

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

