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Meeting with the Governor

NEWS UPDATE

- i) **Tumkur University** : Dr.A.H. Rajasab has taken over as the Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University, Tumkur on 27.07.2013
- ii) **Davangere University** : Dr.B.B.Kaliwal has taken over as the Vice Chancellor of Davanagere University, Davanagere on 30.12.2013
- iii) **RUSA** : Rashtriya Uchchar Shikshana Abhiyan (RUSA) is a new centrally sponsored scheme meant for funding the State Universities and Colleges to achieve the aims of access, equity, relevance and excellence in Higher Education Institutions. Govt of India has earmarked Rs.One lakh Twenty Five Thousand crores (Rs.1,25,000 Crores) towards RUSA, to be spent during the 12th and 13th plan period. Universities and colleges in the state are advised to take advantage of the RUSA scheme.



NEWS LETTER

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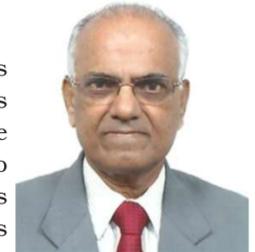
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From the President's desk

The Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka State Universities is happy to bring out its first issue of News Letter. This News letter contains recommendations and the activities of the Forum apart from the deliberations of the Seminars, Lectures, Work Shops etc, the Forum had so far conducted. It also includes the decisions taken in the earlier months and the programmes envisaged for the Forum in future. I wish this News Letter would be useful to the faculty members of the colleges and the Universities, Research Scholars, Policy makers and the Public at large.



Prof. Mahadevappa

EDITOR'S NOTE



Prof. N.S. Ramegowda

The Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka State Universities (FVCK) is a body founded by renowned Educationists, during May 2008 as a Registered Society. This Forum is known to be the first of its kind in the country and is dedicated to the cause of Higher Education in the State of Karnataka. It intends to make the University Education more accessible to all sections of the Society with a focus to maintenance of High quality and excellence in Higher Education. It is also the aspiration of the forum to suggest the ways and means to the Government and the colleges and Universities in Karnataka to aim at improving the Standards of Higher Education through better performance in teaching and learning, Examinations, Research, Extension and Employment including the related social concerns.



Forum of Former Vice Chancellors of Karnataka State Universities
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During the last five years, the Forum has acted as a knowledge resource. It has also contributed meaningfully in solving certain issues of Higher Education in the fields of Agriculture, Engineering, Medicine, Science and Technology, Law, Humanities and Social Sciences and Distance Education by organizing Seminars, Workshops, Special Lecturers, dialogues with faculty members and in undertaking a few Research Projects. Our Forum sincerely intends to reach out to the stake holders of Higher Education through a News Letter. The Forum is striving hard to provide a common platform to the affiliated colleges of the State Universities, the constituent Colleges of the Deemed to be Universities, the State Private Universities, and other institutions of Higher Education including the Autonomous Colleges. The News Letter at present will be published biannually and sent to all the concerned.

GENESIS OF FORUM OF FORMER VICE-CHANCELLORS OF KARNATAKA STATE UNIVERSITIES.

The Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka State Universities popularly referred as FVCK was established on 16th May 2008 as a Registered Society founded by a group of visionary Former Vice-Chancellors of the State Universities of Karnataka. This Forum is known to be the first of its kind in the Country.

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka State Universities is to serve the cause of higher education in Karnataka state, particularly to improve access for the aspiring youth to pursue higher education, ensure equity and relevance and suggest ways and means to improve the quality of education and service of the Educational institutions to achieve better performance in teaching, research, extension and outreach programs, on par with global standards, by functioning as a THINK TANK. The forum works towards sensitizing people with regard to the importance of education in the all-round development of the Nation. FVCK aims at

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human resource development-empowering the youth with the right knowledge and skills, to transform them as responsible citizen. The Forum emphasizes nurturing the youth self-motivated professionals contributing to the growth of economy, inculcation of social values and culture, as also maintaining inclusiveness and relevance.

Secretary's Report

The idea of bringing out a News Letter of FVCK was the desire of many members since its inception. Finally in the last meeting, it was decided to take concrete steps to realize this. Hence an editorial committee



Dr. R. Chandrashekhar

was constituted to give shape to this venture. The Editorial Committee headed by Prof. N.S. Rame Gowda met several times and finalized the format of the Newsletter in consultation with other members of the Editorial Committee and the Executive Committee. Their ideas and hard work in the form of the maiden issues of FVCK News Letter is in your hands. I acknowledge the services of Prof.G. Ramarathan and Sri Karthik of Sneha Printers in this regard. FVCK welcomes suggestions to make this News Letter richer in contents and presentation.

Sl No.	Date	Lecture	Speakers
4	9/10/2013	Emerging concerns of Indian Agriculture	Dr.Raj.S.Paroda Chairman, Farmers Commission Government of Haryana & Sri M.V.Rajashakaran Hon'ble MLC & Former Union Minister of State for Planning
5	29/11/2013	The Regulatory Conundrum of GM Crops: How to untangle the political mess?	Prof.S.Shantharam Seed Science Centre IOWA State University, USA



Establishment of Private Universities in Karnataka



Science and Religion in the Realm of Education



Autonomous Colleges



Indian Agriculture:
Feeding crores forever



Foundation Day of the Forum and Seminar on Assessment & Accreditation of Higher Education Institution vision of NAAC for 21st century



The Regulatory Conundrum of GM Crops:
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Seminars organized from 2008 till date

Sl. No.	Date	Programme	Chief Guest
1	12.11.2011 and 13.11.2011	National Conference on Organic Meat, Poultry & fish value chain Management ---- Jointly Organized with FVCK	Dr. N R Shetty President, FVCK
2	20.04.2012	Autonomous Colleges - Status and Issues.	Hon'ble C M Sadananda Gowda Chief Minister of Karnataka
3	02.12.2012 and 03.12.2012	National Seminar on Applications of Science and Technology to Promote Agriculture Growth and Value Addition	Dr. S. Ayyappan Director General (ICAR) & Secretary (DARE), GOI, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi Dr. Swapan Kumar Dutta Deputy Director General (Crop Science) ICAR, GOI, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
4	27.04.2013	Establishment of Private Universities in Karnataka	Hon'ble Justice Shivaraj Patil
5	6/9/2013	Foundation Day of the Forum and Seminar on Assessment & Accreditation of Higher Education Institution and vision of NAAC for 21st century	Mr. Rajneesh Goel , Principal Secretary Higher Education, GOK Dr.K.S.Sriprakash , V.C., R.G.U.H.S. Dr.Prabhu Dev , Ex-VC Dr.A.N.Rai , Director, NAAC
6	14/12/2013	Interactive Session on Need for Electrol Reforms in India.	Nadoja Dr. Justice V.S.Malimath Chairman, Karnataka State Law Commission Govt. of Karnataka & Prof. (Dr.) Vijayakumar.V Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bangalore & Former VC The Tamilnadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai
7	14/12/2013	Interactive Session on Crisis of water mismanagement -likely disaster for Bangalore city	Sri Ramalinga Reddy Hon'ble Minister for Transport Govt. of Karnataka & Sri V.Balasubramanian , IAS (Retd.) Former Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka Chairman, Centre for Policies & Practices, B'lore

Special Lecture Series conducted from 2008

Sl No.	Date	Lecture	Speakers
1	12.09.2009	Value Enshrined in the Constitution of India	Former Governor, Bihar & Jharkhand Dr. M Rama Jois , Retired Chief Justice
2	28.03.2013	Science and Religion in the Realm of Education	His Holiness Dr. Veereshananda Saraswati Swamijee , Ramakrishna Matt, Tumkur
3	05.07.2013	"Indian Agriculture: Feeding crores forever"	Dr. S. Ayyappan Director General (ICAR) & Secretary (DARE), GOI, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi & Sri T. B. Jayachandra , Hon'ble Minister for Law & Animal Husbandry

Inauguration of FVCK at Raj Bhavan

The Forum of Forum Vice Chancellors of Karnataka State Universities officially came into being on July 18, 2008 at Raj Bhavan, Bangalore in the presence of His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka and Chancellor of State Universities. While inaugurating, His Excellency wished that the Forum will blossom into a vital platform to take stock of the latest developments in the field of higher education and "its deliberations and recommendations ought to help the authorities concerned in formulating policies for stepping up excellence in academics....." He also called upon the Forum to come up with a concrete plan of action to provide value based education to the young students aspiring for higher education.

Prof.N.R.Shetty, President of the Forum, Dr.M.Mahadevappa and Dr.S.N.Hegde, Vice Chancellor and Prof.M.Muniyamma, Secretary of the Forum actively took part in the proceedings of the inauguration meeting.

The inauguration was followed by one day workshop on "Higher Education -A Perspective" at the Bouquet Hall, Raj Bhavan. After a lengthy discussion and considering valuable suggestions provided by the members of the Forum, it was resolved *inter alia* to call upon the government and the concerned to provide greater autonomy to universities, to amend the Karnataka State Universities Act keeping in view the present requirement and to provide better access for the rural youth to higher education

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Activities of FVCK for the year 2008-10

The first casual meeting was held on March 23, 2008 at Hotel Atria and the Forum of Former Vice Chancellors of Karnataka State Universities (FVCK) was constituted. The constitution was drafted and the Forum was registered on May 16, 2008.

Forum's office bearers participated in the UGC Pay Review Committee at Central College on June 26, 2008. Forum office bearers attended "The Meeting of the Representatives of Education Sector" on the invitation of Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Sri Aravinda Limbavali.

On the occasion of the inauguration of the Forum on July 18, 2008 by His Excellency Sri Rameshwar Talkur, the Governor and Chancellor of the Universities, a workshop on "Higher Education –A Perspective" was also held. Many of the recommendations of the workshop were implemented by the Government

On July 22, 2008 Forum members attend "The Consultative Meeting on Urgent Reforms in Education", organized by CESS, Bangalore.

Eleven members of the Forum delivered a series of lectures at Inverties Group of Institutions at Bareilly (U.P) in November, 2008.

In July, 2009 the Forum's office was shifted from ISTE-WPLP Sri M.Visveshwaraiiah Engineering College to Law college (Old) Building on Palace Road, which was gracefully provided by Prof.N.Prabhudev, the then Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University.

On September 12, 2009. Justice M.Rama Jois delivered the 1st lecture "Values Enshrined in the Constitution of India" Under the Lecture series of the Forum.

During 2008-09 the Executive Committee met on sixteen times.

From October 2009 to July 2010 the Executive Committee met twelve times. During the year the death of Prof. K.Hanumanthappa was condoled.

In October, 2009 A note on "Apprehension about the new ordinance on Agricultural

Universities in Karnataka " was prepared and submitted to His Excellency.

On December 15, 2009 the Executive Committee Members briefed the activities of the Forum to Shri Hansa Raj Bharadwaj, His Excellency the Governor and Chancellor.

On January 9, 2010 FVCK conducted a brain storming session on " Institution of Agricultural Science in School Curriculum" in collaboration with Institution of Agricultural Technologies, Bangalore and Alumni Association of UAS, Bangalore and the recommendations were submitted to the Government.

REPORT FOR YEAR 2010-12

For the year 2010-11 the Executive Committee met on eight occasions.

During the year the Forum condoled the demise of Prof.S.Rame Gowda, Prof. Y.P.Rudrappa and Prof.A.M.Krishnappa.

Prof.V.B.Coutinho was appointed as the first Director of Legal Studies in Bar Council of India.

On June 26, 2010 at a meeting the members discussed the amendments to Karnataka State University Act, 2000 and submitted the recommendations to the review committee.

In March, 2011 Executive Committee members attended a workshop on "Examination Regulations" organized by the Bangalore University.

During the year 2011-12 the Executive Committee met seven times.

In November 12-13, 2011 FVCK organized the National Conference on Organic Meat, Poultry and Fish-A Value Chain Management and the recommendations were submitted to the Government

On April 20, 2012 seminar on "Autonomous Colleges: Status and Issues" was organized in the FVCK premises and the recommendations were submitted to the Govt. Sri D.V.Sadananda Gowda, the then Honable Chief Minister of Karnataka inaugurated the seminar.

Project on the "Growth and Spread of Higher Education in Karnataka, 1900 to the Present"

Karnataka has been always in the forefront in imparting higher education. But the growth and spread is not even in all the regions of the state. Prior to 1956, the state was under three distinct administrations, namely, the Princely Mysore state, Bombay-Karnataka region and Madras -Karnataka region, and Hyderabad Karnataka. Each of these administrative units had different levels of attainment in providing higher education to local population. The disparity between these regions was clearly visible. The task of the government immediately after the reorganization of the state in 1956 was to end this disparity on the one hand and to provide access to marginalized sections of the society on the other.

The coastal district of Madras Karnataka was way ahead in providing higher education to its population compared to the districts of Bombay -Karnataka where collegiate education came quite late. The most backward area in regard to higher education was the Hyderabad -Karnataka districts. The government of the day in 1956 had a daunting task of bringing parity among these three regions.

However, even after lapse of more than fifty years, parity has not been established among these regions. To analyze the causes of this delay and continued disparity a detailed study was (envisaged) warranted. A project was prepared and financial assistance was sought from Mysore University by the Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka State Universities (FVCK) to (sponsor) *complete* this project. Mysore University graciously granted a sum of Rupees Ten Lakhs to pursue this project (Vide GL4/101/2012-12 dated 25.07.2012).

The project study was started in November 2012. The following aspects are to be covered in this study.

- a) Status of higher education as it existed in 1900 in the three different areas of Karnataka, viz., British Karnataka which

included the then districts of Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwad, North Kanara and Bellary; the districts of princely Mysore; and the districts of Bidar, Gulbarga and Raichur of Hyderabad Karnataka, and the establishment and the growth of Mysore University is dealt in detail.

- b) Comparative study of developments in the fields of higher education and professional education like medicine, engineering, animal husbandry, agriculture, technology and law etc.
- c) Developments in all the disciplines of higher education in Karnataka after 1956 is envisaged to identify deficiencies in the system of higher education, shifts in government policies expansion of higher education, impact of increase in number of college students both men and women in universities and complementary growth of non-formal higher education.

The project is headed by Prof.O.Anantharamaiah, Founder and Former Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University as the Director and Prof.G.Rama Rathan as Principal Investigator. A Research Assistant is included to assist the team. On expiry of one year, an extension of six months was sought and the Mysore University has approved to this request.

The team has undertaken exhaustive study of archival materials available in the Karnataka State Archives and the Mythic Society. The research team had also visited the Mysore University Library and Mysore University Under -Graduate Librarian to consult reports, proceedings, journals etc available there. Palace records news paper clippings and other important archival materials preserved at the Regional Archives at Mysore was also consulted during the visit to Mysore. The team also has visited National Archives in New Delhi. In New Delhi the team has also visited Association of Indian Universities and the University Grants Commission to procure publications on higher education Nehru Librarian, ICSSR, ICHR etc .A questionnaire was sent to all the Universities of Karnataka and the response received so far will be included into the project report which is under preparation.