordinary Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	06-07 February, 2024

E. Sub-Committee Meetings

S No	Details of the Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	Equivalence Committee Meeting	Blended Mode	19 May, 2023
2.	Research Committee Meeting	Blended Mode	13 July, 2023
3.	Equivalence Committee Meeting	On-line Mode	7 August, 2023
4.	Finance Committee Meeting	Physical Mode	20 September, 2023
5.	Cultural Committee Meeting	On-line Mode	4 October, 2023
6.	Equivalence Committee Meeting	Blended Mode	3 November, 2023
7.	Establishment Committee Meeting	Blended Mode	2 January, 2024

RESEARCH DIVISION

Research Projects (2022-23)

Collaborative Projects

I. Creating future ready students: Industry 4.0 compliance.

The Study was conducted in collaboration with Chitkara University, Punjab. The study intended to examine the curricula and pedagogy of universities and making them future ready with the skill aligned with Industry 4.0. (Completed).

II. Promoting Internationalization of Higher Education: Strategic Interventions.

The Study was conducted in collaboration with Symbiosis International University, Pune. The study intended to assess the present status of Internationalization in Higher Education and promote strategic Interventions. (Completed).

Research Projects (2023-24)

A Research Study on “*Artificial Intelligence and its Implications in Higher Education.*” was approved by the Research Committee and GC Collaborative Research Study in collaboration with Chatrapati Shahuji Maharaj University, Kanpur. Proposal is received. The study is yet to be taken up.

Anveshan: Student Research Conventions (2023-24)

Five Zonal Level Anveshan: Students Research Conventions were organized in different Zone and One International Research Conventions was Organized in University of Mumbai. Details are as hereunder:

1. **West Zone** - Shivaji University, Kolhapur (SUK), Maharashtra) Dated **December 28-29, 2023.**
2. **Central Zone** - Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (GGV), Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, February **02-03, 2024**
3. **South Zone** - SRM Institute of Science and Technology Chennai () Dated February **09-10, 2023**
4. **North Zone** - Sharda University, Greater Noida, **January 19-20, 2024**
5. **East Zone** - North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, Dated **February 22-23, 2023**
6. **International** - University of Mumbai, Mumbai, **March 11-12, 2024**

Capacity Building & Training

Academic and Administrative Development Centers (AADC)

For the training and professional development of the faculty members and administrative staff on Advance Technology and their integration to the functions such as teaching, learning, research, evaluation and administrative activities, an initiative was taken by AIU the Research Division for establishing Academic and Administrative Centers in selected member universities. This scheme was initiated in 2022. Initially, 10 centers were established and each centre was mandated to organize minimum 10 faculty development programmes. It was decided to establish 10 centers in different universities each year. In 2023-24 another following 10 centers were established:

1. Chandigarh University, Chandigarh, Mohali, Punjab
2. Vivekanand Global University, Jagatpura, Jaipur
3. Dayal Bagh Educational Institute, Agra
4. Chatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur
5. University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya
6. Sri Sri University, Cuttack, Odisha
7. Integral University, Lucknow
8. Chitkara University, Himachal Pradesh
9. Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubaneswar
10. Ganpat University, Gujarat

Based upon the experience of the previous year the Centres were asked to organize minimum 05 programme in the session 2023-24.

Indian Network for Internationalization of Higher Education (INIHE).

With an objective of expeditious implementation of the Recommendations of NEP 2020 for promoting the Internationalization of Indian Higher Education, a dedicated Consortium Indian Network of Internalization of Higher Education was established. The purpose was to handhold and support the member universities to build their internal capacity for internalizing their campus through facilitating networking and collaboration with the country and with foreign institutions. The INIHE has generated much desired interest and enthusiasm among the universities. Along with inviting membership in INIHE Consortium following activities were organized under the banner of INIHE in the year 2023-24.

- A dedicated web portal in the AIU Website has been developed and the site is functional
- Reading materials as knowledge resources have been uploaded

- 15 universities have been identified the founder Members of The Indian Network for Internationalization of Higher Education (INIHE) Consortium
- Following Webinars on various themes were organised under INIHE
 - Webinar “*Going Global: Significance of Global Partnership Office for Internationalization of Indian Institutions*” on 17 April 2023.
 - Association of Indian Universities organized a webinar “*International Research Collaboration.*” on 3 May 2023.
 - Webinar on the “*Fostering Knowledge Ecosystem “Role of Universities in India and USA - A Comparative Perspective by Indian Diaspora*” on 04 May 2023, in collaboration with EdifyOnline.
 - Education Partnership between India and the U.S.: *Launching an Innovative Professional Master’s Program*” Webinar on the “on November 14, 2023 in collaboration with American Centre
 - Webinar on the theme “*Understanding Authentic Certification for ISO 9001 & Green Practices*” on November 09, 2023 jointly organised in partnership with NABCB.
 - Focused Group Discussion on “*Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Internationalisation of Higher Education*” on April 28, 2023 in collaboration with British Council.
 - Facilitated and organized the **visit of a delegation of 22 university Leaders from the United States, Switzerland and Kazakhstan** led by Dr. Peter Eckel, Senior Fellow and Director of Leadership programs at the Graduate School of Education at Penn, University of Pennsylvania to various AIU Member Universities during June 19, 2023 and June 23, 2023. The delegation will be

Bharat Nepal Education Summit was organized in collaboration with Kathmandu University during **February 15-17, 2024**. The Event was organized coinciding with the North Zone Vice Chancellors Meeting. The Prime Minister of Nepal inaugurated the Summit. 46 Indian Universities and around 15 Institutions of Nepal participated in the Summit with Stall and promotional materials. The event witnessed footfall of around 2000 students in three days. The Event was a Successful one.

AIU Consultancy Services

For supporting the member Universities for accomplishing various tasks such as ranking, rating & accreditation, NAAC Assessment, networking collaboration, establishing innovation

and incubation centres, women Empowerment related projects, industrial collaborative projects, etc., AIU Consultancy Services was introduced.

- A dedicated web portal for Consultancy Services has been created on the Main website of AIU which can be accessed through the following link.

https://university.aiu.ac.in/Admin_Consultancy/ApplicantList?PostID=1&FLAG=1&Status=Submitted

- Expression of Interest (EoIs) were received from 10 Universities. From the Empanelled list, 10 Consultants with relevant expertise aligning with the requirements of the universities have been allocated. First round of discussion is already held.
- Ten consultants from the Empaneled list were allocated to 10 universities based upon their areas of Interest and expertise. The consultants were requested to have preliminary discuss with the universities and assess the nature of work and decide the amount of honorarium following which Tripartite agreement shall be signed.

Publications

- A list of around 1100 PIOs occupying various coveted positions in different foreign universities was prepared from visiting their websites. Emails with a cover letter requesting their consent and No objection to be included in the Directory have been sent.
- The **India Higher Education Profile** for the Year 2021-22 has been compiled. The volume includes statistical profile of Institutions for the year 2021-22 as published in AISHE in its recently published Report. The first draft of the Volume is ready and undergoing final revision.
- Project on **Association of Indian Universities: Genesis, History and contribution to the Development of Higher Education in India**. (In Progress, first draft of Six Chapters is complete).
- **Draft National Policy on Blended Learning (NPBL)** in collaboration *with Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA)* (In the process of designing and printing)
- Report on **Implications of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education**. (In House Project) (In the process of designing and printing)
- **“Realising Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs)”** through Higher Education (Draft is ready. In the process of Finalization.
- **Implementing National Education Policy – 2020: A Roadmap (published)**

Additional / Miscellaneous Activities Accomplished in 2023

- National Seminar on "*Modern Trends in Research Methodology*" at Shri Ganganagar, Rajasthan during May 27, 28, 2023.
- Roundtable Discussion & Interactive Session on *Global Benchmarking of Indian Universities: THE Rankings and the Way Forward for Indian Higher Education*" on May 17, 2023 in collaboration with O P Jindal University, Sonipat.
- FDP program on "*G-20 Presidency: A successful ladder for the Hospitality and Tourism Sector*" during June 26- 30th June-2023 in collaboration with JIS University.
- Workshop on '*Creating Multidisciplinary Research Environment in HEIs*', on 23rd-24th May, 2023 in collaboration with NorthCap University, Gurugram.
- Uni20 conference on the "*The Future of Universities: Making the World a Better Place to Live in*" during June 19-21, 2023 organized in collaboration with Symbiosis International University, Pune.
- Facilitated the visit of the Delegation from Seattle University, USA, led by Professor (Dr.) Eduardo Peñalver, President of Seattle University and organized Round Table Interaction jointly hosted by AIU and JGU on the theme "*India-US Higher Education Dialogue*" on December 06,2022.
- Roundtable of Newly Appointed Vice Chancellors in collaboration with the **University of Kashmir during October 17-19, 2023**. The report was published in University News (Issue No. 61, Vol-51, Dated December 18-24, 2024
- National Workshop on "**Safe Campus**" organised in collaboration with Martha Farel Foundation on February 09, 2024.
- National Workshop on "**Safe Campus**" organised in collaboration with Martha Farel Foundation on February 21, 2024
- National Workshop on "**Safe Campus**" organised in collaboration with Martha Farel Foundation (MFF) on March 05, 2024.
- Webinar on "*Ensuring Academic Integrity in the Era of Artificial Intelligence.*" on March 20, 2024 in collaboration with Turnitin.
- National Workshop on "**Safe Campus**" organised in collaboration with Martha Farel Foundation (MFF) on March 22, 2024 (Scheduled)

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 Division has automated the equivalence of foreign degrees. Applications are now received online, processed and digitally signed equivalence certificates are issued online. The highlights of activities of the Division during financial year 2023-24 are as follows: -

- Around **4450** Equivalence Certificates were issued to the student's online mode;
- Around **375** 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 **7500** queries received from various agencies/ individuals/universities/institutions were given;
- Email replies to about **22515** received from individuals/universities were given;
- More than **18,400** Telephonic enquiries were received and replied;
- Approximately **870** 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 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 of Indian University for the purpose of admission to higher studies. The division also convened Equivalence Committees (19th May, 2023, 07th August, 2023, 03rd November, 2023) regularly for deliberation and discussion on the new norms for equivalence of foreign qualification.

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.

AIU accords equivalence to the Foreign School Boards with corresponding Examination/Qualification/Courses conducted by Central/State School Boards of India for the purpose of admission in higher education institutions and employment in Central/State Government organizations/bodies.

Equivalence of the Qualification of Foreign Boards/Accreditation Agencies

The Governing Council of AIU has considered the applications received from the Foreign School Boards/Accreditation Agencies and accorded equivalence to the following School Boards/Accreditation Agencies: -

S. No.	Name of the School Board/Accreditation Agency	Address	Equivalence Granted
1.	School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA), Australia	303 Sevenoaks St Cannington WA, Australia	AIU/EV/FN(I)/2023 Dated 21 st April, 2023
2.	South Australian Certificate of Education Board (SACE Board), Australia	Level 4, 11 Waymouth St, Adelaide, Australia 5000	AIU/EV/FN(I)/2023 Dated 22 nd August, 2023
3.	Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC), USA	33 Airport Boulevard, Suite 200, Burlingame, CA 94010 United States of America	AIU/EV/FN(I)/2024 Dated 01 st February, 2024

Division is also responsible to accord equivalence to the 04 years Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) awarded by the stand-alone institutions falling outside the purview of universities equating their PhD degree of Indian University for the purpose of admission to higher studies. The FPM program of MDI Gurgaon and XLRI Jamshedpur have been equated with PhD degree in the first cycle.

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, the division named as 'Students Information Services'. 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 a comprehensive University Handbook giving detailed information about the universities, their faculty, administration, disciplines in which it offers courses at all levels, admission schedule, and academic calendar. 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 publishing 35th Edition of 'Universities Handbook' through entries received online AIU's dashboard of the member Universities, for inclusion in **UNIVERSITIES HANDBOOK (UHB)**'. The AIU's Universities Handbook is referred Nationally and Internationally by Government Department, Embassies and students for data on Indian Universities. The services provided by the division include replies to day-to-day e-mails enquiries, enquiries over physical letters, online and offline RTI, and telephonic queries received.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

The International cell was established in Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in the year 1997. Keeping in view the Globalization and 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 training credit transfer, dual/joint degree programmes, recognition of courses and programmes, equivalence of degree etc. between the universities of India with their foreign counter parts, the Governing Council of AIU in its meeting held on 01.10.2009, upgraded the International Cell to International Division. The division has become fully functional since May 2010 after the appointment of one Deputy Secretary and one Consultant in the Division. The division besides updating and making the earlier Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) functional, takes initiatives in collaborating with Associations of Universities of other countries and coordinates the activities related to the division. The Division also keeps records of the MoUs/Collaboration with International Organizations and representation of AIU in various international forums.

Keeping pace with Globalization and Internationalization of Higher Education, AIU has enhanced its international interface further by collaborating with various national and international agencies. Association of Indian Universities in the year 2023-24 signed MoU with the following organizations:

- Universities Australia,
- Universities Canada, Ontario, Canada
- Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand (APHEIT), Thailand
- Association of Sudan Universities (ASU), Sudan
- ASEAN University Network (AUN) Thailand,
- Universities UK, London (UUKI)
- Taiwan Universities, Taiwan; for sharing of best practices, faculty and student exchange, research work etc.
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AIU has taken following Initiatives which shall facilitate Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Universities for faculty and student mobility, internal partnerships etc.

- a. **Indian Network for Internationalization of Higher Education (INIHE)** is formed by AIU which primarily aims at facilitating the internationalization of higher education in terms of networking, collaborations in teaching and research, mobility of students and faculty, exchange programmes, etc. INIHE endeavors to the connect and coordination among associations of universities of different countries, promote collaboration among foreign universities, and facilitate joint degrees and student exchange programmes.
- b. AIU has also developed a **Collaboration Web Portal** wherein Indian universities has populated data related to areas they want to collaborate with foreign

universities. The foreign universities are using this data to initiate discussion with Indian universities for Joint, Dual, Twinning program and Research Collaborations.

PUBLICATION AND SALES DIVISION

Activities of the Division

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 of University News

Printing & Publishing

All the printing & publishing needs of different divisions of AIU are being undertaken through the empanelled printers and, as per the approved rates. The Cover pages of each month has been assigned a distinct color and design to standardize and enhance the look and its popularity.

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

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

- Printing of the Weekly Journal 'University News'
- Indian Higher Education Heritage
- Addressing the Needs of Differently-abled Persons in Higher Education Institutions- Strategies for Implementation
- Booklet on National Women Vice Chancellor's Conference on Promoting Women Leadership in Higher Education
- Annual Report for the year 2022-23 (English)
- Annual Report for the year 2022-23 (Hindi)
- AIU Audited Accounts, Employees Group Gratuity Scheme and PF Trust for the Year Ended 31st March, 2023 (Bi-lingual)
- Recommendations of the AIU Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meets 2021-22
- Receipt Book for accepting Donations to AIU

Sale of AIU Publications

1. **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.

2. **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, Governors / Lt. Governors, Ministry of HRD, dignitaries of some Ministries and Apex autonomous bodies, etc. on complimentary basis.

Advertisements in University News Journal

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 is considered to be one of the major sources of generating the Fund for AIU.

Special issues of University News

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 61 No. 43 (October 23-29, 2023):** on the theme “Digital Transformation in Higher Education” on the occasion of AIU South Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet 2023-24.
- **Volume 61 No. 47 (November 20-26, 2023):** on the theme “Integrating Bhartiya Knowledge System with Higher Education” on the occasion of AIU East Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet 2023-24.
- **Volume 61 No. 51 (December 18-24, 2023):** on the theme “Future of Work and Skill Development” on the occasion of AIU West Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet 2023-24.
- **Volume 62 No. 03 (January 15-21, 2024):** on the theme “*Nurturing Research and Innovation Ecosystem*” on the occasion of AIU Central Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet 2023-24.
- **Volume 62 No. 07 (February 12-18, 2024):** on “Globalization and Internationalization of Higher Education” on the occasion of AIU North Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet 2023-24.
- **Volume 62 (March / April 2024):** on the theme “*Higher Education @ 2047*” on the occasion of AIU AGM 2023-24.

Subscriptions of University News

The print run of University News as of date is nearly 5150 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, Governors / Lt. Governors, 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.

35th Edition of Universities Handbook (UHB) 2024

The 35th Edition of Universities Handbook (UHB) is a compendium containing latest information about 985 Member Universities / Institutes including 47 Central Universities, 395 State Universities, 119 Deemed Universities, 347 Private Universities, 61 INIS-IITs/NITs/IISERs and 16 Associate Members. It contains information relating to Courses of Studies, Library and Research Facilities, Scholarships and Fellowships, Faculties, Affiliated Colleges, names of Head of Departments etc. The previous Edition of UHB was published in the year 2018. The printing of 35th Edition of UHB is in progress and is scheduled to be printed shortly in four volumes containing about 6000 pages.

AIU INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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 programme 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 21,609. 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 name of the Centre was changed to "AIU Information Resource Centre in Higher Education" in 2019.

During the year 2023-24, 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 500 plus telephonic and email queries were attended during the year.

Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations:

- Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Science and Technology 2021 in Press (With QR Code of the thesis as per database of INFLIBNET)
- Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Social Sciences 2021 in press (With QR of the thesis as per database of INFLIBNET).
- Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Humanities 2021 in press (With QR Code of the thesis as per database of INFLIBNET).
- Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Science and Technology 2022-23 in progress (With QR Code of the thesis as per database of INFLIBNET)
- Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Social Sciences 2022-23 in progress (With QR of the thesis as per database of INFLIBNET).
- Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations: Humanities 2022-23 in progress (With QR Code 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 2023-24 so far, the reported number of thesis is 3937.

Library Automation

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

Innovative Library Services

“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.

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.

SPORTS DIVISION

Sports Activities: AIU organized Inter-University Tournaments Inter-Zonal (National) levels across various sporting events/games for the purpose of selecting top athletes for participation in 4th Khelo India University Games-2024. 4th Khelo India University Games (KIUG)-2023 was successfully held in coordination with AIU in 20 disciplines approved

by Govt. of India, Ministry of Youth & Affairs & SAI, at various cities of North East States in the month of Feb 2024 wherein approximately 4500 students in 20 disciplines participated in this Mega Event.

Proud Moment for Indian Universities in World University Games: -

At the 31st World University Games, Indian athletes return with a record-breaking haul of 26 medals! Our best performance ever, it includes 11 Golds, 5 Silvers, and 10 Bronzes. India have risen from the 29th position in the overall medal tally during the 2019 edition to the 7th position in the world medal standings at the Chengdu edition of the World University Games. India Universities has been participating in the World University Games since 1959 and has altogether secured only 18 medals in the last 60 years, whereas under the vision and dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Indian contingent bagged 26 medals in one World University Games.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi ji inspired University Youth with motivational tweet *"A sporting performance that will make every Indian proud! At the 31st World University Games, Indian athletes return with a record-breaking haul of 26 medals! Our best performance ever, it includes 11 Golds, 5 Silvers, and 10 Bronzes. A salute to our incredible athletes who have brought glory to the nation and inspired upcoming sportspersons."*

4thEdition of Khelo India University Games (KIUG)

- Khelo India University Games (KIUG), is a national level multi-sport event held in India, where athletes from universities across the country compete in different sports disciplines. The 1st edition of KIUG edition held in Odisha started on 22 February and concluded on 1 March 2020 was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
- The 4thedition of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2023(24), was successfully held at Guwahati (Assam) and in various cities of North East States in partnership with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in 20 different sports i.e. Archery, Athletics, Aquatics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Fencing, Football, Hockey, Judo, Karate, Kabaddi, Table-Tennis, Tennis, Wrestling, Malkhamb, Shooting, Volleyball, Weight Lifting, Yogasana.

YOUTH AFFAIRS DIVISION

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.

The 37th Inter-University Eight Zonal and One National UNIFESTS were organized at various Universities in which over 20000 selected university youth artistes participated in 28 competitive events of music, dance, theatre, fine arts and literary events. During the session the Zonal & National UNIFESTS were organised at:

Sl. No.	Event	University	date	Univs	Partici-pants
1.	I.U. South Zone UNIFEST	Andhra University, Waltair, Visakhapatnam 530 003 (AP)	05-09 January 2024	18	639
2.	I.U. West Zone UNIFEST	Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Ravindranath Tagore Marg, Nagpur 440 001 (MS)	22-26 January 2024	36	1300
3.	I.U. Central Zone UNIFEST	Swami Vivekanand Shubharti University, Subhartipuram, NH 58, Delhi -Haridwar Bypass Road, Meerut - 250 005 (UP)	30 Jan-03 Feb 2024	21	794
4.	I.U. North Zone UNIFEST	Punjabi University, Rajpura Road, Patiala 147 002 (Punjab)	31 Jan-04 Feb 2024	18	830
5.	I.U. North East UNIFEST	The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati 781 035 (Assam)	06-10 Feb 2024	15	564
6.	I.U. North West UNIFEST	Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak 124 001 (Haryana)	09-13 Feb 2024	19	836
7.	I.U. East Zone UNIFEST	Berhampur University, Bhanja Vihar, Berhampur, Ganjam, (Odisha) 760 007	16-20 Feb 2024	16	592
8.	I.U. South East Zone UNIFEST	JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru-570006, Karnataka	22-26 Feb 2024	25	1139
9.	I.U. National UNIFEST	Punjab Agricultural University, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana 141 004 (Punjab)	March 28-April 1, 2024	About 120	About 2500

6th I.U. National Qawwali Competition

To promote national integration and communal harmony the 6th I.U. National Qawwali Competition is scheduled to be organised at Gulbarga University, Karnatak under the aegis of AIU on March 18-19, 2024.

3rd AIU National Moot Court Competition

To upgrade the credential/skills for Law students, 3rd National Moot Court Competition is scheduled at D.Y. Patil Deemed to be University, Navi Mumbai during April 4-6, 2024 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.

2nd 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, 2nd AIU National Women Student Parliament under the aegis of AIU is scheduled at Parul University, Gujarat during April 9-11, 2024.

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.

Finance Committee Meeting

During the year, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held at AIU House under the Chairmanship of Prof. G D Sharma, President, AIU wherein following important proposals were considered and approved:

a) Finance Committee Meeting(s) dated 10.3.2023 and 20.9.2023

- Revised Budget Estimates for 2023-24 with an amendment under the Head: Renovation & Modernization;
- Budget Estimates for 2024-25;

- Audited Accounts of the Association from M/s. D D Bansal & Associates, Chartered Accountants which include Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account, Receipt and Payment Account and Audit Report for the year 2022-23 of AIU, AIU Provident Fund Trust and AIU Employees' Group Gratuity Scheme;
- Appointment of M/s. Gaurav K Arora & Co., Chartered Accountants for filing Annual Returns (Form 9 and Form 9C). for the Financial Year 2022-23 under CGST Act, 2017;
- Sanction of Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 2 Crores by the MoE for the Financial Year 2023-24;
- Approval for Government Grant General (MoE) Budget (RE 2023-24 & BE 2024-25);
- New arrangement for Net Banking by authorizing US (Audit) for disbursing payments effective from January 1, 2024 by using Operator/Approver concept of Canara Bank Net Banking upto a financial limit of Rs. 2 lakhs;
- Revised arrangement for Cheque Signing Authority for various Bank Accounts of AIU;
- Replies approved by the Finance Committee for Audit Observation Report received from the office of the Director General of Audit (Central Revenue).

Grant-in-Aid from the MoE

- The Division has been providing required information and financial statements of Receipts and Expenditure to the Ministry of Education for procuring the Grant on year-to-year basis.
- Physical & Financial targets for the FY 2023-24 were sent to the Ministry of Education for approval of grant in favour of AIU.
- Ministry of Education has allocated the Budget Estimate of Rs. 200.00 lakhs in favour of AIU for the FY 2023-24 under the Grants-in-Aid General (Object Head-31).
- Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 143.74 lakhs have been released by the MoE during the period 1.4.2023 to 31.12.2023.
- The expenditure incurred on activities of Research Division, Sports & Youth Affairs Division and Meetings Division have been met from the Grants-in-Aid (General) received from the MoE.

- Utilization Certificate for the Grant received in the FY 2022-23 was sent to MoE under GFR 12A.

Initiatives & Activities

AIU has continued and further strengthened new, paperless payment solution for depositing '**Registration Fee – Sports**' by Member Universities, Institutes and Applicants over and above 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

New Bank Account has been opened with the Canara Bank for receiving the Registration Fee of Sports.

Net Banking Option as Payment Mode up to Rs. 200000/-has since been added for safe and speedy settlement of expenditure bills besides other payment mode(s) such as RTGS, NEFT, Payable at Par Cheques, Demand Drafts etc.

As part of automation initiative taken by AIU, all the Staff Members of the Association were given access to Online Pay Slips and Other Statutory Reports through a URL <http://103.117.117133/aiue> for easy access of salary related data.

Interest on Provident Fund Accretion of the Members of the Provident Fund Trust for the FY 2022-23 was finalized and credited and access for reports relating to Provident Fund as at 31.3.2023 was given through a URL <http://103.117.117133/aiue>

Annual Subscription

Annual Subscription Notices for the year 2023-24 were sent to the Member Universities in March, 2023. Subscription of Rs. 6.50 crores have been received during the period 1.4.2023 to 31.12.2023.

E-Invoicing

As per the latest update in the GST Act, it has been mandated that a minimum of 6digits of the HSN code will be compulsory in e-invoices for taxpayers with aggregate Annual Turnover of Rs. 5 Crore and above. Accordingly, necessary action has been taken by AIU in this regard.

Staff Welfare

Salary Accounts of AIU Employees were converted to 'Canara Premium Payroll Salary Account giving benefits of Free Personal & Air Accident Insurance, Overdraft facility, RuPay Platinum Debit Card, Concessional Locker Facility etc.

Provident Fund Trust

Non-refundable Advances from EPF to fight Covid-19 Pandemic were released to eligible AIU Provident Fund Members under New Rule 68 L (3) introduced by the Employees' Provident Fund Organization. All the claims were released on top priority basis.

Government Audit

Replies for the observations of the audit party from the office of the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, New Delhi for auditing Grant-in-Aid accounts of the Association for the Financial Year 2016-17 were approved by the Finance Committee. Replies duly approved by the Finance Committee and the Governing Council were sent to the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure vide letter No. AC/CAG/2016-17 dated 9.1.2023.

GST Audit

GST Audit for the Financial Year 2022-23 was conducted by M/s. Gaurav K Arora & Company during the month of December, 2023 and final Return was filed on the GST Portal on December 30, 2023.

Income Tax Proceedings

The Assessment proceedings for the AY 2017-18 were completed by the CIT (Appeal) in October, 2023 under Section 250 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 by disallowing the benefit of deemed application of income of Rs. 1,03,38,881/-. AIU has preferred an appeal before the ITAT (Appellate Tribunal) against the order issued by the CIT (Appeal).

RTI

Online/offline RTI applications were replied by the Division.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Division of the AIU plays a vital role in the implementation of the Policy of the General Body, Governing Council, Staff Affairs Committee, various other Committees and is responsible for all Establishment & personnel matters. The objective of the division is 5Cs – Comprehensive, Conducive, Contributing, Cohesive and Co-operative administration.

The Division provides manpower support to all the Divisions of AIU. It has the responsibility of creating conducive environment, work culture and to enhance developmental activities for

the growth of the Association. The Division also takes care of infra. facilities and housekeeping at AIU House. During the year a meeting of the Establishment Committee was convened. The Recruitment of various vacant posts are under process. The leave record and leave application are being computerized in the section.

Computer Section

The section is committed to provide uninterrupted IT and network services to various AIU divisions including following:

1. Recently, AIU has taken many new initiatives and introduced some value-added services like AIU Consultancy Portal, AIU Universities Handbook modules etc. In order to improve transparency, speed, accuracy and efficiency, AIU has also entered into the Digital Era by automating all the existing AIU activities for betterment of services provided to all Stakeholders across the Globe.
2. In constant communication with Nodal Officer/Other Authorities of the members universities through telephone/ email/ WhatsApp groups etc. for general information or for resolution any issue being faced by them regarding submitting details pertaining to Universities Handbook, VC Seniority, Sports Division etc.
3. VC Seniority Portal modified and updated, for the calculation of seniority of Member University's VC/ Director, for selection of next President/ Vice-President, AIU
4. Provision was created for member Universities to feed VC Directory details i.e. details of University/ VC/Registrar, pertaining to their University, through AIU member Portal.
5. Development of Indian Network for Internationalization of Higher Education (INIHE) Portal through M/s KITINFINET.
6. Development of payment module for paying Registration Fee for participation in Bharat Nepal Education Summit 2024 through INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar.
7. Hosting and other technical assistance were provided during number of online Meetings which were hosted through various online platforms like Zoom, MS Teams etc.
8. Live streaming of various AIU's Online events/ Zonal Meets on AIU's official YouTube/Twitter/ Facebook.
9. Technical support and other assistance, over phone/ emails were provided to member Universities.
10. Maintenance and periodic updating of the information on AIU website with epigrammatic information and user-friendly layout (<https://www.aiu.ac.in>).
11. Network maintenance in premises including monitoring of local network and Wi-Fi.
12. Monitoring of Unified Thread Management in the premise for gateway level security and betterment of the network.

13. Patronage & maintenance of IT peripherals like Hardware/ Printers/ Scanners etc. along with coordination with CAMC.

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

1. During the year 260 Online RTI Applications, 25 Online Appeals, approx. 30 offline applications received including RTI, Appeals and email queries, seeking information under section RTI Act 2005 were replied by this office. These online applications were received through online RTI-MIS provided by the nodal Ministry of AIU i.e. Ministry of Education, Government of India. (<https://rtionline.gov.in>).
2. Disposed of 07 online Public Grievance cases received through portal provided by the nodal Ministry of AIU i.e. Ministry of Education, Government of India (<https://pgportal.gov.in>).

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