

# Role of AIU in the field of Higher Education

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# Background of AIU (Associations of Indian Universities)

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) acts as a centre for Indian Universities. It was originated in our country according to the recommendations of saddler commission -1917. The Commission had recommended for establishing an inter-university board in the country for maintaining proper liaison and coordination between the universities. So the board took final shape in a conference of the vice-chancellors of Universities convened by the then viceroy of India at Simla in 1924.

The Inter-University Board (IUB) of India subsequently formed on March 23, 1925, to promote university activities, by sharing information and co-operation in the field of education, culture, sports and allied areas. The Board acquired a legal status with its registration in 1967 as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. In 1973, it assumed its present name "The Association of Indian University (AIU). The total members of AIU are 896 universities & 17 Associates

# Objectives of AIU

- ❑ To act as a bureau of information and to facilitate, communication, coordination, mutual consultation amongst universities.
- ❑ To act as a liaison between the universities and the government as well as the state government and to coordinate with other university boards of national or international in matters of common interest.
- ❑ To act as representative of Universities of India
- ❑ To promote or to undertake such programmes as would help in standards of institution, examination, research, textbooks, scholarships, publications, library organisations as contribute to the growth and propagation of knowledge.
- ❑ To help universities to obtain their autonomous character.
- ❑ To facilitate exchange of members of teaching and research staff.

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- ▶ To assist universities in obtaining recognition for their degrees, examinations from other universities, Indian as well as foreign.
- ▶ To undertake, organize and facilitate conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures and research on higher learning.
- ▶ To establish and to maintain a sports organisation for promoting rapport among member universities.
- ▶ To establish and maintain organisations dealing with youth welfare services, cultural programmes, adult education and other such activities which are conducive to the betterment and welfare of the students.
- ▶ To act as a service agency to universities in whatever manner it is required or prescribed.
- ▶ To undertake facilitate and provide for the publication of newsletter papers, books and journals.

# The major functions of the AIU in the field of Higher Education

## **Affiliation:**

Association of Indian Universities grants affiliation to the universities established through the acts of state and central government. The Association reserves the right of refusing affiliation if it is not satisfied by the standards of a particular university. The Association also helps Indian students in seeking admission abroad by certifying the bonafides of the university in question. So it maintains proper liaison with the foreign universities.

## **Exchange of views:**

The Association acts as a forum for the meeting of Vice-Chancellors for exchange of views on matters pertaining to system of education, curriculum, admission, examination system and research works etc. for bringing about suitable reforms in the field of higher education

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## **Coordination:**

The Association establishes proper liaison, cooperation and coordination between the universities. It also helps in providing facilities with regard to the efficiency.

## **Information Bureau:**

The Association also acts as a information bureau to provide authentic and valid information to call universities pertaining to new schemes, changes and reforms being made in the field of higher education. It also helps to provide information with regard to facilities being extended by the foreign universities to the Indian students.

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## **Platform for solution of problem:**

The Association provides platform for discussing university problems and seek their solutions and helps to implement them in universities. It is a platform where all the vice-chancellors meet and discuss academic problems and evolve a common policy to be implemented in future. The Association of Indian Universities is an important institution that helps in the development and improvement of higher education. It acts as a central agency for the government.

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