

Meeting dated 19.07.2021

The online meeting of the Special Task Force on Global Ranking was held on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 at 3.30pm.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Sanjay Sehgal
2. Prof. Shyama Rath
3. Prof. Shailendra Goel
4. Prof. Ujjwal Singh
5. Prof. Kirti Ranjan
6. Dr. Poonam Verma
7. Dr. Bijayalakshmi Nanda
8. Dr. Mallika Kumar
9. Prof. ParthaPratim Chakraborty
10. Dr. Amarjiva Lochan
11. Dr Subhash Kumar
12. Dr. Mukesh Mehlawat
13. Dr. Sasanka Deka
14. Prof. Minni Sawhney

1. Dr Sasanka Deka made a detailed presentation of the QS Ranking 2021, in which our university was placed in the 501-510 bracket. An analyses of our university's ranking *vis.a.vis* other universities in different geographical regions was presented. Data analyses was also presented individually for the parameters on which universities are ranked by QS : Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, Citations per faculty, Faculty: Student Ratio, International faculty and International Students. It was found that Delhi University had a reasonable score in Academic Reputation. The score for Citations per Faculty was low, and the scores for Faculty: Student Ratio, International faculty and International Students were very poor.
2. With a view to trying to improve the scores on the aforementioned parameters, the following sub-committees were formed.

1. Academic Committee

1. Prof. Sanjay Sehgal, Dean, BFE Convenor
2. Prof. Partha Pratim Chakraborty, Geology
3. Prof. Ujjwal Singh, Dean, SS&H
4. Prof. Kirti Ranjan, Physics

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## 2. International Committee

1. Prof. H.P.Singh(Convener)
2. Prof. Tribhuwan Prasad, HoD, African Studies
3. Dr. AmarjivaLochan, Foreign Students' Advisor
4. Dr. Nanda, Principal, MH
5. Dr. Poonam Verma, Principal, SSCBS
6. Dr. Mallika Kumar, SRCC

## 3. Finance Committee

1. Prof. Pankaj Sinha, Dean, Planning ,FMS (Convener)
2. Prof. Shailendra Goel, Dept. of Botany and IQAC CoCordinator
3. Prof. Shyama Rath, Physics and IQAC Cordinator
4. Dr. D.N.Gupta, Physics
5. Dr. Sanjeev Singh, Director, DUCC

### 3. The Academic sub-Committee would

- Communicate with the administration on matters regarding (i) Recruitment, Permanent Appointments, and Ad-hoc/Guest Lecturers Appointment in a timely manner with a view to improving the Teacher-Student Ratio and (ii) importance of a timely sanction of university grants to faculty members.
  - Encourage academic departments to publish in SCOPUS listed journals. Towards this, it may be suggested to HoDsto draw up a list of SCOPUS listed journals and encourage the department's faculty/researchers to publish in these journals.
  - Towards increasing the number of publications and citations, request administration for financial support for paid journals with open policy as they attract more citations. Further, only SCOPUS listed journals may be provided publication charges.
4. The committee was of the opinion that a robust support from the finance department was extremely crucial for various aspects of quality improvement. It may be suggested to the finance department to (i) support research by facilitating the procedures for smooth implementation of research projects (ii) ensure timely disbursement of fellowships to PhD students and salaries to guest lecturers. The Finance sub-Committee may interact with the Finance Department of the university to communicate the concerns and request them to draw up a SOP from the time of award of a grant until the completion for the convenience for the benefit of the research community of the university.
  5. Regarding the issue of International students, it was deliberated that some courses and colleges were more popular than some others and received far more applications than the number of seats for some of these. However, some courses, in spite of a large number of available seats hardly received any applications. The International sub-Committee would

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deliberate on the reasons for the low student intake, look at avenues for promoting Delhi University as an education destination, identify scholarship-schemes other than the well-established ICCR scheme, and also have consultations with the university administration on the feasibility of increasing the number of seats, which is presently capped at 5%.

6. Regarding the issue of International Faculty, the university had already asked departments for suggestions for International Adjunct Faculty and has formed a committee to consider their engagement in teaching and research.

The meeting ended with thanking the chair.

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Sanjay Sehgal  
(Chairperson)

*Shyama Rath*

Shyama Rath  
(Convener)