

**Association of Indian Universities**  
**Minutes: 381<sup>st</sup> Governing Council Meeting**

**Venue:** AIU House, New Delhi  
**Mode:** Blended

**Date:** September 24, 2024  
**Time:** 11:30 am

**Present**

1. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, AIU	In Chair
2. Prof. G. D Sharma, Immediate Past President, AIU	Member
3. Prof. Sat Prakash Harpal	Member
4. Prof. C Patwardhan	Member
5. Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa	Member
6. Prof. (Dr.) Savita Sengupta	Member
7. Prof. Anand Kumar Tyagi	Member
8. Dr. Anup K Singh	Member
9. Prof. Manoj K Arora	Member
10. Prof. P L Dharma	Member
11. Dr. Ranish Gopal Singh	Member
12. Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar	Member
13. Prof. Pravat Kumar Roul	Member
14. Prof. Neelima Gupta	Member
15. Dr. Alok Kumar Chakrawal	Member
16. Prof. Yogesh Singh	Member
17. Prof. Anil Shukla	Member
18. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, SG, AIU	Member Secretary

Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Prof. (Dr.) Savita Sengupta, Dr. Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Prof. Anil Shukla and Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal attended the meeting in physical mode. The rest of the members joined the meeting virtually.

The following members could not attend the meeting due to some unavoidable reasons and were granted leave of absence:

1. Prof. V. N. Rajasekharam Pillai
2. Prof. (Dr.) B L Sharma
3. Prof. Harilal B Menon
4. Dr. M Vijayakumar

The President, and Secretary General, AIU warmly welcomed all the members of the Governing Council of the Association, especially Prof. C Patwardhan, Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Prof. Anand Kumar Tyagi, Prof. Manoj K Arora, Prof. P L Dharma, Prof. Pravat Kumar Roul, Prof. Yogesh Singh and Prof. Anil Shukla who were attending GC meeting for the first time.

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



## CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

381/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 380<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on June 27, 2024.

**Confirmed.**

## ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

381/02 To report action taken on the minutes of the 380<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting held on June 27, 2024.

**Noted.**

## ITEMS FOR REPORTING

381/03 To report the grant of membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Universities:

[Note: The Governing Council in its 365<sup>th</sup> GC Meeting held on September 14, 2021 resolved to authorize the President of the Association to approve the grant of membership of AIU to the applicant universities subject to fulfillment of the condition of AIU rules and regulations and the matter be reported to the GC subsequently.

### State Public University -03; State Private University- 03 (Total-06)

The University should be registered u/s 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956

- (1) Atal Medical & Research University, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (2) Techno India University, Kolkata, West Bengal w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (3) National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi, Jharkhand w.e.f. 04.07.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (4) Ramdeobaba University, Nagpur, Maharashtra w.e.f. 07.06.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (5) K.M (Krishan Mohan) University, Mathura, U.P w.e.f. 01.04.2024.
- (6) Baba Amte Dnyang University, Jaipur, Rajasthan w.e.f. 30.04.2024 (Date of UGC Letter).

**Noted.**

381/04 To report the following changes in the composition of AIU Governing Council:

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- (1) Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal, VC, Central University of Himachal Pradesh University, Dharamshala, H.P. was nominated on the Governing Council of the Association on the basis of his individual seniority from North Zone for the period of two years i.e., from 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2026 in place of Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC, KJNSOU, New Delhi who was nominated on the Governing Council for the period 26.03.2023 to 25.03.2026. However, Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal having the larger period of individual seniority, he was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of individual seniority from North Zone. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC, KJNSOU, New Delhi may be permitted be nominated again on the GC w.e.f. 24.06.2024 (for the residual period only) once the vacancy arises.
- (2) Prof. Manoj K. Arora, VC, BRM University, Andhra Pradesh was nominated on the Governing Council of the Association on the basis of his individual seniority from South Zone for the period of two years i.e., from 27.06.2024 to 26.06.2026 in place Prof. Kuldeep Kumar Raina, VC, K B Ramiah Univ. of App. Sciences, Bangalore who has completed his tenure on the Governing Council.
- (3) Prof. C. Patvardhan, Director, Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of Institutional Seniority from North Zone for the period 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2026 in place of Prof. B. R. Kumbhoj, VC, CCB Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar, who has completed his tenure on 30.06.2024.
- (4) Prof. Anand Kumar Tyagi, VC, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of Institutional Seniority from East Zone for the period 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2026 in place of Prof. Sanjay Kumar Choudhary, VC, Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga, who has completed his tenure on 30.06.2024.
- (5) Prof. Harpal B. Menon, VC, Goa University, Goa was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of Institutional Seniority from West Zone for the period 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2026 in place of Prof. D.A. Nagdevi, Director (Additional Charge), IIPS, Mumbai, who has completed his tenure on 30.06.2024.
- (6) Prof. P.L. Dharma, VC, Mangalore University, Mangalore was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of Institutional Seniority from South Zone for the period 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2026 in place of Dr. Sanjay Behari, Director, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, who has completed his tenure on 30.06.2024.

- (7) Prof Pravat Kumar Fautl, VC, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of Institutional Seniority from Central Zone for the period 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2026 in place of Dr. Milind A. Barhate, VC, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati, who has completed his tenure on 30.06.2024.
- (8) Prof Yogesh Singh, VC, University of Delhi, Delhi was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of Co-option by President, AIU for the period of one year i.e., 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025 in place of Prof. Rajiv Mohan Paul, VC, Assam University, Assam, who has completed his tenure on 30.06.2024.
- (9) Prof Anil Shukla, VC, Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer, Delhi was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of Co-option by President, AIU for the period of one year i.e., 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025 in place of Sat Prakash Bansal, VC, Central University of Himachal Pradesh University, Dharamshala, H.P, who has completed his tenure on 30.06.2024.
- (10) Prof. B. L. Sharma, VC, Inst. of Adv. Studies in Edu. Rajasthan was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of Individual Seniority from West Zone for the period 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2026 in place of Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, VC, Somaya Vidyapeeth University, Mumbai, who was the member of Governing Council on the basis of Individual Seniority from West Zone for the period 05.01.2024 to 04.06.2026, however, being nominated as the Vice President, AIU and being the member of the Governing Council on the Ex-officio capacity as the Vice President, AIU, he vacated the post on the Governing Council on 30.06.2024.
- (11) Prof. (Dr.) Fiazur Mustfa, VC, Charalaya National Law University, Patna was nominated on the Governing Council of the Association on the basis of his individual seniority from East Zone for the period of two years i.e., from 30.07.2024 to 29.06.2026 in place Prof Sanjay Pratap Singh, VC, Royal Global University, Guwahati who has demitted the post of VC, Royal Global University, Guwahati on 25.07.2024.

**Notes.**

- 381/05 To report the allocation of Zonal and National Youth Festivals/programmes to various universities for the year 2024-25 as per following details:

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Sl No	Programme	University	Dates
1.	Central Zone UNIFEST	Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, MP	26 - 30 November, 2024
2.	North East Zone UNIFEST	The ICFAI University, Tripura	17 - 21 December, 2024
3.	South Zone UNIFEST	SMM Institute of Science & Technology, Kancherapuram, TN	26 - 30 December, 2024
4.	West Zone UNIFEST	Ganpat University, Gujarat	04 - 08 January 2025
5.	East Zone UNIFEST	Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata, WB	08 - 12 January 2025
6.	North Zone UNIFEST	Punjab University, Chandigarh	01 - 05 February 2025
7.	North West Zone UNIFEST	Ora Sterling Global University, Haryana	08 - 12 February, 2025
8.	South East Zone UNIFEST	Presidency University, Bengaluru	12 - 16 February, 2025
9.	AIU National UNIFEST	Amity University, Noida, UP	03 - 07 March, 2025
10.	AIU International Youth Festival	Punjab University, Vadodara, Gujarat	09 - 13 December 2024
11.	AIU National Quizzing Competition	NIMS University Jaipur, Rajasthan	Tentative 04 - 05 April, 2025
12.	AIU National Moot Court Competition	Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Univ, Kanpur	To be decided
13.	AIU National Youth Adventure & Trekking Camp	Bhai JAT University, Rajasthan	To be decided
		Desh Bhagat Univ, Mandi	To be decided
14.	AIU National Women Student Parliament	Centurion University of Tech & Mgt, Odisha	To be decided

**Approved. The GC also authorized President and Secretary General of the Association to make any changes in the allocation of Zonal and National Youth Festivals/programmes to various universities for the year 2024-25; in case of any exigencies.**

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381/06 To report the allocation of event of sports to various universities for the year 2024-25.

**Approved.** The GC further authorized President and Secretary General of the Association to make any changes in the allocation of event of sports to various universities for the year 2024-25; in case of any exigencies.

381/07 To report the progress of recent activities in the field of Internationalization.

**Noted.** The GC appreciated the recent activities of AIU in the field of Internationalization. The GC also suggested to plan an Education Fair for SAARC countries to explore the possibility of getting students and partnerships from SAARC countries. It was also proposed that a yearly calendar may be prepared in advance mentioning all activities planned to promote Internationalization.

381/08 To report engagement of Five (05) Young Professionals on temporary & contractual basis in AIU and to consider leave in respect of Young Professionals in AIU.

**Noted.** The GC also approved the proposal of leave of 01 day /month for Young Professionals engaged by AIU.

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

381/09 To consider and approve the proposal of launching a New Academic Institutional Ranking System at the International Level.

**Approved.** The GC appreciated the AIU's proposal of launching a New Academic Institutional Ranking System at the International Level. The GC suggested to prepare a detailed proposal for the same with the help of an expert committee to be constituted by President, AIU, for the consideration of GC.

381/10 To consider the proposal for Launching E-Copy of University News and Revision of Subscription Rates for Hard Copies.

**Approved.** The GC suggested that the e-copy of University News may be sent free of cost to all the universities, associate member universities and colleges to improve its circulation and stability.

381/11 To consider and approve the minutes of the Research Committee Meeting, held on 22.08.2024.

**Approved.**

381/12 To consider and approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, held on 18.09.2024.

**Approved.**

381/13 To consider and approve the minutes of the Equivalence Committee Meeting, scheduled to be held on 20.09.2024.

**Approved.**

381/14 To consider and approve the minutes of the Renovation Committee Meeting held on 06.09.2024.

**Approved.** The GC also approved the additional cost estimates of Rs. 2, 12, 63, 628/- and Rs. 2, 15,93,432/-, received from M/s RITES vide demand letter Nos. RITES/NRPO-PG Delhi/AIU/2014 dated 03.07.2024 and RITES/NRPO-PU Delhi/AIU/2014 dated 09.08.2024 respectively.

381/15 To consider and approve the proposal of inviting partnership for the Centenary Celebration of the AIU.

**Approved.** The GC authorized President and Secretary General, AIU to modify the proposal as per the requirements and decide the scheme for partnership in respect of any firm/company/corporations etc.

381/16 To consider Transport Allowance and Leave in respect of consultants engaged on contractual basis in AIU.

**Approved.**

381/17 To consider and approve the recommendation of the Committee constituted to examine the case/s of Pay Protection of direct recruits who had joined AIU from the Defence Forces.

The Governing Council approved the recommendations of the Committee. The Council further resolved to approve and regularize the pay protection granted to Shri Vijendra Kumar, who joined AIU as an "Assistant" through direct recruitment, including the non-recovery of the so-called 'excess' payments made to him. The Governing Council was of the considered view that all re-employed personnel (Ex-servicemen) from the Defence forces and Government

who join AIU should be provided with pay protection in accordance with the last drawn salary in the Defence forces & Government. This includes Shri Ajay Kumar Maurya and Shri Dinesh Kumar, both of whom served as non-commissioned officers in the Defence forces/Indian Navy and joined AIU as "Assistant" through direct recruitment. The AIU may also frame specific rules for the same.

381/18 To consider and approve the cases of regularization of services of the contractual employees of AIU.

The GC unanimously resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee for regularization of services of following 14 contractual employees of AIU:

1.	Fellow/Trainee	01 (Dr. Topita Kanwar)
2.	Trainee (Library Assistant)	01 (Mrs. Rajinder Kaur)
3.	Trainee (Assistant)	02 (Sh. Ankur Gupta & Dr. Gaurav Rai)
4.	Data Entry Operator	01 (Mrs. Sarita Rowat)
5.	Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS)	08 (1) Sh. Mukesh Kumar, 2) Sh. Riyaz Hussain, 3) Sh. Bhubnesh Chandra, 4) Sh. Ashok Kumar, 5) Sh. Nitender Kumar, 6) Sh. Vishal Kumar, 7) Sh. Deepak Mishra & 8) Sh. Tek Chand)
6.	Driver	01 Sh. Raj Kumar

The Governing Council resolved that the appointment of eight (08) individuals currently working as MTS for more than 10 years against sanctioned MTS posts be regularized as MTS on a regular basis. Fellow Trainee (01), Trainee (Library Assistant) (01), Trainee (Assistant) (02), and DEO (01) may be regularized against the post of LDC (Level 2) on a regular basis. Shri Raj Kumar may be regularized as Staff Car Driver by downgrading the post of Driver cum Mechanic to Staff Car Driver at Level 1. It was further resolved that upon the regularization of all the above-mentioned contractual employees, their past service in a contractual capacity shall not be counted for any future purposes or benefits. The mandatory period of probation shall be applicable to them.

- 381/19 To consider increase in number of Consultants (Contractual basis), Young Professionals (Contractual basis) and Data Entry Operators (DEOs) (on outsourcing basis through expanded manpower agency).

*The GC approved the proposal of creating additional post of Consultant-04 (four) and Young Professional- 05 (five) on purely temporary and contractual positions through the open market. The GC also approved the proposal of creating additional 10 (ten) posts of Data Entry Operators (DEOs) on purely temporary and contractual basis, to be filled on an outsourcing basis through an expanded manpower agency.*

- 381/20 To consider and approve the visit of Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU for the 'South Asia Higher Education Symposium', scheduled to be held in Istanbul, Türkiye from November 10-13, 2024.

*Approved.*

- 381/21 To consider and approve the proposal of AIU led delegation comprising of 10-15 universities to Montclair State University, New Jersey, USA for discussions on research-focused topics, fostering mutual learning, and enhanced collaboration and innovation in academic research between New Jersey and Indian universities.

*Approved. It was resolved that participant universities may be charged an amount of Rs. 3 lakhs as AIU fee. However, the members of the Governing Council may be exempted from such charges.*

- 381/22 To consider and approve the payment of the difference of economy and business class by AIU in respect of the travel expenses of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pashak, President, AIU during his official visit to Germany to take part in the celebrations marking 50 years of Science and Technology Cooperation between India and Germany and aims to enhance institutional contacts and foster Indo-German higher education and research cooperation, organized by the DAAD Regional Office New Delhi from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

*Approved.*

- 381/23 To present the progress report of various Divisions of the Association since last meeting of the 380<sup>th</sup> Governing Council dated 25.07.2024.

*The GC perused the works and progress of various divisions of the Association since last meeting of the 380<sup>th</sup> Governing Council dated 27.06.2024 and appreciated the efforts putting by the AIU President, Secretary General and officers.*

381/24 To report the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between T-Hub Foundation, Hyderabad and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) on developing Entrepreneurship and Innovation Cells for AIU member universities.

*Noted and approved.*

381/25 To consider a proposal for Signing an MoU with Commonwealth of Learning - Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) for Collaboration with regard to AADC.

*Approved.*

381/26 To seek approval of Governing Council on the proposal of signing of Contract between Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) on evaluating effectiveness of online education programs offered by Indian institutions.

*Approved.*

381/27 To discuss the various avenues for resource generation for the AIU.

*The GC appreciated the various ideas of resource generation for the AIU.*

381/28 To consider and approve the proposal received from Center for Civilizational Studies, Delhi for becoming Knowledge/Key partner of the centenary year celebration of the Kakori Resistance 2024-25.

*Approved. The GC suggested that all the AIU member universities may also be informed for becoming Knowledge/Key partner of the centenary year celebration of the Kakori Resistance 2024-25*

#### Any other Items

381/29 To consider and approve the proposal of launching three courses on Circular Economy in collaboration with International Circular Economy.

*Approved.*

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

  
Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal  
Secretary General

Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak  
President