

Proceedings of the meeting of Vice-Chancellors, held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chancellor, on 29.05.2018 at 10:30 AM at Raj Bhavan, Patna.

The meeting of Vice-Chancellors began with the address of Hon'ble Chancellor. Addressing the meeting of Vice-Chancellors, Hon'ble Chancellor laid emphasis on strict adherence to academic and examination calendar, and to ensure regular attendance of students and teachers in educational institutions. He stated that the proposed Combined Entrance Test for admission to the two year B.Ed. Course in all the teachers training colleges in the State should be strictly held as per rules and regulations and fairness should be maintained at all costs.

Hon'ble Chancellor expressed displeasure at the inordinate delay in payment of retiral dues to teaching and non-teaching staffs. He had directed for initiating necessary steps for ensuring timely payment. He also reiterated to streamline the functioning of Grievance Redressal Cell. He stressed upon the need to hold '**Pension Adalat**' every month for redressing the genuine grievances of retired employees. He exhorted the Vice-Chancellors to expedite implementation of all the decisions aimed at reforming the ailing system of higher education.

Hon'ble Chancellor expressed happiness at the successful conduct of Student's Union Election in all the Universities of Bihar. He congratulated all the Vice-Chancellors in particular and local administration in general for completing this onerous task.

With the permission of Hon'ble Chair, Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chancellor, Shri Vivek Kumar Singh initiated the proceedings of the meeting with a welcome note to all the Vice-Chancellors and other participants. Principal Secretary informed that a power point presentation was prepared on the basis of information received from Universities, on all the agenda points discussed in the previous meeting of Vice-Chancellors held on 16.04.2018 at Raj Bhavan, Patna.

Agenda Point No.1 - Streamlining of Academic and Examination.

University-wise academic and examination calendar were discussed and it was observed that calendar submitted by BRABU, JPU, TMBU and Patna university, Patna were not in the prescribed format. Vice Chancellors of these universities were advised to submit the academic and examination Calendar in prescribed format.

List of pending examinations were also discussed. It was observed that schedule submitted were not being adhered by BNMU, BRABU, MU JPU, TMBU. It was resolved to adhered to examination calendar in letter and spirit. Further, it was decided that examination dates should be decided/ finalized pragmatically and should not be deferred in any case.

A long deliberation took place on the issue of pending exams in bifurcated universities and it was decided that a committee of three Vice-Chancellors shall be constituted to resolve the issue, keeping in mind all the statutes and regulations and practical considerations.

Action: All VCs, Additional Secretary, Governor's Secretariat & All Controller of Examinations

Agenda Point No.2- Adoption of RTEGS.

It was observed that information provided by most of the universities were factually incorrect. All the Vice-Chancellors were requested to review the information again and submit the same to this secretariat by 31st of May, 2018 through the respective FOs registrar of the university.

Vice-Chancellors were also requested to ensure that the information related to B.Ed. Colleges may not be clubbed under this agenda as the information about B.Ed. Colleges was being sought separately.

Action: All VCs & All Registrars

Agenda Point No. 3 - Submission of proposal to Department of Education.

In this regard, it is observed that the list of the proposals, for affiliation, submitted to the government have not been provided by the universities. Additional Secretary, Department of Education, requested all the Vice Chancellors to provide separate list of old and current proposals of affiliation, submitted to the department of Education, as the old proposals will be decided on the basis of outcome of Court case filed in the Hon'ble High Court. A copy of the same list is to be provided to Governor's Secretariat.

Action: All VCs & All Registrars

Agenda point No. 4 - Payment of salary and retiral dues for teaching and non- teaching staff.

On perusal of the report, it was observed that no information has been provided by the PU, MU, TMBU in this regard. All the Vice-Chancellors were requested to direct their Finance Officers to submit the list of all pending cases with demand/ dues on 31st May, 2018 to this Secretariat.

The Vice-Chancellors were advised that in order to bring down the pendency of such cases, of 'LOK ADALAT' may be held each month and accordingly programme may be planned.

All the Vice-Chancellors were requested to provide a copy of the programme to this Secretariat.

Principal Secretary, Department of Education, requested that the proposals for requirement of fund for payment of retiral dues may be submitted to the Department of Education immediately.

Action: Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Education, All VCs & All FAs

Agenda Point No.5- Construction of Toilets.

In reference to the decision taken in this regard in the meeting held on 16.04.2018, Principal Secretary, Department of Education, informed that funds transferred to the BSEIDC (Bihar State Educational Infrastructure Development Corporation) cannot be reverted back or transferred to University due to some technical/legal issues, therefore, work for construction of toilets, installation of CCTV and Biometric machines will be undertaken by BSEIDC (Bihar State Educational Infrastructure Development Corporation) itself.

Action: All VCs & MD, BSEIDC

Agenda Point No. 6 - Updation of Accounts and Submission of Utilization Certificate.

The information on the agenda provided by the Universities were satisfactory except for MMHAPU. In this regard, Vice-Chancellor, MMHAPU assured that information will be submitted within a week.

Action: VC, MMHAPU

Agenda Point No. 7- Status of Wi-Fi

It was observed that the performance of the Wi-Fi was still not satisfactory. The problem of low speed and connectivity still persisted. The representative on behalf of the Beltron informed that an Engineer for each University has been deputed to resolve the issue of speed and connectivity with the help of Nodal Officers. Vice-Chancellors of Magadh University and Patna University informed that the situation has improved but still was not up the mark.

Representatives of Beltron were directed to resolve this contentious issue within one month in consultation with the Nodal Officer of the Universities.

Action: MD, Beltron

Agenda Point No. 8 - Action taken by the University against unauthorized absence of teachers.

On perusal of the report, it was observed that the desired information was not provided by the Universities except for LNMU, VKSU and TMBU. The Vice-Chancellors were requested to review the absenteeism and submit the information of action taken accordingly. The Registrar of all the Universities will submit the ATR on this agenda by 31st May, 2018 to this Secretariat.

Action: All VCs, All Registrars

Agenda Point No. 9 - Status of installation Biometric Attendance System in the Universities.

It was observed that the progress in respect of installation of Biometric Attendance System was satisfactory. However, it was resolved to ensure the functionality of the machine as mere installation will not serve any purpose. Further, it was also requested that a review of the attendance data of Biometric Machine may be carried out on monthly basis by all the Vice-Chancellors and report be submitted to this Secretariat as desired earlier in the prescribed format.

Action: All VCs, All Registrars

Agenda Point No. 10 - Updation of teaching and non-teaching staff of College and University on the Website on the University.

On examination of the information provided by the Universities, it was observed that the details of teaching and non-teaching staff of College and University was not factually correct. Moreover, it was also noticed that the information was not yet uploaded on the website of the Universities.

Further, on the advice of the Vice-Chancellors, it was decided that the proforma of this agenda will be revised. The same will be communicated to all the Universities by Computer Section of this Secretariat.

Action: All VCs & Technical Director, Governor's Secretariat

Agenda Point No. 11- Status of launch of Cleanliness drive.

The information provided by the Universities were reviewed one by one and the Vice-Chancellors explained the drive undertaken by them in detail. The progress in this regard was found satisfactory except for BNMU, as, no information have been provided by the University on this agenda. Vice-Chancellor, BNMU informed that the information of the drive conducted in Colleges could not be received on time and the same will be provided within a week.

Action: VC, BNMU

Agenda Point No. 12- Submission of proposals for strengthening infrastructure in University and College.

On perusal of the information provided by the Universities on the agenda, it was observed that desired proposals have not been submitted by the Vice-Chancellors to the Department of Education as decided in the earlier meeting held on 16.04.2018.

Principal Secretary, Department of Education again requested the Vice-Chancellors to submit their proposals for strengthening infrastructure in University and College on a priority basis keeping in mind the requirement of NAAC regulations. Further, he informed that the work upto the value of Rs. fifty lacs may be undertaken by the University at their own level and the work of value amounting to more than Rs. fifty lacs will be undertaken by the BSEIDC (Bihar State Educational Infrastructure Development Corporation).

Further, Principal Secretary, Department of Education informed that a schedule of meetings will be prepared and intimated to the Vice-Chancellors, wherein issue of pending colleges affiliation, proposals of retiral dues and proposals of infrastructure development will be discussed and finalized.

Action: Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Education & All VCs

Agenda Point No. 13- Adoption of Government-e-Marketplace (GeM) for purchase.

On the agenda of adoption of Government-e-Marketplace (GeM), no progress was made by any University. However, during the University-wise discussion all the Vice-Chancellors informed that efforts were being made and within a month all the formalities will be completed. Some of the Vice-Chancellors also expressed their concern regarding the non compliance of orders by the subordinate Officers. It was stated that if subordinate officers were not complying with the directions, the same may be intimated to this Secretariat, so that action may be initiated against erring officers.

Action: All VCs & All FOs

Agenda Point No. 14- Inspection of B.Ed. Colleges.

The information provided by the Universities regarding the inspection of B.Ed. Colleges were found to be factually incorrect. It was decided to change the format of this agenda and the type of violations found on the part of College may also be included in the new proforma. Further, it was requested that inspection of affiliated Colleges may be carried out on a priority-based.

Action: All VCs & Technical Director, Governor's Secretariat

Agenda Point No. 15- National Academic Depository.

In this regard, it was observed that no progress was made regarding registration and signing of memorandum with National Academic Depository (NAD). All the Vice-Chancellors were requested to complete the registration and signing of memorandum within a month positively.

The Vice-Chancellors of newly constituted Universities expressed their difficulties in registration and signing of memorandum as their logo, formats of certificates etc. have not been finalized yet.

Action: All VCs

Agenda Point No. 16- Implementation of CBCS.

Under this agenda, implementation of CBCS was discussed and it was informed that the proposal is in final stage and further, it was requested to all the Vice-Chancellors to chalk out a plan for implementation of CBCS in their respective Universities from the next academic session. Workshops/ Orientation programmes needed to be organized for better clarity and more effective implementation of CBCS.

Action: All VCs

Agenda Point No. 17- Online Admission through BSEB.

In this regard, it was observed that all the Universities have provided the desired detail to the BSEB. BSEB was expected to take it to a logical conclusion.

Action: BSEB

Agenda Point No. 18- Grievances Redressal Mechanism.

It was discussed that a lot of complaints/grievances were still being received by this Secretariat. It was felt that there was a need to draft the Statute/Regulations on the line of Bihar Government's Grievance Redressal Act, so that Universities grievances should be effectively handled.

Newly constituted Universities were advised to constitute the three Redressal Committees in their respective Universities.

Action: All VCs & Technical Director, Governor's Secretariat

Agenda Point No. 19- Court Cases Status in the University.

A new format was circulated among the Vice-Chancellors for monitoring of the pending Court Cases. They were advised to submit the detail in new format, so that, all the pending Court Cases may be monitored effectively.

Further, concern was expressed regarding the high number of MJCs in the Universities and directed to the Law Officer of this Secretariat to review the MJCs University-wise at their level.

Action: All VCs, Law Officer, Governor's Secretariat & All Registrars

Agenda Point No. 20- Extra Curricular Activities at University Level.

On perusal of the information provided by the Universities it was observed that a number of Universities have not submitted their Sports, Calendar, Cultural Calendar and programme of other Co-Curricular Activities like plantations. Vice-Chancellors were requested to direct their Registrar to submit the desired Calendar within a week.

It was decided to provide enabling platform for the creativity and talent of students, by setting up/rejuvenating societies/clubs in all University/College departments, under the stewardship of Moderators/Associate Moderators drawn from the faculty.

Action: All VCs & All Registrars

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chancellor.

Issued with H.E.'s approval,

Sd/-
(Vivek Kumar Singh)

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2. Principal Secretary / Additional Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Bihar for information and necessary action.
3. Principal Secretary, Science & Technology Department, Bihar, Patna for information and necessary action.
3. MD, BSEIDC (Bihar State Educational Infrastructure Development Corporation) for information and necessary action.
4. MD, Beltron for information and necessary action
5. All Officers of the Governor's Secretariat.
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**Principal Secretary to H.E. the Chancellor,
Universities of Bihar, Patna.**