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Advisory to all member universities for promoting and facilitating student participation in AIU Youth Affairs (Cultural) Programmes

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering holistic student development through active participation in AIU Youth Affairs (Cultural) Programmes. These initiatives-spanning the Zonal, National, and International levels play a crucial role in promoting talent, teamwork, discipline, cultural exchange, and national integration.

To ensure that student participants receive adequate academic, infrastructural, and administrative support, the AIU IUNC Board in its 17th meeting has recommended that all member universities should adopt the following:

1. Duty Leave for Participants

- Universities shall grant **duty leave** to all staff and students for the full duration of their participation in **AIU Youth Affairs (Cultural) Programmes**, including performance days, rehearsals, approved preparatory sessions, and travel.
- Such leave shall be officially recorded in the students' attendance register as **“On Participation – Duty Leave,”** ensuring it is not counted as an absence.

2. Provision for Re-examinations

- Students missing academic assessments, internal tests, or examinations due to participation in AIU's Youth Affairs (Cultural) Programmes shall be given the opportunity for **special re-examinations** or **rescheduled assessments**, ensuring no loss of academic assessment/grades.

3. Extra Classes/Remedial Support

- Institutions should arrange **extra classes** or **remedial sessions/recorded classroom lectures/worksheets** etc. for students who miss lectures, practical, or tutorials due to participation in **cultural activities**.
- Faculty should extend **academic guidance & support** to help students catch up on missed syllabus content.

4. Infrastructure & Logistics Support

- Universities must ensure safe, well lighted and hygienic **practice and rehearsal spaces** for cultural activities with availability of separate toilets, changing room etc.
- Necessary logistics and transportation support should be provided, including:
 - Availability of a lady supervisor after 6 pm.
 - Musical instruments, sound systems, stage equipment, and lighting
 - Costumes, props, and performance materials
 - Transportation, accommodation, food and related facilities for all participants

All member universities are requested to take adequate measures and implement SOPs to create an enabling environment that supports and nurtures student participation in cultural activities, thereby contributing to a vibrant, inclusive, and culturally enriched campus life.