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To

The Vice Chancellor,
Kurukshetra University
Kurukshetra.

Subject: Failure of KUK Administration to Address and Resolve Crucial Issues of Teacher.

Hon'ble Sir,

With due regards, we wish to draw your attention towards the arbitrary functioning of Kurukshetra University under your leadership. We hope as head of the University you are well aware of your priorities and obligations towards the fraternity of students and teachers. We also hope this understanding and commitment of yours which we hold in the highest esteem will soon get reflected in your dealing with issues, conveyed to you repeatedly, raised and communicated to the university administration by our representatives in meetings of Academic Councils, University Courts and Executive Council.

But Haryana College Teachers' Association, representing 96 Govt. Aided Colleges of Haryana, is pained to express the resentment prevailing among the teaching fraternity against the style of functioning of the administration of Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra. It is really lamentable that this eminent university of Haryana is being run in an adhoc, indifferent and anti-teacher and anti-student manner.

This malfunctioning of the University administration is evident in its consistently evasive attitude towards the key issues pertaining to research courses, academic reforms, more representation of college teachers in the governing bodies of aided colleges and several other problems of the teachers of the affiliated colleges.

Even in the meeting of Executive Council, the top decision making body of KUK, held on November 9, 2010, the University administration adopted an ostrich like posture towards these crucial issues facing the students, teachers and the higher education system under KUK at large.

It seems that the KUK administration has vested interests in discouraging the research aspirations of college teachers and 'promoting the research mafia' of private sector Universities from

neighbouring states. This is really a sorry state of affair and by all means anti-academics and contrary to the policy of the state govt. trying hard to ensure quality education in Haryana.

This intention of the university administration is quite evident in its decision to impose entrance test for registration for Ph.D. even for the regular teachers though MDU has exempted them. This step is totally erratic and short-sighted. HCTA demands that the University should immediately correct its perspective on this vital matter .

It should also give guidelines to affiliated colleges regarding the leave to be availed for attending pre-Ph.D. course work and for this teachers should be given Academic Leave.

The HCTA request you not to delay steps to promote research in the affiliating colleges. This should be done by developing a system in which the college teachers of all subjects, both UG and PG teachers, can supervise Ph.D. research. In fact, this is the only way to check the expansion of 'research mafia' of private sector which is now flourishing due to the wrong and centralized policy of research in KUK and MDU.

HCTA is unable to understand rationale behind the eligibility criteria framed by KUK for the selection of Dean Of Colleges, as this criteria violates UGC norms in this regard. It but is another instance of the anti-teacher mindset of University administration.

HCTA also takes this opportunity to add that KUK has implemented semester system in a hypocritical manner leading to two type of pattern in regular degree courses and distance education courses. It is the duty of the university administration to update syllabus of various PG and UG degree courses, ensure uniformity between regular courses and those under distance education We request you not to use semester system to demote regular college and university system and to promote self-finance culture and profit making. This is but an anti-student – a grossly short-sighted way of dealing with academics. HCTA hopes that the university administration will soon shun its anti-teacher approach and adopt a constructive vision that suits the long-term interests of the students and teachers .

In case, the KUK administration fails to take constructive measures in all these matters, HCTA will be forced to adopt the path of protest and agitation, a state level dharna on December 1 and further instructing its teachers' its representatives to withdraw en mass from the University bodies like Academic Council, Courts and Executive Council.

However, we hope the legitimate issues raised above will be resolved in a cordial manner through dialogue.

With thanks

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