

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH
(Estd. under the Panjab University Act VII of 1947-enacted
by the Government of India)

IMPORTANT: Please send the Report regarding the Action Taken on the following Para, on the enclosed proforma, which must reach Assistant Registrar (General) within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of despatch. **This may be treated as MOST URGENT as the Vice-Chancellor has taken a serious view on the non-availability of the Action Taken Report.**

Copy/Extract of the Paragraph II from the minutes of the meeting of ~~SYNDICATE~~/SENATE held on 24, 7, 2016

II. The Vice Chancellor said, "I feel immense pleasure in informing the Hon'ble members of the Senate that -

1. Panjab University had been placed at 12th rank in the MHRD initiated National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)' amongst all the Universities of the country. The rankings were released for the Higher Education Institutions by Union Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD) on April 4, 2016.
2. University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (UIPS) had secured Second place amongst Pharmacy Institutions in the 'National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)' under Pharmacy (Category A-Research and Teaching).
3. Family of Dr. Urmi Kessar, retired Professor, Department of Arts History and Visual Arts, has donated/contributed Rs.25 lakhs to create endowment for organizing lecture/oration in the area of Arts History and appreciation.
4. An invitation has been extended to Hon'ble Minister of Human Research Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar ji to visit PU Campus in the Teacher's Day week (September 5-9, 2016) to address the academia all across the country via a webcast transmitted live through National Knowledge Network (NKN) portal. We had successfully arranged similar event to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee Year of UGC via the web address by the Chairman, UGC, Prof. Ved Prakash, on August 14, 2014. We have also requested Hon'ble Minister to unveil the plaque naming the new International Hostel cum Guest House after (Late) Prof. Sarvadaman Chowla, an internationally renowned mathematician, who had been a teacher of Prof. R.P. Bambah as well as Prof. Abdus Salam at Lahore. The association of Prof. Bambah and Prof. Salam with Prof. Chowla, is lucidly recorded in the biography titled 'Inspiring Life of Abdus Salam', written by Dr. Mujahid Kamran, present Vice Chancellor of University of Punjab at Lahore. The well wishers of PU have offered to contact daughter of Prof. Chowla living near Penn State University, College Park, USA, to persuade her to join us on Skype on the occasion of naming of International Hostel to honour her father.

5. PU's proposal to get released a postal stamp to commemorate the Birth Centenary of Balwant Gargi shall get considered during the forthcoming meeting of the Committee empowered to accord approval to such proposals.
6. Recipient of Bharat Ratna, Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India, had visited Panjab University to inaugurate the National High Performance Scientific Computing Facility at Computer Centre, Panjab University on February 18, 2000. Director Computer Centre, PU, has taken initiative to invite a PU alumnus, Dr. Manjit Singh, Director, TBRL (DRDO) Chandigarh, to make a presentation titled 'Reminiscences of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam' on 27.07.2016 on the occasion of first death anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. May I propose that the Governing Bodies of PU accept a proposal forwarded by Director, Computer Centre that the Computer Centre of PU be named as Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Computer Centre.
7. I am happy to share with you that Director Computer Centre and Director, Central Instrumentation Laboratory of PU have submitted a proposal to Government of India to initiate Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) in the building housing their existing Centre. If PU proposal of AIC gets accepted by Govt. of India, then such a Centre in close proximity to facilities of CIL and Computer Centre would emerge as an attractive option for entrepreneurs to choose PU for realizing their dreams with the participation of PU faculty as consultants and our students as trainees
8. Further, I am pleased to inform the Hon'ble Members that -
 - (a) Shri Gulzar Ji has consented to visit Panjab University on August 24, 2016 to honour his Tagore Chair Professorship. During the visit, he shall interact with the faculty and students of Panjab University and rerelease a set of books entitled "Gulzar translates Tagore". The two books are 'Baaghbaan' and 'Nindia Chor'.
 - (b) Professor Y.K. Alagh, Chancellor, Central University of Gujrat, former Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and former Minister of Power, Planning Science and Technology, Government of India, has confirmed his visit to Panjab University campus as Dr. Manmohan Singh Chair Professor in the last week of August. During his visit, he would also deliver the first Professor. J.C. Anand Memorial Oration on August 29, 2016 on behalf of Department of Political Science.
 - (c) 5th Panjab University foundation day lecture will be delivered on October 3, 2016 by Mahatma Gandhi Chair Professor, Smt. Ela Bhatt, Founder, Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), Ahmedabad. We expect her to arrive here on 1st of August and participate on 2nd October in commemoration in the Gandhi Bhawan, and then deliver a lecture on October 3."

Principal S.S. Sangha pointed out that Shri Naresh Gaur, Fellow, Panjab University has been unanimously elected as General Secretary of All India State Bank of Patiala Employees Federation. We should also be felicitated.

Professor Keshav Malhotra suggested that they should welcome Shri Ravinder Mohan Trikha (President, PUSA), a representative of non-teaching employees who has been nominated on the Senate by the Chancellor and is attending the meeting of the Senate for the first time.

RESOLVED: That -

- (1) Felicitation of the Senate be conveyed to Shri Naresh Gaur, Fellow, Panjab University, on his having been elected as General Secretary of All India State Bank of Patiala Employees Federation;
- (2) the information contained in Vice Chancellor's Statement at Sr. Nos. 1, 2, 5, and 8 (a), (b) and (c), be noted;
- (3) the information contained in Vice Chancellor's Statement at Sr. Nos. 4, 6, and 7, be noted and approved; and
- (4) the donation of Rs.25 lakhs made by the family of Dr. Urmi Kessar, retired Professor, Department of Arts, History and Visual Arts, to create an endowment for organizing lecture/oration in the area of Arts History, be accepted, and thanks of the Senate be conveyed.