

Proceeding of the Meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chancellor held on 25.11.2017 at 11:00 AM at Raj Bhavan, Patna.

Present :- As per Annexure 1

1. Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chancellor-cum-H.E. the Governor, Shri Brijesh Mehrotra welcomed the gathering with the permission of the Hon'ble Chancellor. He explained the topic of deliberations of the day. The core issue was undertaking Cleanliness Drive under Swachha Bharat Abhiyan, Streamlining Academic and Examination Calendar with regular conduct of classes, use of Information Technology in administration; admission, streamlining personnel administration and financial administration, revisit of old syllabus, Students' Union Election, updation of accounts and involvement in sports and cultural activities, etc.
2. Principal Secretary, Deptt. Of Education, Shri R.K. Mahajan put forth following issues:-
 - 2.1 Maintenance of administrative discipline in Universities.
 - 2.2 Post can be created only after the sanction of the State Government.
 - 2.3 Timely submission of utilization certificate and Budget.
 - 2.4 Enhancement of Gross Emolument rasion (GER) from 14.% to 30% by 2020.
 - 2.5 NAAC Accreditation.
 - 2.6 Adherence to Academic calendar.
 - 2.7 Reduction of area of land for establishment of college from 5 acre to 2 acre in urban and 10 acre to 5 acre in rural area.
 - 2.8 University to upload name and number constituent and affiliated colleges on it's website.
 - 2.9 Admission in affiliated college to commence only after the approval of the State Government.
 - 2.10 Student Credit Card scheme is to be popularized for increasing GER.
3. Shri Krishnanandan Prasad Verma, Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Bihar, expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Chancellor for convening the meeting of Vice-Chancellors to streamline higher education. He stressed the need to bring Bihar at par with educationally developed State of the country. Regular attendance of faculty members and rational utilization of their services and laid conduct of examinations in a fair and peaceful manner is need of the hour.
4. **Hon'ble Chancellor**, in his address, enumerated the glorious educational past of the State and emphasized that the State can improve its Higher education with the the support of the new energetic and visionary VCs and efficient functioning of the university administration. HE stressed upon the following issues:-
 - 4.1 Biometric attendance of Teaching and non Teaching staff.

- 4.2 Improvement of Laboratories; digital transaction; reform in curriculum; Research facilities.
- 4.3 Strict adherence of Academic calendar, by taking timely admission, examination, results and award of degrees.
- 4.4 Holding of Student Union Election by mid January, 2018.
- 4.5 Promotion of Sports and Cultural Activities.
- 4.6 Construction of ladies toilets in all the buildings in the universities and colleges.
- 4.7 Active involvement in student credit card scheme, Swachha Bharat and Skill India.
- 4.8 VCs were asked to submit Academic Calendar of 2018 by 31st March 2018.
5. Regular meeting of Vice-Chancellors would be held on third Wednesday of every month to discuss important issues and monitor the programmes and directives issued from Chancellor and State govt.
6. **Hon'ble Chancellor** also enquired about the status of Academic Calendar from the universities. The status is as given below:-

S. N.	Name of University	Status of Academic Calendar	Remarks
1.	Patna University, Patna	Up-to-date	
2.	Magadh University, Bodh Gaya	Six months behind schedule due to tagging of disaffiliated colleges	
3.	Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura	Under-Graduate - one and a half year late and Post-Graduate - six months behind schedule.	
4.	L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga	Under-Graduate - up-to-date, Post-Graduate - six months behind schedule	Exams were postponed for two months due to flood.
5.	Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara	Under-Graduate - two to six months delayed, Post-Graduate - IVth Semester - six months delayed	
6.	Nalanda Open University, Patna	Up-to-date	
7.	Jai Prakash University, Chapra	Two years delayed VC promised that in two and a half years, Examination Calendar would become up-to-date	
8.	Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna	Up-to-date	
9.	T.M. Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur	One year late, by Dec, 2018 session would become up-to-date	

10.	K.S. Darbhanga Sanskrit University, Darbhanga	Up-to-date, except B.Ed. Course which is six months behind schedule	
11.	B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur	One and a half year behind schedule. By Dec, 2018 session would become up-to-date.	
12.	M.M.H. Arabic and Persian University, Patna	Up-to-date	

7. Vice Chancellor's were asked to deliberate over the subject/issues, which were already assigned to them:-

- 7.1 Cleanliness drive under Swachha Bharat Abhiyan- Prof. Sarva Narayan Jha, Vice Chancellor, KSDU:- Purification should be initiated firstly by practicing purification in Earnings, Firmness, Toleration, Non Stealing, Chastity, Intellect, Knowledge, Truth and Wrath.

Principal Secretary to the Governor directed the authorities to initiate cleanliness drive in each universities. Washroom should be given priority. Authorities may engage outsource agency for sanitation and cleanliness.

- 7.2 Academic and Examination Calendar, Regular classes by teachers:- Prof (Dr.) RBP Singh, VC, Patna University explain the need of preparing activities calendar, promoting cashless transaction, rationalization of teachers, creation of new courses and new department, publication of examination scheduled at the time of admission. He also stressed upon constant monitoring, teaching. Classes be held even a number of student of nationalized.

Principal Secretary directed the authorities to process Online admission, Cashless transaction, adherence of CBCS, reform in curriculum, new and vocational courses to be introduced. Ensure regular classes, formulation of statute for holding/ conducting a particular number of classes for Teachers, target for Teachers should be finalized and communicated.

- 7.3 Student Union Election:- Prof. Nalini Kant Jha, VC, TMBU stressed the need to conduct Students Union Election.

Principal Secretary informed that a three member Vice-Chancellors Committee was constituted to formulate a Statute for conducting Students Union Election in the light of Lyngdoh Committees' report. The Statute submitted by the Committee will be circulated to all the Vice-Chancellors for opinion. After obtaining the opinion and feedback of Vice-Chancellors and approval of Hon'ble Chancellor, the Statute would be sent to Universities to conduct Student's Union Election.

- 7.4 Innovation related work :- Prof. Harikesh Singh, VC, JPU stressed the need for curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for holistic development of the students; need of dissemination of knowledge from laboratory to land, Capacity building of teachers and officers of the University.

- 7.5 Organization of Inter University Sports meet :- Prof. Ravindra Kr. Sinha, VC, NOU, Patna emphasized the conduct of annual Sports meet/event of different games at first Intra-University level and then at Inter-University level. Selection of events in advance and fixing the schedule was also stressed. Vice-Chancellor advocated 5% benefits in marks for students who excel in sports at State or National level.

Principal Secretary advised to conduct Inter and Inter College/University Sports activities and universities should also make the calendar of such activities.

- 7.6 Computerization of Admission and Examination Process:- Prof. S.K. Singh, VC, LNMU, Darbhanga stressed upon use of Information Technology in all aspects of academic activity. Computerization of Admission and Examination process would lead to transparency in admission and declaration of result. It will redress grievances of students.

- 7.7 Research Activities: Prof. (Dr.) A.K. Agrawal, VC, AKU emphasized the need to use research in Social Science, Natural Science and Medical Science. Learning through low cost experiment was stressed. He emphasized the need to establish an Institution like Centre for River Studies, Nano Science and Centre for Stem Cell Technology.

Principal Secretary stressed the requirement of research in Social Science like History, Archeology, Anthropology, Sociology, Economic etc.

- 7.8 Financial Discipline:- Prof. A.K. Roy, VC, BNMU laid emphasis on computerization of accounting system, updation of accounts and timely submission of utilisation certificates. Digital, cashless transaction and convening regular meeting of Finance and Purchase Committee was discussed.

Principal Secretary advised the VC to popularize GeM for purchases.

- 7.9 Construction work in University through Govt. Construction Corporation:- Prof. Qamar Ahsan, VC, MU, Put forth the idea:-

The designing and construction of the project should be done by Govt. agency

Principal Secretary advised to constitute a statute for contraction work and formulation or guidelines for contractor.

- 7.10 Review of curriculum:- Prof. S. Mumtazuddin, VC, VKSU laid emphasis on need based revision of curriculum for greater employability of students. The reason to introduce new Professional Courses was stressed as traditional courses have little employability. Students should be given choice to opt one vocational subject as subsidiary paper for greater employability. University should be assigned the

task for modification of syllabus. Need of fee revision and augmentation of internal resources of the University was also stressed.

Principal Secretary once again emphasized the need of revision in curriculum so that the students could choose the subjects of his choice and his future prospects and better employability.

8. At the end of the meeting in the last session after deliberation of each and every matter discussed in the meeting HE, the chancellor issued the following directives to the VCs.
 - a. It has come to the notice of the Chancellor that there is acute shortage/ lack of ladies washroom in the departments of the universities and colleges. The lady staff as well as girl students faces a lot of problem. Hence it is directed to construct ladies washroom in all the buildings of Colleges and University Department on priority bases by Feb. 2018,
 - b. Update accounts and ensure financial discipline and to submit their budget proposal for the financial year 2018-19 within time.
 - c. Monitor and streamline Vocational Courses. The classes should be conducted properly and their timings should not clash with the regular timing of Colleges/Universities.
 - d. Initiate steps to improve personality of the students. They should adequately focus on sports and extra-curricular activities, upgradation of library, Research facilities, hostel accommodation with mess, etc.
 - e. Strict financial disciplines should be maintained.
 - f. The statute for conduct of student election in universities/ colleges is under formation and will be issued shortly. VCs are directed to conduct the elections before mid January, 2018
 - g. It has come to the notice of Hon'ble Chancellor and the State govt. that the teaching and non teaching staffs are not attending their assignments regularly. Absenties have affected the functioning and academic environment of the universities and colleges. Therefore, the VCs are directed to install and start Biometric attendance system in the universities and colleges with immediate effect. The whole process should be completed by March, 2018. This issue shall be monitored by the Chancellor.
 - h. Special cell should be created in Chancellor office for curriculum revision under CBCS and semester system. The personnel to man the cell may be taken on deputation from universities for a specific period.
 - i. There should be mechanism for surprise checks in the colleges/universities to see the regular conduct of classes.

- j. VCs should work harder to improve the academic atmosphere of the university and regulate the Sessions/Exams in next few months.
- k. Strict discipline should be the norms for teachers as well as students.
- l. VCs should be more vigilant in printing issues and greater transparency should be maintained. Chancellor Secretariat should monitor this issue regularly by audit of the printing expenditure and rates.
- m. VCs should Constitute Grievance Redressal Committee to be headed by Vice-Chancellor or Pro-Vice-Chancellor in each University.
- n. Universities were also directed to ensure proper functioning of the Committees relating to student's welfare and pensions.

The meeting ended with Additional Secretary, Governor's Secretariat proposing a vote of thanks.

Issued with H.E.'s approval,

B. Mehrotra
(Brijesh Mehrotra) 14/12

Principal Secretary to Governor
Bihar, Patna.

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1. All the Vice Chancellors of Universities of Bihar for information and to ensure compliance of the resolution of the meeting positively.
2. Principal Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Bihar for information and necessary action.
3. All Officers of the Governor's Secretariat.
4. ✓ Computer Cell, Raj Bhavan, Patna for uploading on the website of the Governor's Secretariat, Bihar / Guard file for record.

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