

Association of Indian Universities
Minutes: 386th Governing Council Meeting

Venue: Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth
(Deemed to be University), Pune, Maharashtra

Date: 27.04.2026
Time: 06.00 pm

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. C Patvardhan	Member
5. Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa	Member
6. Prof. Anand Kumar Tyagi	Member
7. Prof. (Dr.) B L Sharma	Member
8. Prof. (Dr.) Vijender Kumar	Member
9. Dr. Alok Kumar Chakrawal	Member
10. Dr. Rajan Welukar	Member
11. Dr. Shashank D Dalvi	Member
12. Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, SG, AIU	Member Secretary

Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Dr. Rajan Welukar, Dr. Shashank D Dalvi, Prof. (Dr.) B L Sharma 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. Harilal B Menon
2. Prof. Pravat Kumar Roul
3. Prof. Yogesh Singh
4. Prof. P L Dharma
5. Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

386/01 To confirm the Minutes of the 385th Governing Council Meeting held on October 24, 2025.

Confirmed.

386/02 To confirm the Minutes of the 385th (a) Governing Council Meeting conducted through "Circulation Mode" on March 03, 2026.

Confirmed.

ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES

386/03 To report action taken on the minutes of the 385th Governing Council Meeting held on February 10, 2026.

Noted and approved.

386/04 To report action taken on the minutes of the 385th (a) Governing Council Meeting conducted through "Circulation Mode" on March 03, 2026.

Noted and approved.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING

386/05 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 -02; State Private Universities- 08; Deemed to be University (Public) -01; Deemed to be University (Private) -01; (Total- 12)}

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

- (1) Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand w.e.f. 01.04.2026.
- (2) Gyanmanjari Innovative University, Bhavnagar, Gujarat w.e.f. 01.04.2026.
- (3) PFHI Institute of Public Health Sciences (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad, Telangana w.e.f. 01.04.2026.
- (4) VIT Bhopal University, Sehore, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 25.02.2026 (the date of the approval of the Hon'ble President, AIU).
- (5) Sardar Patel University, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2026.

- (6) Chirayu University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2026.
- (7) Rayat Bahra Professional University, Hoshiarpur, Punjab w.e.f. 01.04.2026.
- (8) Pillai University, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra w.e.f. 01.04.2026.
- (9) Techno India University, Tripura w.e.f. 01.04.2026.
- (10) Vidya University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2026.
- (11) Jagannath Barooah University, Jorhat, Assam w.e.f. 01.04.2026.
- (12) Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI) (Deemed to be University), (Under Distinct Category), Kolkata, West Bengal w.e.f. 01.04.2026.

Noted and approved.

- 386/06 To report the revocation of the membership suspension and restoration of AIU of Al Falah University, Faridabad, Haryana w.e.f. 02.04.2026.

Noted and approved.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 386/07 To consider and approve the Proposal for Collaborative Development of "AI Integration Toolkit for Higher Education Institutions" with CHRIST Deemed to be University.

The Governing Council considered the proposal for the collaborative development of an "AI Integration Toolkit for Higher Education Institutions" with CHRIST (Deemed to be University) and resolved to approve the initiative.

It was emphasized that the proposed collaboration must align with the AI policies of the Government of India and fully comply with all applicable Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) norms.

- 386/08 To consider and approve the proposal for Collaboration with M/s Gyan Books Pvt. Ltd. on Book Compilation from University News Articles with no cost to AIU.

The Governing Council resolved that, in order to ensure equal opportunity for all publishers, the proposal for 'Book Compilation from University News Articles' may be given wide publicity across multiple platforms, including uploading the same on the AIU website, along with terms and conditions for collaboration.



386/09 To receive the Annual Report of the AIU for the year 2025-26.

Noted and approved.

386/10 To approve the items to be included in the agenda of the General and Business Session of the AIU 100th Annual General Body Meeting, scheduled to be held at Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pune, Maharashtra during 28-30 April, 2026.

Approved.

386/11 To consider and approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between AIU and UniSport Australia under the Maitri Grant Program.

Approved.

386/12 To consider and approve the Academic Capacity-Building Initiative for Member Universities to Address Gaps in Quality Indicators Reflected in Various National and International Ranking Frameworks.

The Governing Council granted 'In Principle Approval' to the proposal. However, it was further resolved that a well-formulated Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) be developed and placed before the Council for its consideration and approval.

386/13 To report the Research Collaboration Agreement (RCA) signed between the Association of Indian Universities and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), for strengthening mutual support in collaborative research, jointly exploring quality assurance practices, curriculum design, and governance in transnational education, along with undertaking shared research activities such as data collection, workshops, policy dialogues, publications, dissemination of findings, and expert consultations.

Approved.

386/14 To consider and approve the proposal and draft MoU received from the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru to collaborate with AIU for Higher education and sustainable development and developing Capacity Building short term and long-term programmes for Vice Chancellors, leaders in higher education and students.

The Governing Council considered the proposal for an MoU between the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru and AIU, and agreed "in principle" to the collaboration. The GC suggested that the partnership should aims to work in the areas of higher education and sustainable development, including the development of short-term and long-term capacity-building programmes for Vice Chancellors, academic leaders, and students.

386/15 To consider and approve the proposal to develop a Handbook for promoting Internationalisation at Home (IaH).

The Governing Council resolved to approve the proposal. However, it was suggested that the initial working group should include name of following three Vice Chancellors from AIU member universities, who have demonstrated excellence in internationalization:

- (a) ***Prof. Atul Khosla, VC, Shoolini University, Solan, H.P***
- (b) ***Dr. J Anuradha. VC, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana***
- (c) ***Dr. Sibaram Khara, VC, Sharda University***

386/16 To consider and approve the allocation of Academic & Administrative Development Centers (AADCs) to approved Associate Members (UGC-Designated Autonomous Colleges) alongside Regular AADCs from Member Universities, and previously Established Centers from Academic Year 2026-27.

Approved.

386/17 To consider and approve a proposal from FinX Institute Pvt. Ltd. for collaboration with AIU for implementation of Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) programmes in member universities and associate members (Autonomous Colleges) of AIU.

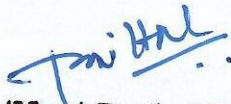
The GC resolved that a committee of following three Vice Chancellors may be constituted to vet the proposal and suggest an appropriate working plan for implementation of Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) programmes in member universities and associate members (Autonomous Colleges) of AIU:

- (a) ***Dr. Alok Kumar Chakrawal, VC, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh***
- (b) ***Prof. S P Bansal, VC, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala, H.P***
- (c) ***Prof. Anu Singh Lather, VC, Dr B R Ambedkar University, Delhi***

386/18 To consider and approve the Seniority of the Vice Chancellors/ Directors of the AIU member Universities/ Institutes.

The GC resolved that the seniority list of Vice Chancellors/Directors of AIU member Universities/Institutes, as calculated up to 31.12.2025, be circulated to all the Vice Chancellors/Directors for their review and for submitting any modifications, additions, or deletions, if required, within 15 days. Thereafter, the list shall be treated as approved and uploaded on the AIU website.

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



Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal
Secretary General



Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak
President