



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2008



**Association of  
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SAUFEST — Folk Dance by Nepal

# ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES



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**Eighty third Annual Meeting**  
**November 18, 2008**



Tribal Folk Dance

**NORTH EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY**  
**SHILLONG 793 022**

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I have pleasure in presenting, the Annual Report for the year 2008 at 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association being held at the beautiful campus of North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. Details of activities of the Association during the year are reported below.

### **Research Division**

Following activities were taken up by the division during the year:

#### *Anveshan: 2008 – First Student Research Convention*

Association of Indian Universities has taken a pioneering initiative to organize student research conventions for the aspiring researchers through out the country. These conventions aim at identifying the young and rising talents who would be promoted through proper encouragement and incentives. The major objectives are to identify young talents with research aptitude and interest to take up research as career; promote the talent in research throughout the country; augment financial and physical resources through collaboration with different sponsors for supporting education and training of the young researchers; provide proper incentives to enhance the skill of potential students; and to initiate an intensive research culture in a selected group of institutions. Also an attempt shall be made to commercialize their research projects with industrial collaboration. The endeavour may accelerate scientific research and innovation and their application towards community development percolating to the grassroots level.

#### *Areas/Fields*

- Basic Sciences, Engineering & Technology, and Agriculture
- Health Sciences and Allied Subjects including Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Pharmacy, Nutrition, etc.
- Objective and result oriented projects in Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce and Law

#### *Methodology*

Two types of projects-- Individual and group projects were invited from the students for display. The duration of the each convention was three days. The convention was held in three phases.

In the first phase, all universities in the country were requested to organize an exhibition of research projects at University level in which students from affiliated/constituent colleges, research institutions and university post graduate departments participated. The exhibited projects were scrutinized by a team of experts.

In the second phase, the exhibition was held at Zonal level for which four universities, one in each zone, was identified. The projects selected at the first phase were called for the second round of scrutiny.

Accordingly, the event was organized at the following Four Zonal Levels:

Zone	Venue	Dates
North Zone	Panjab University, Chandigarh	February 13-15, 2008
West Zone	Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur	March 14-16, 2008
South Zone	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad	April 2-4, 2008
East Zone	Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi	April 9-11, 2008
National	University of Pune, Pune	May 17-19, 2008

**National Convention:** The Association of Indian Universities called for the successful projects, selected through the zonal competition, for National Level Competition held at University of Pune, Pune, May 17-19, 2008.

In the National Convention **fifty-four** projects made their entry. Five projects were placed in the Merit list and they were given cash prizes along with Mementoes and certificates. Apart from the winning projects, seven projects were accredited. The short listed projects have been submitted to some international agencies who may offer scholarships according to their suitability. All the participants were distributed certificates of participation along with mementos.

The Convention was applauded at different levels. A Compendium of the research projects presented at the National Level is being prepared by the Division which may serve as an inspiring document for the young researchers in the country about the researches being done throughout the country.

## Seminars/Workshops Organised

1. National Seminar on Women's Studies in India: Women and Health: New Paradigms in collaboration with University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on March 3-5, 2008, at University of Kerala.

## Scheduled

1. National Workshop on Examination Reforms in Higher Education at Allahabad Agricultural University, Allahabad, December 3-5, 2008.

## PROJECTS

### Completed

1. Unit Cost of Higher Education in Karnataka: A Study of Universities and their Affiliated Colleges
2. Comparative Analysis of Operational Aspects of Institutions of Higher Education for Determining Quality Measures
3. Status of Self Financing Courses in Indian Universities
4. Status of Biotechnology in Indian Universities
5. Women Development: Initiatives Taken by Women Cells in Indian Universities
6. Foreign Education Providers in India

### In Progress

1. Status of Computerization and Use of Information Technology in the University Libraries
2. Higher Education – Who is Benefited? Socio Economic Analysis
3. Assessment of Quality of Elementary Education in Urban, Rural and Tribal Set Up in Different Regions of the Country

### Selections from University News

### In progress

1. *Sages on Stage* AIU Presidential Addresses (Thematic and Decade wise)
2. Women Education and Empowerment
3. Dynamics of Extension Education Academics and Beyond

### Completed

1. Tryst with Agricultural Education

### In progress

1. Tryst with Engineering Education
2. Tryst with Distance Education

### DATA BASE

#### Ongoing 2006-07; 2007-08

1. International Students in Indian Universities (Data compilation in progress for 2007-08)
2. Enrolment at different levels under general category (including professional/non-professional education): state-wise, gender-wise, course/programme-wise data (data collection in progress for 2005-06, 2006-07)

### PAPERS PUBLISHED

1. Dongaonkar, Dayanand and Rai Negi, Usha (2008), *Access to Global Universities*
2. Mishra, Bijayalaxmi and Pani, Amarendra (2008), Social Science Research: Issues and Concerns, *University News*, Special Issue, 46(05), February 4-10, pp 14-18.
3. Rai Negi, Usha and Dongaonkar, Dayanand (2008), *International Students in Indian Universities (2005-06)*
4. Dongaonkar, Dayanand and Rai Negi, Usha (2008): *International Students in Indian Universities (2006-07)*

### PAPERS PRESENTED

1. Dongaonkar, Dayanand (2008), *Scientific Basis of Yoga*, at SAUFEST organized at Kathmandu University, Nepal on February 7 – 11, 2008.
2. Dongaonkar, Dayanand (2008), *Citizenship and Governance: Re-visioning Social Transformation in the Twenty-First Century*, PRIA at YMCA, New Delhi, February 28, 2008.
3. Dongaonkar, Dayanand (2008), *AIU Initiatives for International Network* at IAUA Conference at Allahabad Agricultural University, Allahabad on September 25, 2008.
4. Mishra, Bijayalaxmi (2008), Gender and Health: Setting the Agenda, at National Seminar on Women's Studies held at University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, March 3-5, 2008.
5. *Financing of Higher Education: Changing Paradigm* - Position Paper – 2008 (the baseline paper prepared by Dr Bijayalaxmi Mishra and Dr Amarendra Pani)

### Theses of the Month

A list of Doctoral Theses accepted in Science & Technology, Social Sciences and Humanities by Indian universities and other institutions of Higher Education is compiled and published regularly under the column *Theses of the Month* in University News, every week. For the calendar year so far the reported number of thesis is 4035.

### Visit of Foreign Delegations to AIU during the year

S.No	Details of Foreign delegations	Date(s)
1.	Seven member delegation from <b>European Commission</b>	February 26, 2008
2.	Dr Lenzen, President, <b>HRK Germany</b> (German Rectors Conference)	February 28, 2008
3	Five member delegation from <b>SANPAD South Africa</b> headed by their CEO	March 10, 2008
4	Member of Association of Universities and Colleges of <b>Canada</b> (AUCC)	March 20, 2008
5.	Nine member delegation from <b>Australian</b> Government, Australia Education International	April 2, 2008
6	Ten member delegation from <b>China</b> headed by Secretary General, China Education Association for International Exchange	April 2, 2008
7	Two member delegation from <b>University of Maastricht</b> , Netherlands	April 8, 2008
8	Two member delegation of <b>AEH Advisory Committee (ASEM)</b> , Spain.	June 13, 2008
9	Two member delegation from <b>Tufts University</b> , USA	September 29, 2008
10	Four member delegation from Universities <b>Malaysia PAHANG</b> , Malaysia	October 8, 2008
11	Three member delegation from <b>European Commission</b> .	October 8, 2008

## **MoU Signed**

1. AIU has signed MoU with Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU) on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008 during the IAU Conference held at University of Maastricht, Netherlands, for a period of three years
2. AIU and University of Aarhus signed MoU for cooperation in the field of higher education.
3. Indo-French Consortium of Universities

## **International Association of Universities, (IAU)**

The Secretary General, AIU has been elected as a Deputy Member of the Administrative Board of International Association of Universities (IAU), Paris, France for the period 2008-2012.

## **Evaluation Division**

During the year recognition was accorded to the Two-year full-time Postgraduate Diploma programme in Management of National Institute of Financial Management, Faridabad (Haryana) and Welingkar Institute of Management Development, Mumbai (MS) for a period of five years as equivalent to Master of Business Administration Degree (NBA) of an Indian University.

During the year the Evaluation Division issued 870 Equivalence Certificates to Indian and foreign students, obtaining qualifications from abroad. The Division continued to provide professional assistance on the status of foreign qualifications to universities, Ministries of the Government of India, Union Public Service Commission, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Medical Council of India and other Central/State Government agencies dealing with the nomination/selection of Indian/foreign students intending to pursue higher education in Indian Universities.

Draft replies were provided to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for questions asked by the members of Parliament concerning higher education.

Approximately 3600 Visitors were provided with information relating to equivalence of foreign degrees and on the status of courses offered by the professional institutions outside the purview of the Universities. Over 1200 enquiries received through E. Mail, 3200 on Telephone and 1629 through post were attended and replied to.

The Division also receives numerous enquiries from the nationalized Banks with regard to the status of the Indian/foreign Universities and the courses offered by them for sanction of Education Loan to the students.

## **Students Information Services Division**

The Division serves the students, academics, parents, other stakeholders and visitors to AIU House by providing them information on the status of Indian institutions of higher education, professional bodies etc. and on the courses offered by Indian universities and other institutions recognized by statutory bodies like All India Council for Technical Education, National Council for Teacher Education and Medical Council of India.

The Division continued to update itself by screening the leading newspapers in respect of admission notifications on various courses issued by universities and other institutions from time to time in order to provide latest information to students and updating the Handbooks.

The SIS Division has revised and updated the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Handbook on Engineering Education'. It was released in January, 2008. Now the division is revising and updating the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Handbook on Health Science Education'

## **Library and Documentation Division**

The total number of books in the library today stands more than 20,000. Library receives around 150 periodicals, specially on higher education. This, reference and research library has over the years acquired a highly specialized collection of documents, on higher education, as a discipline by itself, as against catering to different disciplines at the level of higher education. Among the areas prominently represented are- Educational Sociology, Educational Planning, Educational Administration, Teaching and Teacher's Training, Economics of Education, Country Studies, University-Industry Interaction and Quality in Higher Education, Books on Developing fields of adult education, distance education and educational technology are well stocked. The Library is particularly strong in its collection of Reports and Documents, published by governments and non-commercial and highly specialized educational associations and organizations. The Annual Reports, Calendars, Handbooks, Acts of the different Universities and Supreme Court Judgment on Educational Matters are also available in the Library, which are regularly in demand and consulted by numbers of users.

The AIU Library and Documentations Division renders the following services to the researchers:

- Circulation Services
- Reference Services
- Selective Dissemination of Information
- Indexing Services
- Press Clipping Services
- Bibliographic Services
- Reprographic Services

The Library provides statistical and other related information and the annual index that is published in the University News. Another important aspect of documentation services rendered by the Library pertains to the Annual Index to the University News.

During the year 2008, 148 titles have been added to the AIU Library's collection. During the year the library received 150 periodicals (109 Indian and 41 foreign). Of these 37 were subscribed, 69 were received gratis and 44 received in exchange of 'University News'.

Around 2750 students and scholars (both from developed and developing countries), visited the library during the year. About 11,850 photocopies had been supplied to the scholars. 10 requests were received for Inter-Library loan and 12 were serviced during the year. Around 1200 telephonic queries were attended during the year.

#### *UNIVERSITY NEWS -- 2008*

The University News maintained its longstanding tradition of regularity of appearance in the year 2008. Two special issues were published on :

1. "Research in Higher Education Institutions of India" Special Issue on the occasion of XVIII New Delhi World Book Fair (February 04-10, 2008).
2. "Quality and Relevance of Higher Education", Special Issue on the Occasion of Annual Meeting of the AIU at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong (November 17-19, 2008).

#### **Publication and Sales Division**

##### *Printing & Publishing*

The revised and updated edition of the following publications have been brought out under the category of Handbook, Directory, Proceedings, Report, etc.

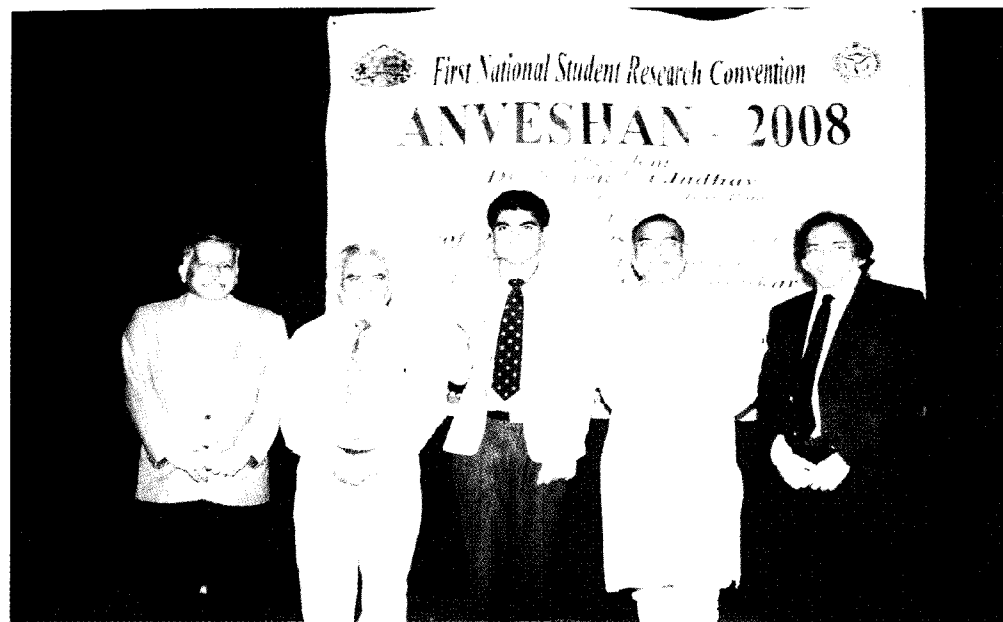


Poster Exhibition during West Zone SRC at RTM Nagpur University, March 14-16, 2008

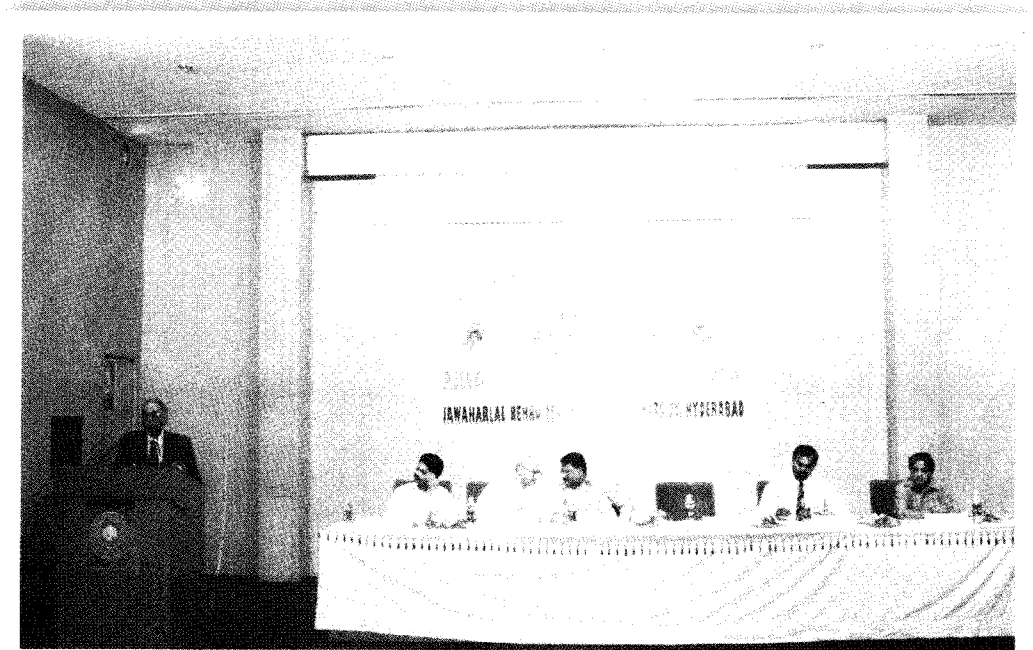


Folk Dance of Maharashtra, at National Inter-University Youth Festival held at Shivaji University, Kolhapur





It's winning all the way!  
Ashish Jagyasi, overall winner Anveshan 2008 and recipient of Prof SK Mukherjee gold medal with Pandit Vidyasagar, Prof Dongaonkar, Dr Jadhav and Team Manager University of Mumbai.



Prof A M Pathan, Vice Chancellor, MANUU, Hyderabad and President, AIU, addressing the gathering during inaugural ceremony of South Zone SRC, April, 2-4, 2008 at JNTU, Hyderabad



Students at South SRC elucidating their work to Prof D Dongaonkar, Secretary General, AIU



Winners of NSRC with organizers





Vizzy Trophy Match in Progress



Chinese Youth delegation being welcomed at University of Mumbai

### *New Publications*

- (i) Handbook on Engineering Education (2008).
- (ii) University Institutions in India – AIU Members (February 2008).
- (iii) University Institutions in India – AIU Members (October 2008).
- (iv) Access to Global Universities (with DVD).
- (v) Proceedings of 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting.
- (vi) International Students in Indian Universities (2005-06) (November 2008)
- (vii) International Students in Indian Universities (2006-07) (November 2008)

### *Reports*

- (i) Position Paper on Financing of Higher Education.
- (ii) International Students in Indian Universities.
- (iii) Inter-University Youth Festivals 2007-08.
- (iv) Annual Report – 2008

### *Reprinted Publications*

- (i) Effectiveness & Quality in Higher Education (Selection 4)
- (ii) Reforms & Innovations in Higher Education (Selection 8).
- (iii) Environmental Education in India (Selection 9).
- (iv) Privatisation of Higher Education (Selection 10).
- (v) Globalization of Indian Higher Education (Selection 11).
- (vi) Supervision of Research in Universities (2001).
- (vii) University Institutions in India - AIU Members (October 2008).
- (viii) AIU Initiatives for North Eastern Region

### *Sale of Publications*

The sale promotion of AIU publications is done through various exhibitions, dispatching of publicity materials and circulars to the Universities, Institutions, Indian Embassies and Foreign Mission in India from time to time and whenever the books are released. The new publications, reports, etc are sent to the Vice Chancellors/Directors of member Universities, dignitaries and Government officials on complementary basis.

### *Book Exhibition*

18<sup>th</sup> New Delhi World Book Fair (2008) AIU participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> New Delhi World Book Fair (2008) held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from February 02- 10,2008. A total of nine member universities had also participated and displayed their publications under the banner of AIU.

As a part of sale promotion, the AIU publications are being displayed at the venue of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting at the North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. As per the past experience, there is every likelihood that we may have cash sales and advance booking of orders for our publications.

#### *Advertisements in University News*

We regularly receive advertisements to be published in our journal - University News from our member universities, institutions, Govt. departments, booksellers and others on pre-payment and bill basis.

#### *Special issues of University News*

Apart from the regular issues of University News, the following two Special Issues were brought out on the occasions/topic as mentioned below :

- (a) Volume 46 Issue No. 05 dated February 04-10, 2008 : on the occasion of the 18<sup>th</sup> New Delhi World Book Fair (2008) - on the theme "Research in Indian Higher Education Institutions".
- (b) Volume 46 Issue No. 46 dated November 17-23, 2008: on the occasion of 83rd Annual General Meeting – on the theme "Quality and Relevance in Higher Education".

#### *Subscriptions of University News*

The print run of University News as of date is 7150 copies. The current number of paid subscribers is about 6190 and 732 copies are being sent on complementary basis to the Vice Chancellors/Directors and Registrars of member universities, Government officials and other important dignitaries/academics.

#### *Monthly Pocket Planners*

In addition to the above, Monthly Pocket Planners are being sent to Vice Chancellors/Directors, Registrars of member universities/Institutions and other dignitaries as per the mailing list maintained for this purpose in the Division.

#### **Sports Division**

The Inter University Sports Board of India has been accorded the status of National Sports Promotion Organisation (NSPO) by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

#### *Inter-University Tournaments 2008*

The Inter-University Tournaments constitute the main components of NSPO Programme(s) for promoting competitive sports in Universities and Colleges. During the

year 2008, Inter-University Tournaments in 18 disciplines for men, 16 for women and 17 for both men and women were organized at 70 University centers throughout India, with a view to create sport-culture and broad base competitive sports for achieving excellence at National and International sporting competitions

The Inter-University Tournaments proved to be a main platform for Talents Search and Talent promotion on scientific lines for the purpose of feeding the national teams.

More than of 2,00,000 (approximately) university students participated in 87 Inter-University competitions. The details are given as under:

S.No	Category of Tournaments	No. of events	Average number of participants
1	National Basis	26	51,225
2	Three Zone basis	21	53,140
3	Five Zone basis	40	96,300
	Total Events/Participants	87	2,00,665

#### *Nehru Champion College Hockey (M) Tournament: 2008*

The AIU-Nehru Champion College Hockey (Men) Tournament was introduced in the year 1992-93 with a view to encourage competitive hockey at the college level. The tournament for the year 2008 was jointly organized by the Association of Indian Universities and Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament Society from February 8-14, 2008.

The ranking of the performing teams in the tournaments is given below:

S.No	Participating College and University	Position
01	DAV College, Jalandhar Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	1 <sup>st</sup>
02	J L Nehru College, Barkatualla University, Bhopal	2 <sup>nd</sup>
03	Layalpur Khalsa College, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### *Vizzy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament: 2008*

The AIU and BCCI jointly organize the Vizzy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament so as to promote cricket in the University sector. The Vizzy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament for the year 2008 was successfully and smoothly conducted by the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar from February 16-23, 2008. The coveted Trophy was lifted by North Zone and the South Zone was declared as Runners up of the tournament..

### *Training of Combined Universities Cricket (M) Team: 2008*

During the Vizzy Trophy Cricket (M) Tournament held at Guru Nanak Dev University, a team of twenty (20) talented Cricket Players was selected by the duly constituted Committee headed by Prof Kanwaljeet Singh, Director, Sports of the University. The training of the Indian Universities Cricket team was sponsored by the BCCI, held at National Cricket Academy, Bangalore under guidance of the qualified coaches and trainers.

### **Youth Affairs Division**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Inter-University National Youth Festival, jointly sponsored by the Association of Indian Universities and Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of India, was hosted by Shivaji University, Kolhapur in Maharashtra on January 20-24, 2008. The invitations to Youth Festival were extended to those universities, which had secured first two positions in each event in the four zonal festivals. In all about 800 participants from 65 universities participated in the events of music, dance, theatre, literary activities and fine arts. Following universities were awarded the Championship Trophies in various discipline:

### *Championships*

Music	: University of Mumbai, Mumbai
Dance	: Banasthali University, Banasthali,
Literary	: Jiwaji University, Gwalior
Theatre	: University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
Fine Arts	: Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar
Runners Up Championship	: Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar
Overall Championship	: University of Mumbai, Mumbai

### *Third SAUFEST*

Under the aegis of the AIU, Kathmandu University, Nepal successfully organized the third SAUFEST at the University Campus, Dhulikhel, Nepal during 7-11 February 2008. This successful event provided a wider platform in Nepal for promoting international

peace, harmony and understanding among the youths of South Asia. It also helped to familiarize the delegates with the rich cultural and natural heritage of Nepal. The Festival gathered more than 350 students from 5 countries of South Asia. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> SAUFEST there was a wider representation of all the universities of Nepal. After Nepal, the biggest representation was from India through its four zonal winners of the I U Youth Festivals. Also wider participation of Bangladesh and Bengali Culture was seen in the festival.

### *Visit of Chinese Youth Delegation to University of Mumbai*

As desired by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, AIU coordinated with the University of Mumbai the visit of the 100- member Chinese Youth Delegation led by H. E. Mr. Hu Chunhua, First Secretary of the Central Committee of Communist Youth League of China and Honorary President of All China Youth Federation visited India from 1<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007. In addition to a visit to the University Campus, the Chinese delegation had a youth exchange programme with the youth of the host University.

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-University National Youth Yoga Camp*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-University National Yoga Camp was held at the Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, (SVYASM) Bangalore during May 9 to 15, 2008 in which 27 participants of 6 universities participated.

### *5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Inter-University National Cultural Board*

The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Inter-University National Cultural Board (IUNCB) was held on May 21, 2008 at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, in which Cultural Coordinators, Experts and selected students participated. The 29<sup>th</sup> AIU Cultural Committee Meeting was held on May 21, 2008 at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh..

**3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-University National Youth Leadership Camp** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-University National Youth Leadership Camp organized at the Jadavpur University, Kolkata. About thirty youth from twelve universities participated in the Camp. During the programme, the experts were invited to interact with the participants on the topics like Personality Development, Communication and Presentation Skills, University Industry Linkage, Gender Sensitivity, Literacy, Environment, Leadership, Health Issues, Team Building etc. The moderators initiated the sessions by giving introduction followed by Group discussions and interactive sessions.

### **Finance Division**

The Finance Committee at its meeting held on September 23, 2008 considered and approved the revised budget estimates for 2008-09 and budget estimates for 2009-10.

The audited accounts of the Association from M/s. K N Goyal & Co, Chartered Accountants and AIU PF Trust from M/s Rakesh Chauhan & Associates which include balance sheet, income and expenditure account, receipt and payment account were also approved in the FC Meeting. These are placed before the General Body for consideration.

The Government Auditors have audited the accounts for the year 2006-07 their report along with the replies were placed before the Finance Committee Meeting held on September 23, 2008. The replies were approved by the FC/SC.

The position of Government Grants sanctioned by the Ministry of Human Resource Development/Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the year 2008-09 is as follows:

Non Plan	Rs.32.00 lakhs
Plan	Rs.55.00 lakhs
Youth Affairs	Rs.54.00 lakhs (Likely to be released by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports – Sanction awaited)
S S G	The sanction has not been received till date

The recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission for Central Government Employees have also been implemented for AIU employees with effect from 1.1.2006 as per AIU Bye-law 2.1.

### Administration Division

The Administration Division provides personnel, material and usual administrative support to the activities of AIU. Besides attending to the regular maintenance of the plant, equipment, essential services and doing human resource management the following activities were also undertaken:

Activities for the proposed renovation and re-designing of the interior structure of the AIU House have been taken up for creating better work-environment and to ensure optimum utilization of the available space. After identifying and signing an agreement with the Architects the internal structure of each floor has been studied and the design of the proposed interior structure has been drawn. Further, tentative valuation of the proposed work has also been made. The same was placed before the Standing Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at AIU House which was approved. Further process in this direction is being undertaken.

A training programme in Fundamentals of Computer Application, Operating Systems, Internet, etc. for the staff of AIU was conducted with the help of the Computer Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

The expenditure involved was met out of the funds generated for Competency building of Staff.

The AIU Website has been revamped and more information on the activities of the organization and other useful information have been made available. Facilities for 'on-line submission' of the '*Theses of the Month*' by the universities for publication in the University News and for seeking information on-line will soon be available on the website.

As per the decision taken by the Standing Committee at its meeting held on 25.11.2007 a mechanism to furnish information quickly to students, teachers, persons concerned with education, etc. has been created by appointing an Information Officer. The same is put on AIU's website.

Appointed as Fellow/Trainees in Research Division (for One year term):

1. Dr.(Mrs.) Yogita Thakur 01-10-2008
2. Ms. Sweety 01-10-2008

Relieved on expiry of term of appointment

1. Ms. Zakia Sadique 07-06-2008
2. Ms. Puja Verma 31-07-2008

### Foreign Visits

S. No	Delegation	Place	Dates
1	Secretary General	ASEM Education Hub <b>Consultative Meeting</b> at University of Alicante, Madrid, Spain. (Sponsored)	December 16-20 2007
2	Secretary General	As a member of the <b>Joint Working Group (JWG)</b> delegation of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India visited Bangkok, Thailand	December 25-28, 2007.
3	President and Secretary General	<b>Indo-French Consortium</b> Meeting at the invitation of the French Embassy in India. (Sponsored)	January 5-8, 2008
4	Secretary General	European Union <b>Consultative Meeting</b> at Manila, Philippines (Sponsored)	February 20-24 2008.
5	President and Secretary General	5 <sup>th</sup> <b>UMIOR</b> General Conference at Tehran, Iran (AIU delegation)	April 28-29, 2008.

S. No	Delegation	Place	Dates
6	Vice President and Secretary General	NAFSA Conference at Washington DC, USA, (AIU delegation)	May 25-30, 2008,
7	Secretary General and a Member of Standing Committee	the IAU Conference at Maastricht University, Netherlands. (AIU delegation)	July 15-18, 2008

### Meeting Division

During the year the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meetings were organized as detailed below:

S. No	Meeting	Venue	Date
1	West Zone VCs Meeting	Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad	July 30-August 1, 2008
2	North Zone VCs Meeting	Govind Ballabh Pant Agricultural University, Pant Nagar	Sept 3-5, 2008
3	South Zone VCs Meeting	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry	September 11-13, 2008
4	East Zone VCs Meeting	Magadh University, Bodh Gaya	September 17-19, 2008

Recommendations of zonal meetings are included in agenda of the General Session and Business Session for consideration.

Details of Meetings/Conferences/Workshops held during 2008.

S. No	Committee/Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Venue
1.	Requisitioned Standing Committee Meeting	18/01/2008	AIU House
2.	National Seminar on Women's Studies in India: Women and Health: New Paradigms.	March 3-5, 2008,	University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
3.	Research Committee	19/03/2008	AIU House
4.	Standing Committee	19/03/2008	AIU House

S. No	Committee/Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Venue
5.	Inter-University Sports Board of India	May 8, 2008	Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad
6.	Sports Committee	May 9, 2008	Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad
7.	National Inter-University Cultural Board	21/5/2008	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
8.	Cultural Committee	22/05/2008	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
9.	NSPO Constitution Committee	26/06/2008	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, New Delhi
10.	Standing Committee	08/07/2008	AIU House
11.	West Zone Vice Chancellors' Meeting	July 30-August 1, 2008	Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Auranagabad
12.	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy Committee	August 22 & 26, 2008	AIU House & Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, New Delhi
13.	NSPO Bye-laws Committee	26/08/2008	AIU House
14.	North Zone Vice Chancellors' Meeting	September 3-5, 2008	G B Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar
15.	South Zone Vice Chancellors' Meeting	September 11-13, 2008	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
16.	Extra Ordinary Standing Committee Meeting	September 16, 2008	AIU House
17.	East Zone Vice Chancellors' Meeting	September 17-19, 2008	Magadh University, Bodh Gaya
18.	Vizy Trophy Committee	14/01/2008	BCCI Office, Mumbai
19.	Finance Committee	23/09/2008	AIU House
20.	Equivalence Committee	23/09/2008	AIU House
21.	Staff Affairs Committee	23/09/2008	AIU House
22.	Standing Committee	24/09/2008	AIU House

S. No	Committee/Workshop/Conference	Date(s)	Venue
23.	Staff Affairs Committee Meeting	05/11/2008	AIU House
24.	Selection Committee Meeting for the post of Secretary General, AIU	06/11/2008	AIU House
25.	Indo-French Consortium of Universities	16/11/2008	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
26.	Standing Committee Meeting	16/11/2008	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
27.	83 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting	17/11/2008	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
28.	Inter-action with heads of Apex Bodies	17/11/2008	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
29.	Meeting of Vice Chancellors/ Directors of Universities/ Institutions in North Eastern region	17/11/2008	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
30.	General Session	18/11/2008	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
31.	Business Session	18/11/2008	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
32.	International Forum on Higher Education	18/11/2008	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
33.	National Seminar on "Quality and Relevance of Higher Education"	19/11/2008	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong

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