

AIU Annual Meet at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is completing 90 years of its momentous journey in 2016. In these 90 years, from a wide eyed start-up, AIU evolved as a premier Association of Higher Education Institutions across the world. Among several national and international activities by AIU, the Annual Meet of Vice Chancellors is one such mega event which is keenly awaited by all those who are associated it. Annual Meet provides a unique forum for its member Vice Chancellors and leaders of higher education system — national and international, to exchange ideas and to build consensus on collective policies and initiatives.

This year, the Annual Meet is being hosted by Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat during 5-7 February, 2016.

Apart from the grand Inaugural Ceremony and splendid Valedictory Function, the events marking the occasion are AIU Governing Council Meet, AIU General Body Members Meet, AIU Business Session, Interface Session with Indian Higher Education Functionaries and an Interface with Foreign Dignitaries.

Inaugural Function of the Meet is being graced by Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat, Shri O P Kohli. Prof. Ranbir Singh, President, AIU and Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi will preside over the Meet. Prof Furqan Qamar, Secretary General, AIU is the Convener of the Meet and Prof Harish Padh, Vice Chancellor of the host University i.e Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidya Nagar is the Co-convenor of the Meet. Inaugural Session is also being graced by important dignitaries of the Country and distinguished guests.

The theme of the National Seminar to be held on the occasion is ***Role of Higher Education in Transforming India***. A **Special Issue of the University News** Edited by Dr S Rama Devi Pani and Guest Edited by Prof Harish Padh on the theme will be released by Hon'ble Governor on the Occasion.

The Interface Session will be graced by the Senior Officials of various Ministries, particularly HRD and Sports and Youth Affairs, Heads of the apex bodies, councils and other agencies of Higher Education and Secondary Education. In the Meet, a stocktaking of the prevailing condition of overall Higher Education of the Country is done and vital issues are discussed to arrive at amicable solution. The forum is used to project the voice of the Vice Chancellors before the Government and other important agencies. In the Interface with Foreign dignitaries, issues related to cross border education will be discussed and possible collaborations and MoUs will be worked out.

The Meet is an occasion for AIU to showcase its past years achievements, present its Financial Statement and delineate the scheme of activities for the forthcoming year. It is also platform to inform the Members about the Recommendations of Zonal Vice Chancellors Meets and other Meetings conducted throughout the year and to agree on collective course of action, policies and initiatives.

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