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ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

Annual Report 2024-25

I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Association of Indian Universities for the year 2024-25 at the 99th Annual General Body Meet of the Association being held through online mode. 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. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Vice Chancellor, CSJMU, Kanpur took over as the President, AIU and Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai 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, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in pursuance of the decision taken at the 98th Annual Meeting (Business Session) held at The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad (Telangana) during April 15-17, 2024.

A. Zonal Meetings

During the year Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2024-25 were held as per detailed below:

Sl. No.	Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2024-25	Dates
North Zone		
01	Theme: Technological Integration in Higher Education	5-6 Nov, 2024
West Zone		
02	Theme: Leadership and Governance in Higher Education	20-21 Dec, 2024
South Zone		
03	Theme: Rethinking Assessment and Evaluation	10-11 Jan, 2025
Central Zone		
04	Theme: Globalization and Internationalization	25-26 Feb, 2025
East Zone		
05	Theme: Equity, Diversity and Sustainability	18-19 March, 2025

Recommendations of the Zonal Meets' 2024-25 have been included in the agenda of the 99th Annual Meet (General Session) for discussion.

B. Annual Meet

The 97th Annual Meet of the Association was held at University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya during March 23-25, 2023, wherein it was decided to hold 98th Annual Meet and National Conference of Vice Chancellors of Association at The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad (Telangana). Accordingly, the 98th Annual Meet and National Conference of Vice Chancellors was held at The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad (Telangana) during April 15-17, 2024. The theme for discussion during the AIU National Conference of Vice Chancellors was “Higher Education@2047” with following sub-themes:

- *Digital Transformation in Higher Education*
- *Integrating Bhartiya Knowledge System (BKS) with Higher Education*
- *Future of work & skill development*
- *Nurturing Research & Innovation Ecosystem*
- *Globalization & Internationalization of 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 2023-24 membership/Associate Membership of AIU, the total membership of AIU was reported as **1004** including **16** Associate Members.

During the year 2024-25, the following Universities/Institutes have been granted membership of the Association of Indian Universities:

Sl. No.	University	Date of Membership
1.	GSFC University, GSFC University, P.O, Fertilizer Nagar, Vigyan Bhavan, vadodara, Gujarat, 391750.	01.04.2024
2.	Adani University, Shanti Gram Township, Near Vaishnodevi Circle, SG Highway, Ahmedabad-382421.	01.04.2024
3.	Odisha University of Technology and Research, Techno Campus, ghatika, Bhubaneswar-751029, Odisha	01.04.2024
4.	JSPM University, Gat No. 719/1 and 719/2, wagholi, Pune-Ahmadnagar Road, Taluka Haveli, District Pune, Maharashtra 412207.	01.04.2024
5.	Durga Soren University, Bompas Town, Near Devsangh Chowk, Deoghar, Jharkhand-814112.	01.04.2024
6.	Sports University of Haryana, Near 20 Mile Stone (Biswa-Mile), NH-44, Rai, Sonipat, Haryana-131029	23.04.2024
7.	Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Vishwavidyalaya, Srimanta Sankaradeva Complex, Haladhar Bhuyan Path, Kalongpar, Nagaon, Assam - 782001	01.04.2024

8.	SKS International University, 21st Milestone, NH-2, Tehsil-Chhata, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh 281406.	02.05.2024
9.	Sanskaram University, Kheri Taluka Patauda, Jhajjar (Haryana) - 124108	01.04.2024
10.	National Law University of Meghalaya, Mayurbhanj Complex, Nongthymmai, Shillong-793014, Meghalaya.	01.04.2024
11.	ST Aloysius (Deemed to be University), P.B No. 720, Light House, Kodialbail Mangaluru 575003, Karnataka	01.04.2024
12.	Mind Power University, Bohrakoon Road, Bhimtal, Nainital, Uttarakhand-263136.	08.05.2024
13.	Sapthagiri NPS University, #14/5, Chikkasandra, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560057.	01.04.2024
14.	The Apollo University, Saketa, Murukambattu, Chittoor 517127, Andhra Pradesh.	01.04.2024
15.	Khongnangthaba University, Khurai Konsam Leikai, Imphal East, Manipur-795010.	01.04.2024
16.	Atal Medical & Research University, Nerchowk Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh 175008	01.04.2024
17.	Techno India University, EM4, Salt Lake, Sector-V, Kolkata 700091, West Bengal, India	01.04.2024
18.	National University of Study and Research In Law, Ranchi, At-Nagri, PO-Kanke - Pithoria Road - 834006, Jharkhand	04.07.2024
19.	Ramdeobaba University, Nagpur Ramdeo Tekadi, Katol Road, Nagpur - 440013 Maharashtra.	07.06.2024
20.	K.M. (Krishna Mohan) University, Pali Dungra, Sonkh Road, Mathura - 281123.	01.04.2024
21.	Baba Amte Divyang University, 3rd Floor, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Shiksha Shankul, JLN Marg, Jaipur - 302017.	30.04.2024
22.	MIT Vishwaprayag University, Mauje Kegaon, Taluka North Solapur, District Solapur, 413255, Maharashtra.	01.04.2024
23.	DRIEMS University, At-Kairapari, PO-Kotasahi (tangi), Dist-Cuttack - 754022, Odisha.	01.04.2024
24.	Dr. Preeti Global University, Jhansi-Kota Highway, Dinara, Distt, Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh 473665.	01.04.2024
25.	Vishvakarma Skills University, 2nd and 3rd Floor, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Shiksha Sankul, JLN Marg, jaipur – 302017 Rajasthan.	01.04.2024
26.	Jai Minesh Adivasi University, Ranpur, Kota. District – Kota (Rajasthan) – 325003.	01.04.2024
27.	Baba Mast Nath University, Asthal Bohar, Rohtak - 124021, Haryana	14.10.2024 (Date of UGC Letter)

28.	Guru Nanak University, Ibrahimpatnam, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana - 501506.	14.10.2024 (Date of UGC Letter)
29.	SDGI Global University, NH-9, Delhi-Hapur Road, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201015.	01.04.2024
30.	Sanjivani University, At-Kopargaon, Tal-Kopargaon, Dist-Ahmednagar - 423601, Maharashtra.	13.09.2024
31.	IILM University, Plot No. 16-18, Knowledge Park-II, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201308.	01.04.2024
32.	MNR University, MNR Nagar, Fasalwadi, Gr. Hyderabad, Sangareddy District, Telangana - 502294.	14.10.2024 (Date of UGC Letter)
33.	Ashoka University (Private University), Plot No. 2, Rajiv Gandhi Education City, National Capital Region P.O Rai, Sonapat Haryana - 131029.	18.11.2024
34.	Shri Ramasamy Memorial (SRM) University, 5th Mile Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim - 737102.	18.11.2024
35.	Indira Gandhi Technological And Medical Sciences University, Ziro, Lower, Subansiri - 791120, Arunachal Pradesh.	18.11.2024
36.	Jaypee University, Aligarh Road, Anoopshahr - 203390, District - Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh.	18.11.2024
37.	CMJ University, G S Road R I Bhoi District, Jorabat, Meghalaya 793101.	18.11.2024
38.	Shri Krishna AYUSH University, Umari Road, Sector-8, Kurukshetra - 136118.	18.11.2024
39.	Dharmashastra National Law University, BRBRAITT Campus, Ridge Road, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur, M.P - 482001.	18.11.2024
40.	Spicer Adventist University, Aundh Road, Aundh Pune - 411067.	18.11.2024
41.	Kamdhenu University, Karmayogi Bhavan, Block-1, B1-wing, 4th Floor, Sector-10-A, Dist: Gandhinagar 382010, Gujarat.	18.11.2024
42.	D Y Patil University, Sr. No. 124 & 126, Ambi, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune, Maharashtra - India, 410507.	18.11.2024
43.	Bhattadev University, Pathsala, Barpeta, Assam - 781325.	18.11.2024
44.	Institute of Advanced Research, Koba Institutional Area, Gandhinagar - 382426, Gujarat.	01.04.2024
45.	FS University, NH-19, Agra Road, Near Balaji Mandir, Shikohabad Distt. Firozabad (UP) 283135.	01.04.2024
46.	Amaltas University, bangar, Dewas-Ujjain Highway Road Dist-Dewas (M.P) 455001.	01.04.2024

47.	Rabindranath Tagore University, Hojai, District - 782435, Assam.	18.11.2024
48.	DBS Global University, MI 122 Selaqui, Pharma City, Dehradun 248011, Uttarakhand	27.06.2024 (Date of UGC Letter)
49.	Dr. Rajendra Prasad National Law University, Gaddopur, Phaphamau, Prayagraj 211013 Uttar Pradesh.	05.11.2024 (Date of UGC Letter)
50.	Maya Devi University, Selaqui, Pharma City, Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248011.	11.06.2024 (Date of UGC Letter)
51.	Flame University, Gat No. 1270, Lavale, off, Pune-Bangalore Highway, Vadzai, Dist. Pune - 412115, Maharashtra.	01.04.2024
52.	The Charutar Vidya Mandal (CVM) University, Beside BVM College, Opp. Shastri maidan, Vallabh Vidhyanagar - 388120 Gujarat.	01.04.2025
53.	Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University, Mulugu (Village & Mandal) Siddipet District - 502279.	01.04.2025
54.	NIST University, Institute Park, Palur Hills, Berhampur - 761008, Odisha	01.04.2025
55.	Kaveri University, Gowraram Village, Wargal Mandal, Siddipet - 502279, Telangana.	01.04.2025
56.	Indian Institute of Information Technology Una, Village Saloh, Una, Himachal Pradesh -177209.	01.04.2025
57.	NICMAR University of Construction Studies, #7-06, Shiksha Vihar, Shamirpet, Jagganguda (PO), Medchal-Malkajgiri (Dist.), Hyderabad - 500101, Telangana	01.04.2025
58.	Anjaneya University, Knowledge Village Nardaha, Vidhan Sabha Road, Raipur 493111, Chhattisgarh.	01.04.2025
59.	JNCT Professional University, JNCTPU Campus, New Chouksey Nagar, Lambakheda, Berasia Road, Bhopal - 462038 (M.P)	01.04.2025
60.	Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth, Suraram, Hyderabad - 500055, Telangana.	01.04.2025
61.	Noble University, "Parth Vatika", Junagadh-Bhesan Road, Near Bamangam, Junagadh, Gujarat - 362310.	01.04.2025
62.	Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, Vasanth Nagar, kanuru, Vijayawada 520007.	01.04.2025
63.	Sibsagar University, P.O Joysagar, Dist. Sivasagar Pin: 785665	01.04.2025
64.	Bihar Sports University, Rajgir, Distt: Nalanda - 803116 (Bihar).	01.04.2025
65.	Krantisurya Tantya Bhil University, Kharogne, M.P - 451001.	01.04.2025

66.	Bharti Vishwavidyalaya, Chandkhuri, Durg, Chhattisgarh - 491001.	01.04.2025
67.	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Agartala C/O NIT Agartala Campus, Jiraniya, Agartala (Tripura) - 799046.	01.04.2025
68.	Madhav Institute of Technology & Science (Deemed University), Gola Ka Mandir, Gwalior - 474005, Madhya Pradesh.	01.04.2025
69.	Sardar Vallabhbhai Global University, Chimanbhai Patel Institute Campus, S.G. Highway, Prahladnagar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Pincode - 380015.	01.04.2025
70.	Sreenidhi University, Yamnampet, Ghatkesar PO, Pocharam Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad, Telangana - 501301.	01.04.2025
71.	The Global University, Model Village Naharlagun, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh - 791110.	03.04.2025
72.	Sona Devi University (SDU), At-Kitadih, PS+PO - Ghatsila, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand - 832303.	01.04.2025
73.	SRH University Heidelberg, Ludwig-Guttman-Strabe 6, 69123 Heidelberg, Germany	01.04.2024
74.	SRH Fernhochschule - The Distance Learning University, Kirchstrasse 26, 88499 Riedlingen, Germany	01.04.2024
75.	South Asian University (SAU), Rajpur Road, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068	01.04.2025
76.	Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan University, Samayapuram, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu - 621112	01.04.2025
77.	Aditya University, Aditya Nagar, ADB Road, Surampalam, Kakinada District, Andhra Pradesh - 533437.	03.04.2025
78.	Harcourt Butler Technical University, Nawabganj, Kanpur - 208002, Uttar Pradesh.	09.05.2025
79.	National Institute of Technology, Delhi	01.04.2025
80.	Centurion University of Technology and Management, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh	06.06.2025 (Date of UGC Letter)
81.	Chandigarh University, Unnao, Uttar Pradesh	01.04.2025

During the year 2023-24, the GC in its 380th GC Meeting (Item No. 380/16) resolved to approved the remove of the name of Sangai International University, Churachandpur, Manipur from the list of AIU member universities with immediate effect.

With the admission and withdrawal of above Universities to membership of AIU, the total membership of AIU rose to **1084** including **19** Associate Members from foreign countries.

During the preceding three years i.e., **2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23** and **2023-24** the total membership of AIU was **799, 827, 875, 929** and **1004** respectively.

D. Governing Council Meetings

S. No.	Details of the Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	379 Governing Council Meeting	The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad	14 April, 2024
2.	380 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	27 June, 2024
3.	381 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	24 September, 2024
4.	382 Governing Council Meeting	AIU House, New Delhi	03 January, 2025

E. Sub-Committee Meetings

S No	Details of the Meeting	Venue	Date
1.	Equivalence Committee Meeting	On-line Mode	9 April, 2024
2.	Cultural Committee Meeting	Physical Mode	22 May, 2024
3.	Finance Committee Meeting	Physical Mode	24 May, 2024
4.	Equivalence Committee Meeting	Blended Mode	18 June, 2024
5.	Research Committee Meeting	Blended Mode	22 August, 2024
6.	Finance Committee Meeting	Physical Mode	18 September, 2024
7.	Equivalence Committee Meeting	Blended Mode	20 September, 2024
8.	Equivalence Committee Meeting	Blended Mode	14 December, 2024
9.	Equivalence Committee Meeting	Blended Mode	11 April, 2025

RESEARCH DIVISION

Research Projects (2024-25)

1. Internationalization of Higher Education: Preparedness of Indian Higher Education Institutions, AIU Report 1/2025
2. Collaborative Research Study on “Artificial Intelligence and its Implications in Higher Education.” With Chatrapati Shahuji Maharaj University, Kanpur (in progress)
3. Research Study on the Underrepresentation of Women in Leadership Positions in Indian Higher Education: A Critical Study on Perspectives of Achievers, Unsuccessful Aspirants, and Other Stakeholders with five Member Universities in 2024-25.
4. Research Study on the Under-Representation of Women in STEM Disciplines: An Analytical Study of Regional and Socio-economic Disparities and Impact of Policy and other Educational Interventions with Northcap University, Gurugram in 2024-25.

Publications:

- Bridging Borders: Transforming Indian Higher Education Through Global Collaboration, Joint Publication of Research Division with Deloitte
- *Genesis, History and contribution to the Development of Higher Education in India.*
- **Directory of PIOs** occupying coveted positions in International Organizations for and developing a network for mutual cooperation and benefit. (Completed).
- **National Policy on Blended Learning**, in collaboration with Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) (Published)

New Initiatives:

- Establishment of Indian Network for Internationalization of Higher Education (**INIHE**). (Website is fully functional and web link: <https://inihe.aiu.ac.in/>) (The portal of INIHE is being upgraded). Identified 15 universities the founder Members of The Indian Network for Internationalization of Higher Education (INIHE) Consortium.
- **Consultancy Cell** with the purpose of creating a Panel of Consultants to engage with our member universities to help them in implementing many of the Government policies such as RUSA, National Institutional Ranking Frame work (NIRF), NAAC rating, Academic Bank of Credit (ABC), NMEICT, PMMMNMTT, National Digital Library (NDL), National Academic Depository (NAD), Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA), including the recently launched NEP 2020, etc. All these schemes are launched with the principal objective of improving the quality, standard, promoting access to higher education and improve research capacity. The services of the expert consultants will be utilized for facilitating the implementation of various policies and schemes introduced by the Govt. **Web link for further information** https://university.aiu.ac.in/Admin_Consultancy/ApplicantList?PostID=1&FLAG=1&Status=Submitted
- Association of Indian Universities has contemplated the idea of launching a New Academic Institutional Ranking System at International level which will be a comprehensive one including the parameters by bridging the gaps.

Anveshan: Student Research Conventions (2024-25)

Anveshan: Student Research Convention for the financial year 2024-25 (Four Zonal and One International) were successfully organized as per following details:-

1. **North Zone-** Galgotias University, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida, UP Dated **November 26-27, 2024.**
2. **East Zone-** Adamas University, Kolkata, West Bengal, Dated **January 17-18, 2025.**
3. **South Zone-** M S Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru, Karnataka, Dated **February 20-21, 2025.**

4. **West Zone-** D.Y. Patil University, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, Dated **January 30-31, 2025.**
5. **International-** Chitkara University, Punjab, Dated **March 10-11, 2025.**

Capacity Building Programmes:

Roundtable /Webinars/Seminars:

- National Conference on “Emergence of Artificial Intelligence in Management Concepts & Practices” organised during **February 21-22, 2024** in Collaboration with RKDF University, Ranchi.
- International Conference on ‘Transforming lives through adoption of SDGS: Role of Higher Education Institutions’ scheduled on **May 30-31, 2024 in collaboration with** GD Goenka University, Sohna Road, Gurugram.
- NAFSA Annual Conference and Education Expo 2024 during **May 28-31, 2024.**
- International Conference SymbioSphere 2024 on the theme “*Navigating the intersection of Science, Technology & Pharmaceuticals with Ecofriendly Solutions towards Sustainability*” on June 23, 2024 in collaboration with RKDF University Ranchi.
- 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.**
- ‘*Bharat-Nepal Higher Education Summit*’ on **15th – 17th February 2024 at Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Nepal**
- Webinar on “Ensuring Academic Integrity in the Era of Artificial Intelligence.” on **March 20, 2024** in collaboration with Turnitin.
- Webinar on “**The Career Arts: Integrating Education, Skills and Social Capital for Successful Career.**” delivered by Mr Ben Wildavsky, a veteran higher education writer on **May 17, 2024.**
- Webinar on “*Creating a Mentally Resilient Campus: A Holistic Approach to Student Mental Wellness*” on **June 21, 2024.** With Mr. Kapil Gupta, Founder Solh Wellness, a renowned entrepreneur and mental health.
- Webinar on the theme “Internationalizing higher education: Challenges and opportunities” on **July 24, 2024** in collaboration with EdifyOnline under UCPS.
- Webinar on the theme “Enabling International collaborations for quality education scale” on **August 28, 2024** in collaboration with EdifyOnline under the UCPS.
- Webinar on the theme “AIU’s Vision and role in Enhancing Excellence and Internationalizing Higher Education in India” on **September 25, 2024** in collaboration with EdifyOnline.
- Webinar on “The Role of Partnerships and Collaborations in Accelerating the Internationalization of Indian Higher Education” is scheduled for **October 30, 2024.**

- Roundtable for the newly appointed Vice Chancellors with Rastriya Raksha University, Gujarat on **08-09 April, 2025**.
- Collaborated with Kalinga University, Raipur for organizing a series of National/International Conference for the academic session 2024-25.

EVALUATION DIVISION

Equivalence and Recognition of Qualifications

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has been according equivalence to the foreign academic qualifications since its inception in 1925. The MoE, GoI recognizing work of AIU in the equivalence of foreign qualifications decided that those foreign qualifications which are recognised/equated by Association of Indian Universities, 16, Kotla Marg, New Delhi are treated as recognised for the purpose of employment to posts and services under the Central Government vide Gazette Notification No. F.15-17/94-TS.IV(.) dated 13th March, 1995. The equivalence of foreign degrees is carried out by the Evaluation Division.

The following works are also carried out by the division: -

1. 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 programme with Master of Business Administration Degree of Indian University for the purpose of admission to higher studies.
2. Equivalence to 04 years Fellowship Programme in Management (FPM) awarded by the stand-alone institutions falling outside the purview of universities equating their FPM programme with PhD degree of Indian University for the purpose of admission to higher studies.
3. 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.

The following activities have been carried out by the division from **01st April, 2024 to till date**:

1. **6,397** equivalence certificates have been issued to the applicants.
2. **Around 301** enquires received from the Nationalized Banks pertaining to disbursement of educational loans to the students intending to join foreign universities. Also, enquiries from the students who have pursued qualifications in foreign countries and their qualifications were recognised but equivalence certificate could not issue e.g. school qualifications below Grade 10.
3. Replied to around **9880** queries received from various agencies/ individuals/universities /institutions.
4. Replied to around **23415** emails received from individuals/universities/institutions.

5. Replied to around **12,900** telephonic enquiries.
6. Addressed queries of around **995** Visitors seeking clarification with regards to equivalence of their Indian/foreign qualifications/accreditation status of foreign universities.
7. Letter to **36** standalone institutes for renewal/extension of their PGDM programmes.
8. Letter to **05** standalone institutes outside the purview of the Universities for equivalence of their 4 yrs full time Fellowship Program in Management (FPM) with PhD degree of an Indian University and **letter for extension/renewal of 02 years for MDI, Gurgaon and XLRI Jamshedpur** of Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) and Executive Fellow Programme in Management (EFPM) with Ph.D. Degree of an Indian University.
9. Equivalence accorded to Secondary/Senior Secondary qualifications/certificates of Dayalbagh Educational Institute (DEI), Agra, Bharath Institute of Schooling Education (R), BISE, Bengaluru and Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), Jamia Nagar, New Delhi with Secondary/Senior Secondary qualifications/Certificates of CBSE/ Other Boards of India.

STUDENTS INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Students Information Services Division at the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has been a vital resource since 1927, providing crucial information on university institutions, professional bodies, and accredited courses.

1927: Publication of Universities Handbook marked the beginning of Students Information Services

1997: The Division was formally named 'Students Information Services'.

The Division provides comprehensive information on:

Universities Handbook (UHB): A comprehensive guide detailing information about universities, faculty, administration, disciplines, admission schedules, and academic calendars. University institutions, Professional bodies, Accredited courses conducted by all universities, teaching staff of university departments. Handbook also provides data on the names of senior administrative and academic heads, tuition fees, hostel facilities, library and research facilities, scholarships and fellowships, eligibility for admission, distance education programmes, affiliated/constituent colleges; Information on faculty specialization in respect of Professors, Associate Professors, Readers and Assistant Professors has also been incorporated of large number of universities. Till date 35 editions of the University Handbook has been published by the SIS Division.

The AIU's Universities Handbook is a nationally and internationally recognized reference guide, consulted by:

- Government Departments
- Embassies
- Students

Services:

The Division provides information of 1074 member universities to stakeholders in India through:

- Replies to day-to-day email inquiries
- Physical letter inquiries
- Online and offline RTI queries
- Telephonic queries

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

The International Division of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), established in 1997 and upgraded in 2009, plays a pivotal role in advancing the global academic footprint of Indian higher education. It fosters initiatives such as student and faculty exchange, joint research, credit transfer, dual/joint degree programs, and the recognition of courses and qualifications between Indian and international universities. Acting as a nodal agency, the division updates and manages Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), collaborates with global university associations, and represents AIU in international forums.

In 2023, the division launched the Indian Network of Internationalization of Higher Education (INIHE), an online platform that connects universities and other higher education institutions (HEIs) to foster global collaboration. INIHE is uniquely positioned to foster robust international partnerships. With a deep understanding of international partnerships, recognition of foreign qualifications, credit transfer, and micro-credentials, it is committed to driving sustainable and seamless collaborations between universities worldwide.

INIHE is also introducing a series of residential international immersion programs to: -

- Provide experiential learning opportunities
- Highlight emerging trends in global education and industry practices
- Enhance cross-cultural understanding
- Strengthen international academic and professional networks
- Promote Indian culture

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 2024-25 signed MoU with the following organizations: -

- ASEAN University Network (AUN) Secretariat, Bangkok.
- Government Of The United Kingdom Of Great Britain And Northern Ireland
- Universities of Canada, Ontario, Canada
- T-Hub Foundation, Hyderabad, Telangana
- Association of Sudanese Universities (ASU), Sudan

- Universities Australia
- CRUE, Spain
- AVUC, Vietnam
- CII (India)
- Association Of Arab Universities
- Saylor Academy, USA
- Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand (APHEIT), Thailand
- Association of Arab Universities (AArU)
- Assocham National Council On Education (NCE)

International division 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 Internationalisation of Higher Education (INIHE)** is formed by AIU which primarily aims at facilitating the internationalisation of higher education in terms of networking, collaborations in teaching and research, mobility of students and faculty, exchange programmes, etc. INIHE endeavours 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) The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has led a delegation of 20-25 member universities to a networking seminar in Spain, co-organized with SEPIE, from July 7th to 11th, 2024.
- c) AIU was invited to participate in the **3rd Global University Associations Forum (GUAF)** held in **Beijing, China on October 11-12, 2024**. This international forum serves as a critical platform for open discussion and collaborative action on pressing issues within higher education. The theme for this year’s event, **“Higher Education Innovation in the Digital Era,”** underscored the importance of navigating the digital landscape to foster progress in universities worldwide.
- d) **The Association of Indian Universities (AIU)** has signed an agreement with **T-Hub Foundation, Hyderabad**, to jointly collaborate and develop Entrepreneurship and Innovation Cells for AIU member universities in consonance with NEP 2020 recommendations.
- e) **The Association of Indian Universities (AIU)** has signed an agreement with **Saylor Academy, USA**, to jointly collaborate and work towards providing new pathways for increasing access to higher education in consonance with NEP 2020 recommendations.
- f) **AIU and Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA)** has signed an agreement and are working to undertake another research project on assessing the effectiveness of online programmes offered by various Indian HEIs.
- g) **Namaste Vietnam - Bharat Vietnam Higher Education Summit** was held by Consulate General of India, Vietnam in collaboration with AIU from 24-26 of August 2024 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. It provided an effective platform for promoting

higher education of India at Vietnam and for establishing a University to University relationship between India and Vietnam. The event witnessed the participation of around 50 Indian and Vietnamese universities and 400+ Vietnamese students participated in the summit.

- h) The **South Asia Higher Education Symposium 2024** was held from November 10-13, 2024 at the Radisson Collection Hotel, Vadistanbul. Bringing together educators, policymakers, and researchers, the symposium explored key issues in South Asian higher education, including quality assurance, accreditation, access, equity, and crisis management. The event facilitated discussions on emerging opportunities and challenges, strengthening collaboration across the region to enhance educational standards and inclusivity.
- i) **The Bharat Nepal Higher Education Summit 2024** was a pivotal event held in Kathmandu, Nepal, from February 15th to 17th, 2024. Organized by the Association of Indian Universities, this summit aimed to foster educational collaborations between India and Nepal.
- j) **Bharat Sri Lanka Higher Education Summit 2025** held on **January 28-29, 2025** at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo, strengthened academic and research collaborations between India and Sri Lanka. Organized by the Association of Indian Universities, the event brought together educators, researchers, and students for key discussions, networking, and partnership opportunities, fostering internationalization in higher education.
- k) The **India-UK-Ireland visit**, held from **February 12-20, 2025**, strengthened academic partnerships, research collaborations, and student mobility between Indian and international institutions. Led by the Association of Indian Universities, the delegation engaged with universities, policymakers, and education leaders through conferences, MoU signings, and strategic discussions, fostering global academic cooperation and internationalization in higher education.
- l) The **AIU-SEPIE Delegation Meeting**, held on **March 24, 2025**, at **India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**, brought together representatives from **25 Spanish universities and Indian higher education institutions** to explore academic and research collaborations. Organized by the **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)** in partnership with **SEPIE (Servicio Español para la Internacionalización de la Educación)**, the event featured insightful discussions on bilateral cooperation, networking sessions, and opportunities for institutional partnerships, fostering deeper international engagement in higher education.
- m) **India-Taiwan Higher Education Forum 2025** was held on **March 26** at **INSA, New Delhi**, fostering academic collaboration and knowledge exchange between India and Taiwan. Organized by the **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)**, the event brought together educators, researchers, and policymakers to discuss key opportunities in higher education, joint research, and student mobility. A significant highlight of the forum was the signing of an **MoU between AIU and the Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education of Taiwan (FICHET)**, aimed at strengthening institutional partnerships and promoting academic exchange.

Upcoming Tours:

- 1) Bharat Myanmar Higher Education Summit
- 2) Bharat Thailand Higher Education Summit
- 3) Bharat Africa Higher Education Summit – *tentatively in May 2025 (Zambia, Kenya or Ghana)*

PUBLICATION AND SALES DIVISION

Activities of the Division

The Publication & Sales (P&S) Division of AIU is responsible for key publishing, sales, and promotional activities to enhance the reach and impact of AIU’s academic resources. The activities of the Division are categorized as follows:

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

1. 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.
- During the period under report, the following Publications, Reports, etc. have been brought out: -
- **University News** (Weekly Journal – 52 issues)
- **Special Issues:**
 - “Nurturing Research and Innovation Ecosystem” (AIU Central Zone VCs’ Meet 2023-24)
 - “Globalization and Internationalization of Higher Education” (AIU North Zone VCs’ Meet 2023-24)
 - “Higher Education @ 2047” (AIU AGM 2023-24)

Other Publications:

- AIU 35th Edition Universities Handbook (2024)
- Draft National Policy on Blended Learning
- AIU Research Report on Internationalization of Higher Education
- “A Century of Evolution, Transformation, and Leadership” - AIU Centenary Book (Final Stages)
- Directory-2024- AIU Member (Universities/Institutions)
- Realizing United Nations Sustainable Development-Goals through Higher Education Institutions

- Recommendations of the AIU Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meets 2023-24
- Presidential Address on the occasion of 98th AGM and National Conference of Vice Chancellor-April, 2024

Various Reports, brochures and booklets on AIU's initiatives and international collaborations:

- Booklet on Indian Universities Delegation Networking Event (seminar between Indian & Spanish University to Barcelona & Madrid, Spain-2024)
- Booklet on the 'India-Vietnam International Collaboration-2024 An initiative under Indian Network of Internationalization of Higher Education (INIHE)- 2024
- Annual Report for the year 2023-24 (English)
- Annual Report for the year 2023-24 (Hindi)
- AIU Audited Accounts, Employees Group Gratuity Scheme and PF Trust for the Year Ended 31st March, 2024 (Bi-lingual)
- Booklet on the 'Bharat-Sri Lanka Higher Education Summit -Jan, 2025 (INIHE)
- Booklet on the 'India-UK-Ireland- Higher Education Summit -Feb, 2025 (INIHE)
- Brochure on activities of P&S Divisions, AIU
- AIU Research Report on Internationalizing of Higher Education: A study of preparedness of Indian Higher Education Institutions
- Brochure on Kickstart Program on Entrepreneurship and Innovations-INIHE
- Receipt Book for accepting Donations to AIU
- Brochure -AIU at a Glance
- Sports Certificate

2. Sales & Promotion of AIU Publications

- To promote AIU's publications, the Division actively engages in exhibitions, publicity campaigns, and outreach programs.
- **Fund Generation:** Revenue generated through book sales to universities, institutions, foreign missions, publishers, and book sellers.
- **Complimentary Distribution:** Key publications are sent to Vice Chancellors, / Director Generals/Directors/Provosts of member Universities, President, Vice President, Prime Minister of India, Governors / Lt. Governors, Ministry of Education, dignitaries of some Ministries and Apex autonomous bodies, etc. on complimentary basis.
- **Participation in the New Delhi World Book Fair (Feb 1-9, 2025):** AIU showcased its publications and academic initiatives.
- Promotion of 35th Edition of Universities Handbook (UHB) 2024
- Comprehensive Information on 985 Member Universities/Institutions
- **47** Central Universities, **395** State Universities, **119** Deemed Universities, **347** Private Universities, **61** INIs (IITs/NITs/IISERs), **16** Associate Members

Contents:

- Courses, Faculty, Research Facilities, Scholarships, Contact Information
- 4 Volumes | 6000+ Pages

Promotional Activities:

- Special outreach through email and participation in Book Fairs.

3. Advertisements in University News Journal

- AIU's weekly journal, *University News*, continues to be a major revenue stream through paid advertisements from universities, colleges, government agencies, and publishers. These advertisements are being considered for inclusion in the University News Weekly Issues on pre-payment basis.
- **Special issues of University News**

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

- **Volume 62 No. 01 (March / April 2024):** on the theme “*Higher Education @ 2047*” on the occasion of AIU AGM 2023-24.
- **Volume 62 No. 45 (November 4-10, 2024) – Zonal Issue (North Zone):** on the theme “**Technological Integration in Higher Education**”.
- **Volume 62 No. 51 (December 6-22, 2024) – Zonal Issue (West Zone):** on the theme “**Leadership and Governance in Higher Education**”.
- **Volume 63 No. 08 (February 24 - March 02, 2025):** on the theme “**Globalization and Internationalization**” on the occasion of AIU Central Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet 2024-25.
- **Volume 63 No. 11 (March 17-23, 2025):** on the theme “**Equity, Diversity and Sustainability**” on the occasion of AIU East Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet 2024-25.

4. Subscriptions of University News

- The print run of University News as of date is nearly 5000 copies.

Distribution Channels:

- Paid subscribers
- Complimentary copies to academic and government officials
- E-Copy sent to Vice Chancellors, Registrars, affiliated colleges’ Principals and Librarians
- Special outreach to PGDM Institutes for subscriptions and advertisements

5. Special Initiatives:

- **First-time inclusion of Colored Advertisements** in *University News*

- Attempts were made to publish advertisements in Colored in place of Black & White while bringing out the Special Issue of University News (March 17-23, 2025) on the occasion of AIU East Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet.
- **Expanded E-copy distribution** to the Vice Chancellors & Registrars
 - Copy of University News Issues is being sent to all the Vice Chancellors and Registrars besides hardcopy of University News on complimentary basis.
- **Expanded E-copy distribution** to affiliated colleges' Principals and Librarians
 - A special campaign was made to procure the emails of the affiliated colleges of the Member Universities. E-copy of University News Issues is being sent to all the Principals and Librarians of the Colleges on regular basis.
- **Expanded outreach to PGDM Institutes**
 - All the PGDM Institutes were approached to become subscribers of University News and publish their advertisements in the University News.
- **AIU's participation in the New Delhi World Book Fair 2025**
 - AIU participated in the New Delhi World Book Fair (February 1-9, 2025) organized by the Ministry of Education and implemented by NBT on the theme Connecting the World with Books, reinforcing AIU's commitment to academic publishing.

The P&S Division continues to play a crucial role in AIU's academic outreach, resource mobilization, and branding. The year 2024-25 has been marked by innovative initiatives, enhanced revenue generation, and a stronger national and international presence through AIU publications.

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 21,647. 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 Judgement 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 2024-25, 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 625 plus telephonic and email queries were attended during the year.

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 2024-25 so far, the reported number of thesis is 3741.

Library Automation

- Start the computerization of Library activities by using KOHA Library Automation Software subscribed by Refread.
- AIU e-Library

The AIU e-Library and its OPAC are valuable resources for the academic community, providing access to a wealth of information and supporting research and learning.

Association of Indian Universities e-Library launch of the AIU e-Library designed to provide the services with seamless access to tens of thousands of open e-Resources—available anytime, from anywhere in the world. The AIU Information Resource Centre in Higher Education has started the new ‘On-line News Clipping Services’ for our Governing Council Members, Member Universities, Education Administrators and AIU Staff Members to apprise you on a daily basis about the news related to the higher education sector appearing in various newspapers. Under this service the News Clippings on Higher Education are sent to our Governing Council Members on daily basis. Further to this, we have decided to compile articles and editorials on higher education on monthly basis and extend this service to all our member universities to apprise them about the articles relating to higher education sector appearing in various newspapers. We have named this service as “AIU Higher Education Monthly News Compendium”. It is a comprehensive digital platform that offers a vast collection of academic resources to support higher education in India. It provides access to thousands of eBooks, peer-reviewed eJournals, and open-access materials, catering to the diverse needs of students, researchers.

Featured Collection:

- AIU Newspaper Clippings,
- AIU Publications,
- Bibliography of Doctoral Dissertations,
- Monthly Articles and Editorials
- Theses of the Month

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AIU library OPAC:

The AIU Library OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) is a crucial component of the e-Library, allowing users to search, browse, and access the library's collection. OPACs have become an essential tool for libraries, replacing traditional card catalogs and providing users with a more efficient and user-friendly way to access library resources. Some of the key features of the AIU Library OPAC are:

- **Search and Retrieval:** Users can search for books, journals, and other materials using various search parameters, such as author, title, keyword, and subject.
- **Bibliographic Records:** The OPAC provides detailed bibliographic records for each item, including author, title, publication details, and subject headings in the field of Science and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences.
- **Availability:** Users can check the availability of items, making it easier to plan their research and borrowing the Library Information, AIU e-Library, Collection, Services, Digital Services, Research Support and Referral link.

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.
- 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.
- The Division also supplies archival information and photographs to the editorial team of the AIU History and AIU Coffee Table books throughout the year.

SPORTS DIVISION

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. 4thKhelo India University Games (KIUG)-2024 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.

4th Edition 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 4th edition of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2024, 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.

Proud Moments for Indian Universities in Asian and World University Championship

- The combined Indian University team participated in first time in Asian University Archery Championship at Taipei City and secured overall Runner Up (2 Gold 1 Silver and 3 Bronze Medals).
- The combined Indian University team participated in World University Squash Championship 2024 at Johannesburg, South Africa, and secured Team Bronze and 1 Individual Bronze.
- The combined Indian University team participated in World University Chess Championship at Uganda from June 25th – 30th 2024 and secured 1 Individual Gold and 1 Individual Silver medal in Women Category. Details attached below:-
- The combined Indian University team participated in World University Shooting Championship at India from 09-13 Nov, 2024 and secured 10 Gold, 09 Silver and 7 Bronze in Men and Women Category. Details attached below: -

S. No.	Name of the Championship	Name of the Medal Winner	Name of University	Position/ Medal
1	The FISU World University Chess Championship	Ms. Aakanksha Hagawane	Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune	Gold
2	2024 At Entebbe, Uganda June 25 th – 30 th 2024	Ms. Saina Salonika	Delhi University, New Delhi	Silver

3	FISU World University Squash Championship 2024 Sep 02-08, 2024	Mr Suraj Chand	Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai	Bronze Individual & Team
4		Mr Rahul Lalan Baitha	Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai	Bronze Team
5		Mr Om Jagdish Semwal	Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai	Bronze Team
6		Ms. Pooja Arthi	University of Madras, Chennai	Bronze Team
7		Ms. Nirupma Dubey	Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai	Bronze Team
8		Ms Shameena Riaz	Anna University, Chennai	Bronze Team
9	Asian University Archery Championship in Taipei City Aug 30 to Sep 02, 2024	Ms Deepshikha	Guru Kashi University, Talwandi, Punjab	Gold Compound event
10		Ms Kirar Muskan	Sri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala Univ, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan	Bronze Compound event
11		Mr Jahagirdar Tejbeer Singh	Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded	Gold Recurve event
12		Ms Kratika Bichpuriya	Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya University, Jabalpur	Silver Recurve Event
13		Ms Tamanna Deshwal	Chandigarh University, Punjab	Bronze Recurve Event
14		Mr Mishra Goldi	Lovely Professional University, Punjab	Bronze Recurve Event
15	FISU World University Shooting Championship	Gill Bhavtegh Singh	Punjab Engineering Collage, Chandigarh	GOLD Skeet Men
16		Rameshbhai Moradiya smit Maddineni Umamahesh Tomar Aishwary Pratap Singh	Veer Narmad South Gujrat Univ., Gujarat KLEF Univ. GNDU, Punjab	GOLD 10M Air Rifle Men Team

17	Tomar Aishwary Pratap Singh Karmakar Adriyan Brar Parikshit Singh	GNDU, Punjab GNDU, Punjab Punjabi Univ, Patiala	GOLD 50M 3P Men Team
18	Bhardwaj Aakash Rana Samrat Sharma Amit	Univ. of Rajasthan Kurukshetra univ GNDU, Punjab	GOLD 10M Air Pistol Men Team
19	Sekhon Abhay Singh Gill Bhavtegh Singh Lally Harmehar Singh	Punjabi Univ. Patiala Punjab Engineering Collage, Punjab GNDU, Punjab	GOLD Skeet Men Team
20	Kaushik Manini Das Sanjeeta Dhankhar Disha	Manav Rachna Univ, Haryana Lovely Professional Univ, Punjab Punjab Univ, Chandigarh	GOLD 10M Air Rifle Women Team
21	Sainyam Sainyam Kaur Arshdeep Palak Palak	Punjab Univ, Chandigarh Punjabi Univ, Patiala Punjab Univ, Chandigarh	GOLD 10M Air Pistol Women Team
22	Brar Simranpreet Kaur Kuldeep Khatri Payal Kaur Arshdeep	Punjab Univ, Chandigarh Punjab Univ, Chandigarh Punjabi Univ, Patiala	GODL 25M Pistol Women Team
23	Das Sanjeeta Tomar Aishwary Pratap Singh	Lovely Professional Univ, Punjab GNDU, Punjab	GOLD 10M Air Rifle Mixed Team
24	Palak Palak Sharma Amit	Punjab Univ, Chandigarh GNDU, Punjab	Silver 10M Air Pistol Mixed Team
25	Rameshbhai Moradiya Smit	Veer Narmad South Gujrat Univ., Gujarat	Silver 10M Air Rifle Men
26	Tomar Aishwary Pratap Singh	GNDU, Punjab	Silver 50M Rifle 3P Men
28	Bhardwaj Aakash	Univ. of Rajasthan, Rajasthan	Silver 10M Air Pistol Men

29		Palak Palak	Punjab Univ, Chandigarh	Silver 10M Air Pistol Women
30		Neeru neru	GNDU, Punjab	Silver Trap Women
31		Paatil Raajwardan Sandhu Rajkanwar Sngh Sameer	Bharti Vidyapeeth Univ, Pune Lovely Professional Univ, Punjab Chandigarh Univ, Mohali	Silver 25M Rapid Fire Pistol Men Team
32		Samra Sift Kaur Kaushik Manini Shahi Vanshika	GNDU, Punjab Manav Rachna Univ, Haryana Chandigarh Univ, Mohali	Silver 50M Rifle 3P Women Team
33		Sainyam Sainyam Rana Samrat	Punjab Univ, Chandigarh Kurukshetra Univ	Silver 10M Air Pistol Mixed Team
34		Gupta Kirti Virk Jungsher Singh	Manav Rachna Univ, Haryana Punjabi Univ, Patiala	Silver Trap mixed Team
35		Sekhon Abhay Singh	Punjabi Univ. Patiala	Bronze Skeet Men
36		Kaur Arshdeep	Punjabi Univ, Patiala	Bronze 10M Air Pistol Women
37		Brar Simranpreet Kaur	Punjab Univ, Chandigarh	Bronze 25M Pistol Women
38		Gupta Kirti	Manav Rachna Univ., Haryana	Bronze Trap Women
39		Rathore Yashasvi	Manipal Univ, Jaipur	Bronze Skeet Women
40		Rathore Yashasvi Tiwari Vanshika Raghuwanshi Mansi	Manipal Univ, Jaipur Rabindranath Tagor Univ, Raisen Rabindranath Tagor Univ, Raisen	Bronze Skeet Women Team
41		Ahlawat Aashima Malek Bakhtyaruddin Mohamadmuzahid	Punjab Univ, Chandigarh Manav Rachna Univ, Haryana	Broze Trap Mixed Team

Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in Delhi, India finished the FISU World University Championship Shooting 2024 with a total of 24 medals. The medal tally included nine gold, nine silver, and six bronze medals. Athletes from 23 countries participated in various shooting disciplines.

1st ever Bilateral Cricket Series between Indian Universities and Australian Universities Men teams

- AIU has been accorded the responsibility to organize 1st ever Bilateral Cricket Series between Indian Universities and Australian Universities Men teams. Accordingly, Dy Patil University, Navi Mumbai and KIIT University Bhubaneswar (host partner universities) under the aegis of AIU has finalized and completed all the arrangements for welcoming Australian Universities Athletes and Officials as well as Indian Universities Cricket contingent to participate in this mega event.

Preparation for forthcoming International University Sporting events

Inter University tournaments are in full swing. AIU is in the process of finalizing the schedule of selection trials, training camps followed by meaningful participation in the upcoming international sporting extravaganza.

YOUTH AFFAIRS DIVISION

Inter-University Zonal and National Youth Festivals (UNIFEST)

The AIU Youth Affairs division orchestrates a range of youth programs, Inter University Youth Festivals (UNIFESTs) dedicated to fostering holistic development, enhancing personality traits, promoting active citizenship, and cultivating youth leadership. These initiatives aim to build national character and instill essential human and cultural values. Additionally, they offer young people opportunities for meaningful interaction, nurturing their innate fine art, craft camp; literary talents and build awareness about India's mesmerizing historical and cultural heritage. Through these activities, the AIU Youth Affairs division plays a vital role in shaping well-rounded, conscientious, and culturally aware future leaders.

The Youth Affairs Division was established in 1984 to realize the vision laid out in the AIU Memorandum. The vision includes the establishment and maintenance of organizations dedicated to youth welfare, student services, cultural programs, and adult education, all of which contribute to the overall refinement of students and educators alike. In 1985, the division launched the Inter-University Youth Festivals (UNIFESTS) at both the zonal and national levels. These festivals have since become an annual tradition, attracting talented students from universities nationwide.

The 38th AIU 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	Participants
1.	AIU Central Zone UNIFEST	Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, M.P	26-30 November 2024	23	955
2.	AIU South East Zone UNIFEST	CHRIST University, Bangalore	19-23 December 2024	27	824
3.	AIU South Zone UNIFEST	SRM Institute of Sc. & Technology, Chennai	26-30 December 2024	21	1048
4.	AIU West Zone UNIFEST	Ganpat University, Gujarat	04-08 January, 2025	42	1956
5.	AIU East Zone UNIFEST	Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata	08-12 January 2025	18	680
6.	AIU North East Zone UNIFEST	The ICFAI University, Agartala	27-31 January 2025	22	802
7.	AIU North Zone UNIFEST	Panjab University, Chandigarh	01-05 February 2025	21	955
8.	AIU North West Zone UNIFEST	Om Sterling Global University, Hisar, Haryana	08-12 February 2025	23	921
9.	AIU National UNIFEST	Amity University, Noida, UP	03-07 March 2025	141	2344

AIU International Folklore Festival

- In the landmark centennial year; celebrating academic excellence, Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has taken a monumental step onto the global stage. Invited to participate in the prestigious Ismailia International Folklore Festival in Egypt from October 2-7, 2024, AIU seized this opportunity to highlight India's vibrant cultural heritage. Selected for this ground breaking initiative was Banasthali Vidyapeeth, the distinguished winner of the national UNIFEST 2023. A dynamic delegation of talented young students captivated audiences with mesmerizing performances of Rajasthani folk dance at esteemed venues, including the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in Egypt. Their extraordinary celebration of 'Bharatiya' culture not only enchanted spectators but also drew accolades from prominent dignitaries, including the Governor of Ismailia, the Director of ICCR, and officials from Egypt and Ministry of Culture, GoI. The students' performances culminated in a resounding standing ovation, a testament to the power of cultural

exchange. Through this initiative, AIU reaffirms its unwavering commitment to providing platforms for Indian students to showcase their creativity and contribute to the global appreciation of India's rich artistic heritage. This endeavor not only promotes Indian art and culture but also fosters international collaboration and understanding, enriching the global tapestry of cultural diversity.

- Invited to participate in Shenzhen International Folk Arts Season, China from 01-05 January, 2025 being organized by the China Mass Cultural Organization, Longgang District People's Government of Shenzhen Municipality and Dept. of Public service, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China. The students of Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur (M.P.) and Parul University, Gujarat, National winners of 2023 UNIFEST participated and showcased their talents in the folk-dance category, representing India on an international platform.
- Invited to participate in the 77th Mandorlo In Fiore International Folk Festival, Agrigento, Italy being organized by the *Municipality of Agrigento*, Italy from 07-17 March, 2025. The students of University of Mumbai, Maharashtra, captivated the audience with a *Divli* (Lamp Dance), where dancers balanced lit lamps symbolizing devotion, and a vibrant *Lavni* performance, blending traditional song and dance, accompanied by the rhythmic beats of the Dholki, at the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Temple of Concordia.

AIU International Youth Festival

To promote the spirit of international integration and foster cultural exchange among the youth, **3rd AIU International Youth Festival** was successfully organized at Parul University, Gujarat from 9-12 December 2024 under the aegis of AIU in which 34 countries showcased their folk dance and cultural procession. This grand festival celebrated the rich diversity of cultures, highlighting the importance of emotional and international integration through the universal language of art. Participants from various countries, regions, and religions came together, strengthening bonds and nurturing mutual respect and understanding through the exchange of cultural expressions.

4th AIU National Moot Court Competition

To upgrade the credential/skills for Law students, 4th National Moot Court Competition was successfully organized at Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Legal Studies, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur during March 21-23, 2025 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.

7th AIU Inter-University National Qawwali Competition

To promote national integration and communal harmony the 7th AIU I.U. National Qawwali Competition was organised at Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University) Mullana, Ambala, Haryana under the aegis of AIU on March 28-29, 2025.

3rd 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, 3rd AIU National Women Student Parliament under the aegis of AIU is scheduled at Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha during April 2-4, 2025.

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, two Finance Committee Meetings were held at AIU House one under the Chairmanship of Prof. G D Sharma, President, AIU on 24.05.2024 and another under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, AIU on 18.09.2024 wherein following important proposals were considered and approved:

a) Finance Committee Meeting dated 24.05.2024

- Appointment of additional 04 Data Entry Operators on a temporary basis through the outsourced agency engaged by AIU.
- Investments of AIU should be made in Fixed Deposit Receipts of Canara Bank, Nationalized/Scheduled Banks and other Public Corporations with government stakes. Funds must not be invested in any risky or market-oriented mutual funds or instruments. The safety of the investment is the primary consideration for investment purposes.
- Based on the legal opinion submitted by Advocate Dr. Ashwani Bhardwaj and M/s Rajiv Mehrotra & Associates, CA Frim, Members unanimously resolved not to accept sponsorship fees to ensure that the charitable status of AIU remains unaffected.

- AIU may accept donations from institutions and agencies without specifying any purpose under section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. These donations shall be utilized for the objectives of the AIU.
- The surplus funds of previous year and advance given to RITES up to 31.03.2024 be first shown as application of funds in the statement of Assessable Income against the Income against the Income for the Financial Year 2023-24 so that there is no tax liability on AIU.
- A proactive approach should be adopted to ensure that M/s. RITES and the Nodal Officer (Renovation Work) submit bills for the complete renovation work of the AIU on priority basis so that surplus funds of FY 2021-22 & 2022-23 are utilized as per the declaration given before the Income Tax Department.
- AIU must ensure that 85% of the gross income is utilized for the objectives of the Association to avoid any income tax liability. Additionally, a systematic approach should be followed to accumulate 15% of the income as surplus on a year-to-year basis.
- The registration fee collected by the Sports Board of AIU, be utilized for:

Sl. No.	Heads of Expenditure	Assistance in Lakhs
1.	Sports specific Training & Coaching Camps	50
2.	Sports Excellence Training Centres in Universities (SETU Centres)	100
3.	AIU Combined University Team Participation	20
4.	International Sports Exchange Programme Participation/Selection Trails and Special training programme to select the athletes and technical officials	20
5.	Hosting of World University Championships	20
	Grand Total	210

- Creating a provision of 30 lakhs in the Revised Estimates (RE) for 2024-25 to purchase the latest model of the Innova Hycross hybrid version. This new vehicle will replace Car no. DL 2C AP 3440 (Maruti SX4 - Petrol), which is 12 years old and frequently requires maintenance.
- Another vehicle Maruti Nexa Ciaz with a Budget Provision of Rs. 14 Lakhs plus additional taxes be purchased during the current financial year to meet the needs of the AIU. This vehicle will be used as an official vehicle for the President, Vice-President and senior members of the Governing Council on need basis.
- M/s Rajiv Mehrotra & Associates, CA Firm be hired as consultants of AIU for accounting and tax related matters.

b) Finance Committee Meeting date 18.09.2024

- Revision of DA, HRA, Gratuity, Children Education and Other Allowances w.e.f. 01.01.2024 and Revision in DA on Foreign Tour.

- Opening of New Bank account: “AIU Centenary Celebration”
- Change in signatories in PFMS, GST, Income Tax portals, AIU Bank accounts and revision in transaction Limit.
- Appointment of Gaurav K Arora & Co. for filling monthly and Annual GST Returns, quarterly IT-TDS Return and for assessment proceedings under GST Act. Existing cases of Income tax will continue to be looked after by M/s Sanjay Satpal & Associates on fees already agreed and approved.
- Credit of Interest amounting Rs. 10,977,467/- to PF Members for the FY 2023-24.
- Pending Annual Subscription of Members University for the period of last three years. (FY 2020-21 to 2023-24) and Pending Annual Subscription from the Member Universities for FY 2024-25.
- Grant in Aid from Ministry of Education for FY 2024-25.
- Receipt and Payment Account, Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Audit Report in respect of AIU, AIU Employees’ Group Gratuity Scheme and AIU Provident Funds Trust for the year 2023-24 received from M/s. Jain V & Co., CA, Delhi, AIU Auditors and accumulation of surplus in terms of section 11 of Income Tax act 1961.
- New policies for Gratuity and Leave encashment benefits to cover AIU employees.
- Appointment of AIU Auditors for the Financial Year 2024-25 in respect of AIU, AIU PF Trust and AIU Employees Group Gratuity Scheme.
- Writing off TDS Recoverable in books of AIU PF Trust, AIU Gratuity Trust & non-movable AIU Publication
- Written of Return/stale Cheques in books of AIU.
- Delegation of Power to Divisional head of General Administration to approve utility bills.
- Increase in number of Consultants (Contractual basis), Young Professionals (Contractual basis) and Data Entry Operators (DEOs) (on outsourcing basis through empanelled manpower agency and CA firm).
- Revised Estimates for the year 2024-25 and the Budget Estimates for the year 2025-26.
- Recommendation of the Committee constituted to examine the case/s of Protection of direct recruits who had joined AIU from the Defence Forces.
- Reimbursement of upgradation charges of flight tickets from Economy to Business Class of Rs.208651.00 to the President, AIU for his Germany visit from 08-13 September 2024.
- Empanelment of M/s Rajiv Mehrotra and Associates CA Firm.

Grant-in-Aid from the MoE

- The Division has been providing required information and financial statements of Receipt and Expenditure to the Ministry of Education for procuring the Grant on year-to-year basis.

- Physical & Financial targets for the FY 2024-25 were sent to the Ministry of Education for approval of grant in favor of AIU.
- Ministry of Education has allocated the Budget Estimate of Rs.200.00 Lakhs in favor of AIU for FY 2024-25 under the Grants-in-Aid General (Object Head-31).
- Grant-in-Aid of Rs.150.00 Lakhs has been released by the MoE during the period of 01.04.2024 to 31.12.2024.
- The expenditure incurred on activities of Research Division, Sports & Youth Affairs Division and Meetings Division have been met from the Grant-in-Aid (General) received from MoE.
- Utilization certificate for the Grant received in the FY 2023-24 was sent to MoE under GFR 12A.
- A request letter No. AC/Grant/2024-25 dated May 14, 2024 has been sent to the Secretary to the GOI, Ministry of Education with a copy to Ministry of Education requesting for enhanced grant-in-aid to support Centenary Celebrations of AIU and other educational initiatives.

Initiatives & Activities

AIU has continued and further strengthened new, paperless payment solution for depositing various fees 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 Enquiry
- Fee for Vice Chancellors' Retiring Rooms
- Fee for Conference Rooms
- Fee for Educational summit

Net Banking option as Payment mode up to Rs.800000/- has 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.

QR codes are also displayed for the payment of Retiring Rooms as well as for Sales and Publications.

Annual Subscription

Annual Subscription notices for the year 2024-25 were sent to the Member Universities in March, 2024. Subscription of Rs.7.52 crores has been received during the period from 01.04.2024 to till date.

Staff Welfare

AIU has obtained a new LIC policy (No.21013830) towards EL Encashment and Gratuity to cover all employees to cover all employees w.e.f. 01.01.2025.

GST Audit

GST Audit for the Financial Year 2023-24 was conducted by M/s Gaurav K Arora & Co. during the month of December 2024 and the final return was filed on the GST Portal on 30.12.2024.

RTI

Online / offline RTI applications were replied by the Division.

AIU registered as a CSR entity

AIU has now been registered for undertaking CSR activities and the Registration no. is CSR00079164. CSR Registration is a mandate for Indian organizations that wish to execute CSR activities funded by companies. It encourages a good public image, long-run sustainability and substantive support for society in general.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Division of the Association of Indian Universities plays a pivotal role in the implementation of policies and decisions made by the General Body, Governing Council, Staff Affairs Committee, and various other committees. It is entrusted with overseeing all establishment and personnel-related matters viz, Recruitment, Personal Promotions, Leave, LTC, RTI matters, Court cases, etc., ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of the organisation.

The Division operates with a focus on the 5 Cs: **Comprehensive, Conducive, Contributing, Cohesive, and Co-operative** administration. The Division is committed to fostering an effective and supportive administrative environment.

Key responsibilities of the Division include:

- Providing manpower support to all other Divisions within AIU.
- Promoting a conducive work culture and enhancing developmental initiatives for the Association's growth.
- Managing infrastructure, facilities at AIU House.

Highlights of the Year:

- **Meetings:**

Several key committees like **Cadre Review Committee, Services/DoPT Rules**

Committee, etc., meetings were held during the year on important issues such as **cadre restructuring/ Recruitment Rules, Special Allowance, Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS)**. Employee/staff grievances were effectively addressed and resolved.

- The Division has initiated proper leave record maintenance through the **Samarth** platform to streamline administrative operations and enhance efficiency.

Right to Information (RTI) Compliance

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) functions as a public authority under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005. In compliance with the Act, the Association is committed to providing timely and accurate information to applicants seeking details under this legislation.

The Administration Division plays a key role in processing RTI applications related to its activities and functions. During the reporting year, the Division received RTI applications and appeals through the RTI-MIS portal facilitated by the Ministry of Education, Government of India — the nodal ministry for AIU. All applications and appeals were duly addressed and disposed of within the stipulated timeframe.

COMPUTER SECTION

1. The section is committed to provide uninterrupted IT and network services to various AIU divisions including following:
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Hosting and other technical assistance were provided during number of online Meetings which were hosted through various online platforms like Zoom, MS Teams etc. Live streaming of various AIU's Online events/ Zonal Meets on AIU's official YouTube/ Twitter/ Facebook.
6. Technical support and other assistance, over phone/ emails were provided to member Universities.

7. Revamping of existing AIU Website was done in support of CSJM University, Kanpur Maintenance and periodic updating of the information on AIU website with epigrammatic information and user-friendly layout (<https://www.aiu.ac.in>).
8. Setup of Wi-fi Network in AIU Campus.
9. Renewal of Unified Thread Management (UTM), gateway level firewall for next 05 years.
10. Procurement and installation of Desktop Computers (25 Nos.) with latest configuration and their installation in various AIU Divisions.
11. Setup of Video Conferencing in AIU Conference Hall 5th floor.
12. Patronage & maintenance of IT peripherals like Hardware/ Printers/ Scanners etc. along with coordination with CAMC.

Thank you



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