

Commissionerate of Collegiate Education, A.P., Hyderabad

Note on Setting up of Inter-University Faculty Forum

Context:

- Andhra Pradesh has a large number of Higher Education Institutions such as universities, research institutions and a commendable research activity is going on in these institutions. But, most of the research work is carried out in a compartmentalized way sometimes even a teacher working in the same institution may not be aware of the work. The objective of any research must be to benefit society at large and a source of learning for others who are interested to carry out research work in similar area.
- The faculty working in universities and other higher educational institutions have been carrying out commendable research work and some of the research papers got published in prestigious internationally reputed journals and magazines such as Nature etc. But, the research activity seems to be unknown to majority of faculty and research scholars working in other universities and institutions in the state which may be because of lack of common platform for sharing such expertise with others.
- Further, most of research work is carried out with the support provided by various funding agencies such as UGC and other national-level agencies. The individuals and institutions need to see that the fruits of such research outreach to larger community as a part of the Institution Social Responsibility.

Initiative:

- Principal Secretary to Higher Education Department in EC meeting of SK University, Anantapur formulated the idea of faculty forum along with the CCE and Vice-Chancellor. In continuation, CCE convened a meeting with Professors from Osmania University and B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad on 07-06-2013 to discuss about idea of launching a platform to facilitate sharing of research expertise among Universities in the state.
- In this context, there is a need to create a platform like **Inter University Faculty Forum** for facilitating sharing the research expertise among teachers and students. This will contribute towards creating a convergence of knowledge and an atmosphere conducive for motivating young research scholars.

Inter University Faculty Forum

Objectives:

- To facilitate sharing of research expertise
- To motivate young scholars to undertake research
- To facilitate acknowledgement and appreciation of the research work across the state
- To identify university-wise strength in terms of specific areas of research

Activity:

- The best research papers, which were published in prestigious journals either at the international or national level, are to be presented in the Inter University Faculty Forum through video conference. The faculty and students from Universities and Colleges will attend the Video Conference facility at their respective districts and take part in the post presentation discussions.
- A core group of eminent teachers/research scholars a minimum of three from each area will be selected from universities and other institutions to initiate the activity with presentation of their research papers. This will be catalytic in sustaining and taking the activity forward.
- The presentation of the paper is to be done voluntarily by the teacher and the forum provides the necessary means to present it for the benefit of fellow research scholars working in other universities and students.

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