

**Proceeding of Meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chancellor
held on 16.05.2017 at Raj Bhavan, Patna.**

A meeting of all the Vice Chancellors and Pro-Vice-Chancellors was convened under Chairmanship of the **Hon'ble Chancellor** on 16.05.2017 at 10:30 AM at Raj Bhavan, Patna. The list of participants is enclosed at Annexure-1.

Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chancellor-cum-H.E. the Governor, Dr. E.L.S.N. Bala Prasad welcomed the gathering on behalf of the Hon'ble Chancellor. He explained the structure of the day's programme. The meeting was being held after new Vice-Chancellors / Pro-Vice-Chancellors were appointed in almost all Universities and it was necessary to explain Government's concerns and their own plans in higher education. He flagged issues which were themes of the meeting's deliberations. The core issue was preparation of road map for each University. Concerns to be addressed in it were adherence to a regular Academic Calendar with regular conduct of classes, streamlining examination system; streamlining and monitoring Affiliated Colleges, Vocational Courses, B.Ed. Colleges, Distance Education; use of Information Technology in administration; admission, streamlining personnel administration and financial administration; updation of accounts; regular conduct of Grievance Redressal Committees; increase in sports activities / NCC / NSS.

Principal Secretary, Department of Education, Shri R.K. Mahajan stressed qualitative improvement and geographic spread in education. Maintenance of administrative discipline was emphasized. He reminded need for scrupulous compliance of laws, rules and directions. As an example he reminded that in Universities no post can be created without prior sanction of State Government as stipulated in section 35 of BSU Act, 1976. The need for timely submission of budgets and Utilization Certificates was also stressed in order to avoid difficulties in receiving



funds. Adherence to Academic and Examination Calendars, enhancement of Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) from 13.9 to 30 by 2020, completion of NAAC accreditation within a year, he exhorted, ought to be every University's priority.

Dr. Ashok Chaudhary, Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Bihar, expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Chancellor for the steps initiated by him to improve Higher Education in Bihar. He stated that the process of recruitment of Assistant Professors, started through the BPSC, would be further accelerated with the establishment of University Service Commission. Shortage of teachers is thus being addressed. He drew attention to the responsibility of University and teachers in engaging classes for at least five hours a day and 180 days in a year. Regular attendance of faculty members and rational utilization of their services, he stated, was non-negotiable in the interest of students.

Hon'ble Minister laid emphasis on NAAC accreditation of all Universities and its Colleges, for smooth flow of funds. He advised them to fix deadlines and prepare a timeline for NAAC Accreditation, which should not go beyond one year. He also emphasized enhancing GER ratio and timely submission of Utilization Certificates for ensuring timely distribution of salaries and future receipt of grants. Conduct of examinations in a fair and peaceful manner was also a priority, he said.

Hon'ble Chief Minister reminded the Vice-Chancellors / Pro-Vice-Chancellors of the State's rich heritage in Nalanda and Vikramshila universities during ancient times. Even in the last Century, he recounted, Patna University was one of the best universities in the country in its initial years. He underscored a need to restore higher education in the state to glory and fame.



He said universities would no longer face problem of regular payment of salaries, if universities maintained financial discipline and submitted utilization certificates in time. He also laid emphasis on maintenance of strict financial discipline **Chief Minister** advised University Officials not to neglect Traditional Courses at the cost of Vocational Courses, which are job-centric.

He explained that annual budget on education was enhanced from Rs. 4,200 crores in 2007-08 to Rs. 25,000 crores for ensuring development. Government incentives for promoting girls' education in the state were also mentioned. He said free Wi-Fi facility was being extended to all colleges. He assured the Vice-Chancellors that they can expect full cooperation in growth and development of higher education.

The Hon'ble Chancellor in his address laid emphasis on strict adherence to Academic Calendar by ensuring timely admission, examination, results and award of degrees at the convocations. He also advised them to undertake several of these functions online, to avoid delays and to make the system more transparent.

He stressed the fact that Grievance Redressal Mechanisms are not yet fully functional in every University and a large number of representations/complaints related to payment of retiral benefits and students' related issues are being received at Chancellor's Secretariat. It only means that grievances were not being redressed at University level. **The Chancellor** observed that a growing number of Court Cases at the University level possibly reflect shortcomings in the functioning of Vice-Chancellors and Pro-Vice-Chancellors.

Hon'ble Chancellor laid emphasis on strict monitoring of B.Ed. Courses, Vocational Courses and Courses being conducted in Distance Mode. These were to be conducted only after the approval of Statutory



Bodies, as per norms. Colleges conducting such courses should not be allowed to exploit poor and gullible students, he cautioned.

Reiterating his advice of the previous conference, the Hon'ble Chancellor sought active involvement of University in community outreach by adopting at least five neighbouring villages and ensuring their overall development by implementing government schemes like Skill India, Swachha Bharat, Make in India, Saat Nischay, etc. He also recommended a debate on the desirability of wearing ceremonial gowns at convocations.

Prof. Deepak Nayyar, in his keynote address, stated that it is a wonderful opportunity being appointed Vice-Chancellors but it poses huge challenges as well. He highlighted the following issues afflicting University education:

- Curricular has remained unchanged, not kept pace with time.
- No learning beyond classroom
- Academic Calendar, conduct of Exams, publication of results are no longer sacrosanct.
- Declining Research
- Dearth of faculty members
- No reward for good performance
- Resource constraints, with more than 70 % of budgetary allocation on education spent on salary. Another 20-25 % is spent on exams and other allied activities leaving only 5 % to 8 % for research work and infrastructural development.

After highlighting the problems faced by Universities, Prof. Nayyar stated that the challenge for Universities of Bihar is not only to retain talent but also to attract talent from outside the state. He repeated that sanctity of Academic Calendar is of supreme importance, with a fixed



date for convocation every year. He also held that primary focus of University be on Teaching and Research. Teaching without Research is incomplete, he felt. University should create its own resources for providing housing to its employees, hostels, library, research centres, green spaces, etc.

Prof. Panjab Singh, in the second keynote address of the day, stated that the biggest challenge before newly appointed Vice-Chancellors/Pro-Vice-Chancellors is improvement in quality of education. High school dropout is hampering Gross Enrolment Ration (GER), he also observed.

He stated that Research and Innovation are an integral part of the University System. The Universities should focus on generating resources, attracting funds on its own and not depend solely on funding from Government and other Agencies. He informed that every Ministry has financial resources that can be used to fund projects. Universities should try to tap these resources. In the field of Medicine, Engineering and Agriculture, there are many schemes in the Ministries, UGC, etc. from where resources may be accessed, he noted.

While concluding his address, he suggested creation of special Education zones and creation of world class system.

Presentation on Digilocker – A short presentation on Digilocker was made to the audience. Dr. Chandrashekhar Singh, Principal of Muzaffarpur Boys' Polytechnic presented it. It was informed that Digilocker is a cloud based platform for issuance and verification of documents and certificates digitally. It was stated that adoption of Digilocker would check circulation of fake documents. It would also help students in getting their degrees/certificates verified without any hassle.



Following services can be availed by integrating Universities/ Colleges with Digilocker.

- (i) Issue of digital mark sheets and certificates to students.
- (ii) Forgery proof verification of mark sheets.
- (iii) Anytime, anywhere access of mark sheets by students.
- (iv) Participation in Digital India initiative.

In view of above, he explained, it is desirable for Universities of Bihar to integrate with Digilocker. Digital mark sheets/certificates can then be issued to students, with simplification of the process of application and verification of documents.

➤ **Road map for Patna University by Prof. Rash Bihari Prasad Singh, Vice-Chancellor.**

While elaborating on the road map the Vice-Chancellor stated that the new Academic Calendar would start in July, 2017 with the admission in under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Courses. In July 2017, he stated that the Central Library would also be reopened. He also informed that in August, 2017, University would have its Convocation and Students Union Election would held in October. As per Dr. Singh, NAAC accreditation would be completed by March, 2018. He also informed about establishment of new courses and Departments in Magadh Mahila College and Patna Women's College, Academic and Examination Reform, programmes on Centenary Year celebrations and proposals for infrastructural development. The Vice-Chancellor concluded his address by requesting for adoption of 2016 UGC Regulation related to Ph.D. He requested for adoption of all UGC guidelines without delay to avoid confusion among students and teachers. He also requested for inclusion of a chapter on Directorate of Distance Education (DDE) in BSU/PU Act, 1976.



Prof. Deepak Nayyar, commented that there is need for greater focus on problems faced by Universities and mechanisms for their redressal, in a time bound manner.

- **Road map for Magadh University by Prof. Qamar Ahsan, Vice-Chancellor.**

The Vice-Chancellor, informed the audience that a massive programme of total digitization of the Academic and Examination Calendar would be initiated. He proposed to clear backlog of Examination results within three months time, planning to hold a regular Convocation in December, 2017. He stated that University is collaborating with IIT Mumbai for free on-line courses, with certification from IIT. University also proposed to introduce Biometric attendance, for students and teachers.

He also highlighted major infrastructural projects such as residential accommodation for teachers and non-teaching employees, construction of a spacious and well-furnished Examination Hall with a seating capacity of 3000 students, construction of eight hostels, of which three were for girls, five for boys, expansion of library, etc.

Prof. Panjab Singh commented that greater focus of presentation was on education and that research and extension should not be neglected.

- **Road map for Lalit Narayan Mithila University by Prof. S.K. Singh, Vice-Chancellor.**

Prof. S.K. Singh outlined the details of Academic and Examination calendar which included proposal to hold the Convocation in Dec., 2017. As a part of reform of examination system, the University proposed to introduce Bar-coding of answer books and computer based Automated



Tabulation at the UG and PG level. He also informed that the University proposed to introduce Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission, formation of Advisory Council in all self-financing Institutions and Distance Education, monitoring of affiliated colleges by University representatives, introduction of biometric attendance, introduction of Digilocker and so on.

- **Road map for B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur by Prof. Amrendra Narayan Yadav, Vice-Chancellor.**

The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that major points of road map were introduction of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC); automation of Offices, Admission System and Library; digitization of library, establishment of e-library; introduction of Biometric attendance system, creation of a Task Force and a proposal to organize legal camp for speedy disposal of cases pending in courts. He proposed to introduce Wi-Fi facilities in library, classroom & hostel in addition to facilitating campus placement by formation of counseling cell.

- **Road map for Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur by Prof. Nalini Kant Jha, Vice-Chancellor.**

The Vice-Chancellor, stressed on change of curriculum after every three years, minimization of gap between conduct of examination and publication of result, a proposal for establishment of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Chair and a Yoga Department to conduct certificate and Diploma Courses. The Vice-Chancellor stated that University would give topmost priority to eliminating pendency of examination results.

- **Road map for Jai Prakash University, Chapra by Prof. Harikesh Singh, Vice-Chancellor.**

Dr. H.K. Singh in his presentation noted the alarming situation of examinations and the Academic Calendar. However, the Vice-Chancellor stated that the University would hold its Convocation on 11th October,



2017 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narain..

- **Road map for Nalanda Open University, Patna by Prof. Ravindra Kr. Sinha, Vice-Chancellor.**

The Vice-Chancellor, informed that the Academic and Examination calendar of the University is up-to-date. He further informed that the University proposed to hold two Convocations this year, one in July and one in December. The University also proposed to revise the syllabus and self learning materials this year, he stated. The Vice-Chancellor focused on improving quality of learning materials as the most important objective.

- **Road map for K.S.D. Sanskrit University, Darbhanga by Prof. Sarvanarayan Jha, Vice-Chancellor.**

The Vice-Chancellor, stressed development of Pali and Prakrit languages, alongwith Sanskrit language. He informed that the University proposed to start a new Course "Temple Management and Rituals", which had potential to generate employment. He further said that University has launched a File Tracking System. It was also proposed to establish a Language Technology Centre. Vice-Chancellor concluded his address by stating that University proposed to explore application of Sanskrit in Information Technology.

- **Road map for Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara by Prof. Syed Mumtazuddin, Vice-Chancellor.**

The need for developing a new campus which would include Administrative building, Science block, Social Science block, Humanities block, Guest House, Boys Hostel, Girls Hostel, Outdoor stadium, Indoor stadium, Auditorium and Senate Hall was highlighted by the Vice-Chancellor. His presentation also included plans for promotion of sports, NSS, NCC activities. He stressed need to impart IT related courses to all students.



After presentation of road maps by each of the University, it was found that there were several gaps in them. These were discussed at length and it was decided to request Vice-Chancellors to submit a revised road map addressing priorities as discussed, for overall development of the University. They were asked to submit a revised road map within a fortnight.

Thereafter, there was an Interactive Session, in which discussions were centred around salient issues. Prof. Rash Bihari Prasad Singh raised the issue of conducting B.Ed. Courses in evening shift in Constituent Colleges. For Vocational Courses, he stressed the need for fee regulation and their conduct as per guidelines of Statutory Bodies. He advocated uniform syllabus for BBA/MBA and BCA/MCA Courses and a need to fixing timing for Vocational Courses, either in the morning upto 10:30 A.M. or in the evening after 03:00 P.M. Prof. Md. Karim, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Aryabhata Knowledge University stressed the need of checking concentration of teachers in and around Patna and in urban areas so that colleges located in rural areas do not face excessive shortage of faculty.

Hon'ble Chancellor, observed that for all the new officials "Today is a beginning and the process would continue." Hon'ble Chancellor directed all Vice-Chancellors to remain in HQ and avoid unnecessary travel. The need for maintaining strict discipline was also advised. He cautioned that Credibility of Vice-Chancellor is paramount and that their conduct should exemplify that. Their agenda, as head of the University, should be clear and well thought out. Progress of the University, Hon'ble Chancellor said, would be reviewed after 3 months in the next meeting of Vice-Chancellors and Pro-Vice-Chancellors, in the month of August.



During the day long deliberations, the Universities were directed to ensure compliance on several counts. Specifically, they were given following directions:-

1. Preparation of a time frame to regularize Academic Calendar covering all aspects concerning admissions, conduct of classes, examinations, declaration of results and distribution of degrees within time.
2. Submission of action taken report against unauthorized absence of teachers. Universities were directed to submit ATR on a monthly basis.
3. While giving NOC to B.Ed. Colleges, Universities were advised to apply their mind. Universities were to exercise utmost care in granting affiliation. Particular caution was to be paid to the issue of non-existent faculty, or details of faculty working elsewhere and being shown on their rolls. They were reminded that University bears full responsibility and accountability for B.Ed. institutions found to be not fulfilling mandatory/Statutory requirements.
4. Universities were directed to monitor and streamline Vocational Courses. They should be conducted properly and their timings should not clash with the regular timing of Colleges/Universities.
5. Increasing use of Information Technology in all aspects of administration and every aspect of academic activity.
6. Overcome shortage of faculties, books, etc. by accessing online sources.
7. Universities and Colleges were directed to update their accounts and enforce financial discipline.
8. Universities were directed to ensure proper functioning of the Committees relating to students welfare and pensions and streamline Grievance Redressal Mechanism. They were to hold meetings of Senate, Syndicate and all the Committees regularly. Universities are to prepare a Calendar of such meetings well in advance.



9. Universities were directed to focus on creating better and increased facilities for students. It includes providing hostel accommodation with mess, completion of incomplete hostels, provide sports and extra curricular facilities, creation & updation of library, Research facilities, etc.

The meeting ended with Officer on Special Duty (University) proposing a vote of thanks.

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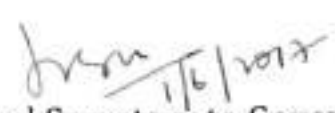
(Dr. E.L.S.N. Bala Prasad)
Principal Secretary to Governor
Bihar, Patna.

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Principal Secretary to Governor
Bihar, Patna.

Annexure-1

The following dignitaries were present in the meeting of the Vice-Chancellors' and Pro-Vice-Chancellors' dated 16.05.2017 at 10:30 A.M. at Raj Bhavan, Patna :-

1. Shri Ram Nath Kovind, H.E. the Governor-cum-Chancellor, Bihar.
2. Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar.
3. Shri Ashok Chaudhary, Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Bihar.
4. Dr. E.L.S.N. Bala Prasad, Principal Secretary to H.E. the Governor-cum-Chancellor.
5. Sri R.K. Mahajan, Principal Secretary, Department of Education, Govt. of Bihar.
6. Sri Chanchal Kumar, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Bihar.
7. Sri K. Senthil Kumar, Additional Secretary, Department of Education, Govt. of Bihar.
8. Prof. Rash Bihari Prasad Singh, Vice Chancellor, Patna University, Patna.
9. Prof. Amrendra Narayan Yadav, Vice Chancellor, B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur.
10. Prof. Binod Kumar, Vice Chancellor, B.N. Mandal University, Madhepura.
11. Shri Harikesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, Jai Prakash University, Chapra.
12. Prof. Sarvanarayan Jha, Vice Chancellor, K.S.D. Sanskrit University, Darbhanga.
13. Prof. S.K. Singh, Vice Chancellor, L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga.
14. Prof. Qamar Ahsan, Vice Chancellor, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya.
15. Prof. Nalini Kant Jha, Vice Chancellor, T.M. Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur.
16. Prof. Syed Mumtazuddin, Vice Chancellor, Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara.
17. Prof. Ravindra Kr. Sinha, Vice Chancellor, Nalanda Open University, Patna.
18. Prof. S.P. Singh, Vice Chancellor, Aryabhata Knowledge University, Patna.
19. Prof. A.K. Roy, Designated Vice-Chancellor, B.N. Mandal University, Madhepura.
20. Prof. Dolly Sinha, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Patna University, Patna.
21. Prof. Raj Kumar Mandal, Pro-Vice Chancellor, B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur.



22. Prof. Jay Prakash Narayan Jha, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, B.N. Mandal University, Madhepura.
23. Prof. Chandreshwar Prasad Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, K.S.D. Sanskrit University, Darbhanga.
24. Dr. Jai Gopal, Pro-Vice Chancellor, L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga.
25. Prof. Karya Nand Paswan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya.
26. Prof. Ram Yatan Prasad, Pro-Vice Chancellor, T.M. Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur.
27. Prof. Madan Mohan Goel, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Veer Kunwar Singh University, Ara.
28. Prof. S.M. Karim, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Aryabhata Knowledge University, Patna
29. Prof. Syed Md. Rafique Azam, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, MMH Arabic & Persian University, Patna.
30. Prof. Faruque Ali, Designated Pro-Vice-Chancellor, B.N. Mandal University, Madhepura.
31. Shri Jay Vilash, Adviser to the Governor, Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Patna.
32. Shri Khalid Mirza, Director, Higher Education.
33. Shri Arshad Aziz, Additional Secretary-I, Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Patna.
34. Shri Vijay Kumar, Additional Secretary-II, Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Patna.
35. Shri R.V.S. Parmar, Law Officer, Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Patna.
36. Shri Sanjay Kumar, OSD (Estt.), Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Patna.
37. Shri Ahmad Mahmood, OSD (U), Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Patna.