

Association of Indian Universities
Minutes: 384th Governing Council Meeting

Venue: Through Online Mode

Date: October 24, 2025
Time: 11.00 am

Present

1. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, President, AIU	In Chair
2. Prof. G D Sharma, Imm Past President, AIU	Member
3. Prof. Sangeeta Shukla	Member
4. Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal	Member
5. Prof. C Patvardhan	Member
6. Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa	Member
7. Prof. Anand Kumar Tyagi	Member
8. Dr. Shashank D Dalvi	Member
9. Dr. M Vijayakumar	Member
10. Prof. P L Dharma	Member
11. Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar	Member
12. Prof. Pravat Kumar Roul	Member
13. Dr. Alok Kumar Chakrawal	Member
14. Dr. Rajan Welukar	Member
15. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, SG, AIU	Member Secretary

Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Dr. Alok Kumar Chakrawal, 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. (Dr.) B L Sharma
2. Prof. Harilal B Menon
3. Prof. P J Narayanan
4. Prof. Yogesh Singh

The President, and Secretary General, AIU warmly welcomed all the esteemed members of the Governing Council of the Association.

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

384/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 383rd Governing Council Meeting held on June 30, 2025.

Confirmed.




ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

384/02 To report action taken on the minutes of the 383rd Governing Council Meeting held on June 30, 2025.

Noted and approved.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING

384/03 To report the grant of membership of the Association of Indian Universities to the following Universities:

[Note: The Governing Council in its 365th 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 Universities -12; State Private Universities- 21; Associate Member University-02; Deemed to be University (Govt.) -01; Deemed to be University (Private) -01; Central University-01 (Total- 38)}

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

- (1) St. Xavier's University, Kolkata, West Bengal w.e.f. 01.04.2025.
- (2) Annamacharya University, Annamayya, Andhra Pradesh w.e.f. 03.04.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (3) Sharda University Agra, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2025.
- (4) Azim Premji University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 09.07.2025.
- (5) Maharaja Suhel Dev University, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 25.07.2025.
- (6) Major Dhyan Chand Sports University, Salawa, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 13.05.2025 (Date of UGC letter).
- (7) Rungta International Skills University, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh w.e.f. 22.07.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (8) Pannadhay University, Sikkim w.e.f. 13.08.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (9) Eklavya University, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2025.
- (10) Guru Jambheshwar University, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2025.
- (11) Film and television Institute of India, Law College Road, Pune-411004, Maharashtra w.e.f. 22.04.2025 (Date of the Section 3 letter).
- (12) JSS University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 08.09.2025.
- (13) Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur, Rajasthan w.e.f. 01.04.2025.

- (14) The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Skill University, Kazi Road, Vishal Gaon, Gangtok-737101, Sikkim w.e.f. 04.09.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (15) Trident University of Applied Sciences, Dentam Bazar, Stadium Road, Dentam Valley. Dis- West Sikkim (Gyalshing)-737113, Sikkim w.e.f. 04.09.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (16) Biswa Bangla Biswabidyalay, Bolpur, Birbhum District, West Bengal-731204 w.e.f. 01.04.2025.
- (17) Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna, Bihar w.e.f. 11.09.2025.
- (18) G H Rasoni Skill Tech University, Nagpur, Maharashtra w.e.f. 13.08.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (19) G H Rasoni Skill Tech University, Pune, Maharashtra w.e.f. 29.08.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (20) Atharva University, Mumbai, Maharashtra w.e.f. 22.07.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (21) Sikkim Sardar Patel University, Sikkim w.e.f. 09.09.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (22) Sardar Patel University, Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 25.09.2025.
- (23) University of Southampton Delhi, Block III, International Tech Park, Off Golf Course Ext Road, Alahawas, Sector 59, Gurugram, Haryana-122101, w.e.f. 15.07.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (24) Madhabdev University, Lakhimpur, Assam w.e.f. 26.09.2025.
- (25) HRIT University, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2025.
- (26) Mandya University, Mandya, Karnataka w.e.f. 01.04.2025
- (27) German University of Digital Science, Germany w.e.f. 01.04.2025.
- (28) King George's Medical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2025
- (29) Rani Awantibai Lodhi University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2025.
- (30) Takshashila University, Ongur Post, Tindivanam Taluk, Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu, Pin-604305 w.e.f. 13.05.2025 (Date of UGC letter).
- (31) Madanapalle Institute of Technology & Science (MITS) (Deemed to be University), Kadiri Road Angallu, Village Madanapalle, Andhra Pradesh-517325 w.e.f. 15.07.2025 (Date of ICR Division, MoE letter).
- (32) Mata Tripura Sundari Open University, Gomati, Tripura w.e.f. 01.04.2025
- (33) Veeranari Chakali Iamma Women's University, Hyderabad, Telangana w.e.f. 01.04.2025
- (34) Ethics University, Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand w.e.f. 04.09.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (35) K N University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat w.e.f. 01.04.2025
- (36) North Lakhimpur University, Lakhimpur, Assam w.e.f. 30.09.2025 (Date of UGC Letter).
- (37) Mahindra University, Hyderabad, Telangana w.e.f. 01.04.2025.
- (38) Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University, Telangana w.e.f. 01.04.2025.

Noted and approved.





384/04 To report the following changes in the composition of AIU Governing Council:

- (1) Prof. (Dr.) Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay was nominated on the basis of his individual seniority from East Zone for the period 18.06.2025 to 17.06.2027; in the capacity of VC, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata. Further, Prof. (Dr.) Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay vide his email dated August 19, 2025, mentioned that he has demitted the post of VC, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata and requested that he may be relived from the membership of the Governing Council.
- (2) Prof. P J Narayanan, Director, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of his individual seniority from Central Zone for the period 18.06.2025 to 17.06.2027.
- (3) Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice President, AIU & VC, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai vide his email dated 16.07.2025 submitted his "Resignation" from the post of Vice President, AIU and member of the Governing Council.
- (4) Prof. Manoj K. Arora, VC, S R M University, A.P was nominated on the Governing Council on the basis of his individual seniority from South Zone for the period 27.06.2024 to 26.06.2026. Prof. Manoj K. Arora vide his communication dated 09.09.2025 intimated that he had completed his 3 years tenure as VC at SRM University AP and relinquished the post of VC, SRM University AP on September 8, 2025.

Noted and approved.

384/05 To report the themes/Sub-themes and dates of the 100th AIU Annual Meet & National Conference of Vice Chancellors for the year 2026 and AIU Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2025-26, including selection of host universities.

[Note: One of the significant activities of the AIU is to convene the Vice Chancellors Meets at the Zonal and National levels to discuss various issues related to higher education. India is a country with a large geographical area, for ease of reaching out, AIU has grouped the member HEIs into 5 zones i.e., North, South, East, West and Central. Thus, 5 Zonal Meets and one National Conference of Vice Chancellors are organized annually.

Themes and dates of the 100th AIU Annual Meet & National Conference of Vice Chancellors for the year 2026 and AIU Zonal Vice Chancellors'



Meet 2025-26, including selection of host universities have been approved by Hon'ble President, AIU.

Appended below please find the details of themes of the 100th AIU Annual Meet & National Conference of Vice Chancellors for the year 2026 and AIU Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2025-26, including list of host universities:

100th AIU Annual Meet & National Conference of Vice Chancellors & AIU Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet 2025-26				
S. No	Zone	Theme/Sub-Themes	Dates	Host University
1.	100 th AIU Annual Meet & National Conference of Vice Chancellors	Theme: Shaping Self-Reliant Bharat through Knowledge and Innovation	April, 2026 (Tentative)	Dr D Y Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune, Maharashtra
2.	North	Theme: Integrating traditional wisdom in curriculum and research Sub-Themes: ➤ Embedding Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) into Curricula & Faculty Development ➤ Interdisciplinary Research Linking Ancient Wisdom with Modern Science & Technology ➤ Futuristic dimensions of IKS	09-10 Dec, 2025	Lovely Professional University Jalandhar, Punjab




3.	East	<p>Theme: Promoting sustainability and social responsibility in HEIs</p> <p>Sub-Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Research and Innovation in HEIs for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ➤ University Social Responsibility (USR) for promoting Swadeshi ➤ Futuristic Digital and Technological Pathways to Sustainability 	22-23 Dec, 2025	Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna, Bihar
4.	South	<p>Theme: Promoting Entrepreneurship & Startups in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)</p> <p>Sub-Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Education for Increasing Entrepreneurship mindset in Students ➤ Establishing Incubation and Innovation Centres to promote Techno-Nationalism ➤ University-Industry Collaboration for Startup Development 	20-21 Jan, 2026	M S Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru, Karnataka
5.	Central	<p>Theme: Creating AI & Quantum enabled HEIs</p> <p>Sub-Themes:</p>	19-20 Feb, 2026	Osmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Integrating AI and Quantum Technologies into Higher Education Curriculum, Pedagogy and Governance ➤ AI-Driven Indigenous Research and Product Development ➤ Global Regulatory Framework for AI and Ethics in AI 		
6.	West	<p>Theme: Self-reliant Bharat through Swadeshi, Economic Patriotism and Techno-nationalism</p> <p>Sub-Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Redesigning Educational Ecosystem to Promote Swadeshi ➤ Promoting Research and Development in Indigenous Technologies ➤ Economic Patriotism Leading to Economic Indigenization 	10-11 March, 2026	Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur, Rajasthan

Noted and approved.

384/06 To report the selection of candidate for the post of Joint Secretary (Sports) on deputation basis in AIU for a period of two years.

The Governing Council did not ratify the appointment and resolved to repatriate of Dr. Binu Geroge Varghese, Joint Secretary (Sports) to his parent university.

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384/07 To report the conduct of AIU 2nd National Conference of Women Vice Chancellors', held at Bhimtal during August 21-22, 2025.

Noted and approved.

384/08 To report the organisation of National Workshops on Strategic Leadership and Innovation for University Registrars of AIU Member Universities at Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad, and Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Noted and approved.

384/09 To report the establishment and allocation of Academic and Administrative Development Centres (AADCs) for the Academic Year 2025-2026.

Noted and approved.

384/10 To report on the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Siddhanta Knowledge Foundation, executed on October 1, 2025, aimed at promoting the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) into mainstream higher education.



Noted and approved.

384/11 To report Capacity Building Programmes conducted by AIU under its initiative Academic and Administrative Development Centres (AADCs) during the Financial Year 2024-2025.

Noted and approved.

384/12 To report the participation of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)-led Indian University Delegation at the GCC Education Summit & Global Educator Award 2025, held in Abu Dhabi, UAE from 22nd to 24th September 2025, and at the African Student Recruitment Conference (ASRC) 2025, held in Dubai, UAE from 24th to 26th September 2025.

Noted and approved.



384/13 To report the visit of Prof. (Dr.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), to the United Kingdom from 22nd to 25th September 2025 to attend the QS UK-India Higher Education Roundtable and other official business meetings.

Noted and approved.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

384/14 To consider and approve the similar rules and regulations in respect of the adjustment of Annual Subscription for the Associate Members (Autonomous Colleges) as applicable to the Universities and Associate Members (Foreign Universities) in accordance with the para 2 vii (a) and vii (b) of Chapter 2; Rules and Regulations of the AIU Bye Laws.

The GC resolved the subscription fee for the Autonomous Colleges granted the Associate Membership (Autonomous Colleges) of AIU w.e.f. 01 November, 2025, shall be treated valid till March 31, 2027.

384/15 To consider and approve the minutes of the AGM of Sports Board of AIU, held on August 26, 2025.

Noted and approved.

384/16 To consider and approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, held on October 16, 2025.

Noted and approved.

384/17 To consider and approve the minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Inter University National Cultural Board (IUNCB), held on 5th August, 2025 at University of Mumbai, Maharashtra."

Noted and approved.

384/18 To consider and approve the proposal for the Global University Associations Forum (GUAF) Meeting 2025 and Tech4Ed International Conference on "AI for Education" being hosted by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) on 13th - 14th November 2025 at The Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

Noted and approved.

384/19 To apprise the Governing Council on AIU led delegation of 15-20 Indian Vice Chancellors/University representatives to Japan from 11th to 17th January, 2026.


The GC approved the organization of the AIU-led Indian Vice Chancellors' Delegation to Japan from 11th to 17th January, 2026.

384/20 To consider and approve the interim report of the inquiry Committee of the "FISU World University Games 2025".

The Governing Council deliberated in detail on the Interim Report submitted by the Inquiry Committee constituted in connection with the "FISU World University Games 2025". After thorough consideration and due deliberation, the Governing Council resolved as under:

- (a) The GC found the prime facie observations of the committee on the dereliction of duties, breach of responsibility, non-feasance, negligence, failure to act, financial irregularity, mismanagement of FISU WUG 2025 and other lapses, by Dr. Baljit Singh Sekhon, Suspended Joint Secretary (Sports) quite serious in nature and resolved that the Inquiry Committee shall expedite the submission of final enquiry report within one month. The GC also ratified the extension of suspension period of JS (Sports) for another six months.*
- (b) The GC took note of the preliminary enquiry report on unauthorized foreign travel by Dr. Gaurav Rai, Suspended LDC to Germany from 14 July, 2025 to 18 July, 2025 being without sanctioned leave, the approval of the Competent Authority for travel aboard and concealing the purpose of travel from the Competent Authority. The GC also noted that Dr. Gaurav Rai, as a principle of natural justice, was afforded opportunity and sufficient time to present his version. Considering the non-compliance of the rules of AIU by Dr. Gaurav Rai, the GC ratified the extension of suspension period of Dr. Gaurav Rai and resolved that the services of Dr. Gaurav Rai, LDC be terminated, as per the extant rules applicable to him with immediate effect.*
- (c) The Governing Council was of the view that, in the light of the significance of sports as a major responsibility of the Association, the restructuring of the Sports Division be looked into by an expert committee comprising of some GC members and eminent sports personnel. The committee shall do a SWOT analysis of the existing university sports structure under AIU, study the university sports models of top-performing countries globally to draw insights and possible best practices that could be adapted within the Indian context, monitor the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for AIU in the domain of sports to facilitate measurable and outcome-oriented progress, review the structure of university sports under AIU and do an assessment of AIU's institutional and operational capacity, with particular attention to grassroots sports leadership.*



384/21 To consider and approve the "Legal Opinion" in respect applicability of 'status quo' on the Nomination on the Court and the Council of the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, for the quadrennium 2026-2029.

The Governing Council resolved that the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru may be informed that, in view of the advice received from the Ministry of Education to maintain status quo for a period of six months or until a decision is taken upon receipt of the report of the concerned Committee, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is presently unable to initiate the process of election for nominating its member to the Court and Council of IISc for the quadrennium 2026-2029 and the nomination process shall be undertaken by AIU as soon as the directive to maintain status quo is withdrawn or any further instructions are received from the Ministry of Education in this regard. IISc may be requested to continue existing members till then.

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

Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal
Secretary General

Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak
President