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From the President's desk

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Prof. M. Mahadevappa

We are boasting ourselves with 356 million youth between the age group 10-24 year-old. India has the world's largest youth population . The country needs to utilize its working population of youths by making them employable or else it will become a liability. The quality of education in the country is still low and not giving direction to the progress of our country. We should put our efforts to bring Indian educational institutions among the world's best and the quality of higher education in the country must improve.

The young Indians between the age group of 21 & 40 and comprises entrepreneurs, professionals and achievers participate in developmental activities of our country. To make them professionals to handle emerging challenges of the country, they have to be educated in proper direction.

There are five different tradeoffs in education-Quantity Vs Quality, Prepare Vs Repair, Price Vs Cost, Funding Vs Delivery and Excellence Vs Inclusion. The tradeoffs became more manageable over last two decades because of the qualitative private sector response. The youth have benefitted from private sector competition on the two fronts of quantity and quality.

Under Nation Building, the young Indians need to engage themselves in education, environment, healthcare, arts (sports & culture) and rural initiatives contributing positively to its surrounding eco system and the nation.

India produce 171- IAS officers, 700- pilots, 800 -Chartered accountants, 30,000- MBA's and 1.5 -million engineers per annum, but only 37,000 doctors are produced annually. The medical education needs more attention to meet the demand of doctors and also they should be made to work in rural areas at least for a period of five years.

In the new world of Information technology, the world is not just looking at people who are good in Science, technology, Engineering and mathematics(STEM) but also are in search of people with creativity, originality, idea generation and imagination that can make the difference to the society where we live in.

The processes of education have to be organic, that it should explore the capabilities of individuals to scale up linearly. Therefore focus on STEM along with humanities and arts also. Pablo Picasso once said "every child is a born artist, the challenge is to remain one, and he often seems to grow out through education".

The science and technology with moral education is essential to build confidence in the individual. The Research and development (R&D) sector in the country should be given priority in all fields. For this adequate funds have to be provided by

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the government. Our Hon vice president Hamid Ansari has called for increase investment in this sector from one percent GDP to two percent to ensure rapid progress in science. India produce 1000 PhD's a year while US produce 8000 PhD's. The number of scientists for every 1000 people too was higher in US and China compared to our country. However it is glad to note that the science output has gone up from 2.5 per cent in 2003 to 3.6 per cent in 2012. Further the Indian position also improved in publications from 15 to 10th position and even the citation have gone up from 0.5 to 0.75 per cent. Even with all these we are no match to developed countries and even China.

Our prime minster Narendra Modi while addressing the Indian science congress 2015 appealed the corporate sector to fund for R&D in educational institutions to enable science and technology to contribute to "Make in India" campaign. Therefore S&T should be a part of corporate social responsibility in funding R&D. He also said that the Universities should be free from excessive regulations and cumbersome procedures and should enforce highest degree of academic freedom.

We appreciate his indulgence in higher education, bringing out policies in Bio-technology, Nanotechnology and Clean India mission, but this need to be implemented with same spirit in all universities to the young brains in higher education to build and achieve the progress of our country by 2020.

EDITOR'S NOTE



Prof.R.N.Srinivas Gowda

This is the third News letter January to June 2015. Our membership reached to 52. This indicates that our association is attracting more talented Vice Chancellors

FVCK has been pro-actively taking up many activities, which are useful in solving and improving several contemporary issues related to universities, Affiliated Colleges, Autonomous Colleges and State Private/

Deemed Universities. We are looking forward from the stake holders of Higher Education to raise issues, seek clarifications, and make suggestions which would be published in our FVCK News letter depending upon the relevance to the issue. Three useful seminars were conducted. The outcome of these seminars are presented in this News letter. This volume also has the new names of FVCK members, who were selected as office bearers for the years 2015-17.

I would like to mention that the higher education is changing fast in the era of internet, mobile and cloud technologies. E-learning in India indicates that the industry will reach \$1.2 billion by 2018 with annual growth of 17- 20 per cent. Already, India is a major source of e-learning content and development market in the world markets, thanks to our low-cost and highly educated work force in higher education. The Indian internet users are expected to cross 250 million this year next to US. The future universities are beyond traditional campus and the traditional classroom training. Therefore our universities have to gear up to meet the demand of digital world. We need to join with the motto of our prime minster Sri Narendra Modi to build strong digital India.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dr. R. Chandrashekhara

The Annual General Body was held on 22nd May 2015.

I am happy to state that during the period from June 2014 to May 2015, the following activities have been carried out.

The Foundation Day of the Forum was celebrated on 26th May 2015. The two former VCs viz., Padmabhushan awardee, Prof. M. Mahadevappa and jnanapeetha awardee Prof.

Chandrashekhara Kambara, were felicitated on the occasion.

A two Day Seminar on Emergence of Princely Mysore as a Modern State sponsored by Department of Archives, Government of Karnataka.

A two day state Seminar on "Social Reforms and State Policy under Krishnaraja Wodeyar IV (1902-1940) sponsored by Department of Archives, Govt of Karnataka was organized.

A one day workshop on 'The Modalities of selection of Vice Chancellors for the Universities of Karnataka "was successfully held and the recommendations were sent to the Govt of Karnataka.

The Forum was invited by the Adichuchanagiri Trust, B G Nagar, Belluru, to conduct a training programme for its principals and the administrators on the management of a University. The topics covered were Governance, student support services, Role of Teachers with respect to the methodology of Teaching-Learning in the context of Technological Changes, use of KT in the T-L, Research and Extension activities, Placement challenges, Challenges of Access, Need for Accreditation, Faculty Development and continuing Education programmes, Teachers performance, Semester system, Choice based credit approach, Role of Apex Councils, Role of Alumni, and a host of other related Administrative, Academic and financial activities

A Special lecture on "Management of Emerging Challenges in Agriculture" was delivered by Dr. T. M. Manjunath, Consultant in Agric-biotechnology and Integrated Pest Management.

The following books were released during the year.

- A Kannada book on "Vamshantari Beegalalu: Mithya-Satyagala Naduve". Written by Dr. T. M. Manjunath, Consultant in Agri-biotechnology and Integrated Pest Management.
- The book entitled "GM Crops: Perception VS Reality " authored by T.M. Manjunath and K.S. Mohan.

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New Members

We are happy to induct the following members to our Forum, making its total membership to 49 nos.

Name	University served
1) Dr. E. T. Puttaiah	Gulbarga University
2) Dr. A. Murigeppa	Kannada University
3) Dr. K. S. Sriprakash	Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Science
4) Prof. Manjappa. D. Hosamane	Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary

Programmes conducted from January to June 2015

A) The two day State Seminar on “Social Reforms and State Policy under Krishnaraja Wodeyar IV” (1902-1940): It's Relevance Today 'on 10th & 11th April, 2015 Sponsored by Department of Archives, Government of Karnataka.



Dr.S.Chandrashekara Shetty, Former Vice Chancellor RUGHS and Vice President of the FVCK, Prof.O.Anantharamaiah, seminar co-coordinator. Nadoja Prof.D.Javare Gowda, Former Vice Chancellor of Mysore University, Mysore, Dr.M.Mahadevappa, Former Vice Chancellor UAS Dharwad and President FVCK, Dr.Venkatamurthy, Prof.J.Shashidhara Prasad, Former Vice chancellor, Mysore University.

Eminent laureate Nadoja Prof. D. Javare Gowda inaugurated the Seminar, while Prof. P. Jagadeesan, a renowned historian of South India and Former Vice Chancellor, Bharathi Dasan University, Chennai delivered the key note address. Padmabhushana Dr. M. Mahadevappa, President FVCK presided over the Inaugural function. Prof.D.Javare Gowda opined that the credit of delivering social justice to the marginalized section of the state population should first go to Krishnaraja Wodeyar IV. He also observed that he was the first ruler who visualized the concept of a welfare state in modern times in India. However he expressed his disappointment that present day generation is not interested in understanding the remarkable work done by Krishna Raja Wodeyar IV and its relevance today and the Ameliorative measures taken by the Maharaja for the welfare of all the sections of the society. Prof. P. Jagadeesan in his key note address said that Krishna Raja Wodeyar IV was the first ruler who extended the benefit of English language education to the marginalized vast population of the state,



particularly the women and the backward classes. According to him Krishna Raja Wodeyar IV introduced the concept that all are equal before the law of the land.

Eminent scholars and historians/music scholar like Mysore V.Subramanya (Great Grandson of Veena Sheshanna and the son of Swara Murthy V N Rao,) Prof.P.V.Nanjaraja Urs, Prof.M.Jamuna, Prof.J.V.Gayatri, Dr.Gavisiddaiah, Prof.N.Sheik Masthan, Prof.G.Venkataraman, Prof and Head Department of History (Retd), University of Madras, Chennai, Dr.B.PampaDevi, Prof.H.K.Suprabha, Dr.(Mrs)Hassen Taj, Smt.Smitha M, Smt.Bhavani Katti, Dr.M.V.Ushadevi, Smt.Rekha and Prof.O.Anantharamaiah and others presented their research papers and findings on various themes and highlighted the state policies and programmes of KWR, that are relevant even today. The scholars also traced the course of social, economic and political policies that led to Mysore State to be recognized as a modern state and a model for other princes to follow contemporaneously.

B) Training programme for Principals of Colleges of SACST, B.G. Nagara, Mandya District.

F.V.C.K. has academically assisted the Sri Adichunchanagiri Shikshana Trust in Training the Principals of their 35 Colleges, at Engineering College Campus at B.G. Nagara on 10th and 11th December 2014. Eight F.V.C.K. members trained the Principals on various issues of contemporary interest, not only to revive their commitments and also to update their knowledge and information in their respective disciplines. The topics covered during the Training were Governance, Student support services, Role of Teachers with respect to the methodology of Teaching-Learning in the context of Technological Changes, use of KT in the T-L, Research and Extension activities, Placement challenges, Challenges faced in Access. Equity, Relevance and Quality, Need for Accreditation, Faculty Development and continuing Education programmes, Teachers performance, Government Universities Vis-a-vis State private Universities and Deemed Universities, Semester system, Choice based credit approach, Role of Apex Councils, Duties and responsibilities of Principals, Role of Alumni Planning and Budgeting and its monitoring, Annual stock taking and a host of other related Administrative, Academic and financial activities.

Jagadguru Parama Poojya Sri Sri Sri Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji, blessed the programme with his Aassirvachana with full of Scientific and Technological references besides focusing on Moral and Ethical values needed in the Education system as a whole. The programme was well attended and Justice Santhosh Hegde, Former Lokayuktha gave the valedictory address.



Prof. N.S.Rame Gowda, Prof. S. Chandrashekara Shetty Honouring the chief guest Justice Santhosh Hegde, Former Lokayuktha, in the valedictory function.

C) Workshop on ``The Modalities of selection of Vice Chancellors for the Universities of Karnataka "on 2nd May, 2015. Dr N. Prabudev was the convener of this seminar.



To have transparency and to select a proper leader the following recommendations were sent to the Government:

1. To prepare a data base of members of the search committee and norms to observed while nominating them.
 2. To prepare a data base of academicians who are eligible to be appointed as VCs and norms to observed while preparing the panel.
 3. To form a committee to frame the norms for the above purpose with a former high court judge as the chair person.
 4. FVCK would assist the Govt in preparing the data base.
- It also includes the age limit, term of VC etc.

D) Brain storming Sessions/Workshop on “Bangalore University Trifurcation / Consequences / Alternative suggestions” on 22nd June 2015.

Prof.G.K.Veeresh was the convener and the following recommendations were sent to the Government after detailed deliberations of the pros and cons of the trifurcation:

1. To strengthen the staff position and infrastructure of BUB which are around 45% before contemplating on the issue.
2. To establish regional centers of excellence to attract more students before contemplating on the issue.
3. To have additional 2 registrars each for administration and evaluation for better administration.
4. To create more numbers of universities rather than trifurcation as the 'A' grade rating of BUB by NAAC may be at stake.



The program was inaugurated by justice A.J. Sadashiva, who expressed his displeasure on the corruption involved in the appointment of VCs. He appreciated the efforts of FVCK in sensitizing the Govt as well as public by its activities and said that the acceptance of the recommendations is the fancy of the Govt.

Honors and Awards



Prof M. Mahadevappa, president FVCK, was awarded Honorary Doctorate in the convocation held at Orissa Agricultural University, Bhubanewar on 07.05.2015 and he delivered the Convocation Address



Our President was felicitated by the ICAR –Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad as Doyen of Rice Research in India on 12th April, 2015 on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of the institute.

The Governor has appointed the following New VCs to the seven Universities in the state.

Name of the New Vice Chancellor	University
1.Prof. Jogan Shankar	Kuvempu University, Shimoga -577451
2.Prof. Promod .B. Gai	Karnataka University, Dharwad - 580003
3.Dr.S.B.Hosamani	Rani Channamma University,Belgaum -591156
4.Dr.M.S.Subhas	Vijayanagar Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary-583104
5.Dr.S.R.Niranjan	Gulbarga University, Gulbarga 585106
6.Prof. Padma Shekhar	Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bangalore -560015.
7. Dr.P.M.Salimath	UAS, Raichur.

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