



National Seminar of Vice Chancellors on Autonomy of Universities and Relation with State



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Association of Indian Universities
and
Bilaspur University, Bilaspur

About the Seminar

Indian universities have the potential to fulfill their prime academic objective by being torch-bearers in the field of 'knowledge creation, innovation and creativity' provided there is ample flexibility in the administration, management and governance of the universities. The issues of 'university administration, management and governance' have become more pronounced in the present scenario as the universities' engagement with the society has become more focused and intense.

University's autonomy is the most important facet as far as higher education is concerned. Autonomy of Higher Education Institutions particularly for the universities has been an issue of intensive debate since long. The debate has remained inconclusive despite the fact that higher education community and even the policy makers has a consensus that the autonomous character of the universities needs to be maintained for facilitating their functioning. However, there are many other aspects that put hindrance in the functioning of the universities by affecting their autonomy.

Since universities are creations of the Legislatures (Centre or State), they are caught in an intrinsic web of reciprocal relationship which is subsumed under the all encompassing umbrella term of 'university – state relations'. An array of legislations concerning higher education in India coming in quick succession one after another (NCHER, Foreign Universities Regulation Bill, RUSA to name a few), have once again brought the 'university – state relations' issue to the forefront. The prominent issues associated with 'university – state relations' *inter alia* are autonomy and accountability, funding, and federal relations.

The present Seminar is an endeavour to bring all the Vice Chancellors of Indian Universities to a common platform to review the current scenario of University Autonomy and the University-State relations and debate on the emerging issues and challenges with reference to University Autonomy and relation with State in the holistic framework of the need of universities in the globalised era of higher education.



Objectives of the Seminar

- To review the present scenario of University autonomy and University-state Relations
- To suggest mechanism for bringing the missing synergy amongst the various stake holder of higher education
- To help universities restoring their autonomous character

Sub-themes of the Seminar

- Autonomy of the Institution: Need for Holistic Approach
- Reforms in the University's Governance
- Funding Agencies: Priority of the state and the needs of the universities
- Gap in Policies and Practices
- In search of synergy amongst the stake holders of higher education
- Role of state in making Indian universities world class institutions
- University-Industry-Society: Linking the Unlinked



"Education should give children not only intellectual stimulation but also purpose. Any satisfactory system of Education should insist on both knowledge and wisdom:"

Association of Indian Universities (AIU)

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) established in 1925 as the Inter University Board of India, with a view to promoting university activities, especially by way of sharing information and co-operation in the field of education, culture, sports and allied areas. As an apex body for university-level institutions, it has played vital role in shaping the landscape of Higher Education of the country. Since its inception AIU has been providing a very vibrant intellectual platform to the academic community for debating issues and policies of emerging concern in the field of Higher Education. It also provides a research based recommendation to Government of India for devising policies on Higher Education. As a service agency of Higher Education it has been catering to the diversified needs of the stake holders by compiling, collating, disseminating and maintaining the updated information to the higher learning institutions.



Bilaspur University (Viswavidyalaya)

Bilaspur University (Viswavidyalaya) is a State University which has been established by the Chhattisgarh Act No 07, 2012, and came in to existence in June, 2012. The jurisdiction of Bilaspur University is extended to five districts of the state which includes the districts of Bilaspur, Mungeli, Korba, Janjgir Champa and Raigarh. The University is situated in Old High Court Building, Bilaspur city. It is about 2 Km from Railway Station. There are nearly 158 government and private colleges affiliated to the Bilaspur University. The colleges carry out undergraduate and postgraduate studies in different streams of Science, Arts, Commerce, Law and Education and different Centres of Research.

The University plans to develop strategy for enhancing a wide range of pedagogic approaches and integrate information technology with teaching and learning of technology. As a part of this approach, the University plans to start classrooms into state of the art ones, enabling teachers to teach using wide variety of media.

INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

All the Vice Chancellor/Director of Indian Universities/Institutes are invited to participate in the Seminar and offer their invaluable suggestions/views on the various subthemes of the Seminar.

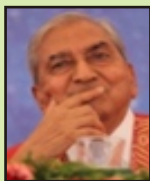
TA/DA/BOARD AND LODGING

The Seminar has **No Participation Fee**. The host organization will make arrangement for providing lunch, snacks and tea/coffee. However, the expenditure to be incurred in travel and accommodation shall be borne by your organization/university.

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Nomination Form

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