

Haryana College Teachers' Association (HCTA)

Press Note

Haryana college Teachers' Association, in a letter written to Vice Chancellor KUK and a copy sent to Hon'ble Governor Haryana, has expressed strong resentment against the style of functioning of the administration of Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra and lamented that his 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 academic reforms, more representation of teachers in governing bodies of aided colleges and several other problems of the teachers of the affiliated colleges. HCTA president Dr. UV Singh said that the university is being governed by a 'poor academic perspective' and it has implemented semester system in a hypocritical manner leading to two type of pattern in regular degree courses and distance education courses. He charged the university administration of duplicity regarding the need to update syllabus of various PG and UG degree courses as the sole motive is to promote self-finance culture and profit making. This is an anti-student and short-sighted way of dealing with academics. HCTA president Dr. UV Singh has requested the university administration to shun its anti-teacher approach and adopt a constructive vision that suits the long-term interests of the students and teachers including higher education in challenge of changing times

Press Secretary of HCTA Dr. Ravinder Gasso alleged here that 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 the crucial issues facing the students, teachers and the higher education system under KUK at large. Dr. Gasso has charged KUK administration of insidiously discouraging the research aspirations of college teachers and 'promoting the research mafia' of private sector Universities from neighbouring states. 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 erratic and short-sighted, the General Secretary HCTA, Dr. Rajbir Parashar, has demanded that the University should immediately give clear 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 has also demanded to promote research in the affiliating colleges by instantly developing a system that the college teachers in all subjects, both UG and PG teachers, can supervise Ph.D. research. He has also rejected the eligibility criteria framed by KUK for the selection of Dean Of Colleges, as this criteria violates UGC norms in this regard and is another instance of the anti-teacher mindset of University administration. Dr. Parashar also said if the KUK administration fails to take constructive measures in all these matters the teachers' bodies will be forced to withdraw its representatives from University bodies like Academic Council, Courts and Executive Council.

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