



Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women

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Coimbatore - 641 043, Tamil Nadu, India

Report

of the

Meeting with Higher officials of US Department of State and UN

31.01.2024

Hi Tech Seminar Hall

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On 31st January, a team of Higher officials from the United States Department of State and the United Nations visited the Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women with the objective of fostering and strengthening international academic collaboration. The meeting was honoured by the presence of the Chancellor of the Institute, Dr T. S. K. Meenakshisundaram; the Vice Chancellor, Dr V. Bharathi Harishankar; the Registrar, Dr S. Kowsalya; Dr P. Lalitha, the Director of the Research and Development Cell, the Deans of various Schools, Directors of different research centers, and Head of the Departments and members of the organising committee.

The meeting began at around 9:45 am by invoking the blessings of the Almighty and with a note of tribute to the founders of the Institute through devotional and institutional songs by the members of the Department of Music. The Registrar, Dr S. Kowsalya, welcomed the gathering. This was followed by a presentation, titled “Quality Progress Towards Excellence,” by Dr V. Bharathi Harishankar, the Vice Chancellor. The presentation showcased the genesis and growth of the institute; its vision, mission and core values; and emphasized the various courses offered by the university, infrastructural facilities, technology enriched learning, library and other campus facilities, extension and outreach activities (NSS, CSS and NCC) sports amenities, club activities and institutional accolades. She also highlighted the presence of a vibrant research culture among the Avinashilingam fraternity and the facilities offered for research including the centralised facilities for research, domain-specific laboratories, ongoing research projects, research publications and research/innovation awards. The brief presentation gave the chief guests an overview of the history and significance of the Institute in the contemporary Higher Education domain in India.

Following the presentation, the chief guests spoke about their objectives of the meeting and about the potential and possibilities of international academic collaboration. Mr. Bryan

Gerhard, the Senior Partnership Advisor to the US Department of State, spoke about facilitating student exchange programmes between the US educational sector and the institute, which would empower them to emerge as women with powerful voices and as community leaders. Ms. Aditi Arora, the India Director for GirlUp (an initiative of the UN), stressed on the need for increasing the presence and representation of women in STEAM academics and workforce, exposure to STEM careers, developing healthy networks of mentorship and guidance, developing critical skills and aligning STEM skills with the Sustainable Development Goals. Mr. Scott Hartman, Officer from the US Consulate in Chennai, emphasized on the need to enhance the representation of women in workforce and in equipping them with critical technological and entrepreneurial skills. He also discussed the objectives of the US Consulate in Chennai, the US Education Mission in India, and about strengthening the existing collaboration between the Institute and the Consulate. The chief guests appreciated the accolades of the Institute and its commitment towards the vision and mission of its founders. The meeting came to an end at around 11 am. Dr P. Lalitha, the Director of the Research and Development Cell, proposed the formal vote of thanks. The meeting was thus a reflection of the global academic fraternity's commitment towards women empowerment and academic pursuit of excellence, an initiative for charting out new ways of international collaboration and a platform for identifying novel avenues for facilitating the attainment of social-economic development.



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31.1.2024

Hi Tech Seminar Hall

Programme Schedule

9.00-9.05 am	Prayer
9.05-9.15 am	Welcome and Honoring Guests Dr.S.Kowsalya Registrar
9.15-9.40am	Presentation of AVINUTY activities Dr.Bharathi Harishankar Vice Chancellor
9.40-10.00am	Interaction with Internal members and Vote of Thanks
10.00-10.15am	High Tea
10.15-10.18am	Hi-tech hall to second floor Watch window display of Textile and RM department
10.18-10.21am	Walk to Prof.CNR Rao Research Centre

10.21-10.30am	Visit to Prof.CNR Rao Research Centre
10.30-10.35am	Visit to Ayya Mandapam
10.35-10.45am	Visit to CMLI
11.00-11.30am	Travel to Campus II
11.30am-12.30pm	Campus II Visit
12.30-1.00pm	Travel to Campus I
1.00-1.30pm	Lunch at Guest House and Exit meeting



Fostering Academic Collaboration: US Delegation Visit on 31.01.2024



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GUIDELINES/PROFORMA FOR ORGANISING CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, FDPs & Others

Name of the Applicant : Dr.P.Lalitha **Department :** R&D Cell

1. Activity : Meeting with Higher Officials of US Department of State and UN
2. Geographical Coverage : Institutional Level
3. Name of the Event : Meeting with Higher Officials of US Department of State and UN
4. Date(s) : 31.1.2024 FN
5. Venue : Hi Tech Seminar Hall
6. Name & Designation of Convenor/Organizing Secretary and Team
Dr.P.Lalitha and Organizing team of Research Convention 2024,IQAC,ACIE- Annexure 1
7. Financial Assistance Required: Yes(Budget Enclosed) Annexure 2
8. Details of assistance sought from other sources: (Govt/Private) Nil
9. Details of collaborating institution, if any: Nil
10. Detailed Proposal of the Activity

A. Aims/Objectives : Initiation of Women in Science Event and to promote collaboration

B. Target audience/participants with expected number: 60

C. Details of Sessions: FN Annexure 3

11. Registration fee : No

P.Lalitha
25/1/24
Organizing Secretary

P.Lalitha
25/1/24
Director R&D

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26.1.24
Finance Officer

S. Ramesh
Registrar
26/1/24

A. Hanasthi
29/1/2024
Vice Chancellor

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29/1/24
Vice Chancellor



Annexure 3

Meeting with Higher Officials of US Department of Study and UN
31.1.2024
Board Room
Tentative Programme Schedule

9.00-9.05 am	Prayer
9.05-9.15 am	Welcome Dr.S.Kowsalya Registrar
9.15-9.30am	Presentation of AVINITY activities Dr.Bharathi Harishankar Vice Chancellor
9.30-9.45am	Presentation of Officials from US Department of Study and UN on activities proposed for two-week Women in Science programme
9.45-10.00	High Tea
10.00-10.35am	Visit to Centralized facilities
10.35-11.15am	Travel to Campus II
11.15am-12.10pm	Tour -Campus II
12.10-12.50pm	Travel to Campus I
12.50-1.15pm	Lunch at Guest House and Exit meeting

Officials for the Visit:

- Bryan Gerhart, Senior Partnership Advisor, Office of International Partnerships, Department of State, Washington DC
- Constance Tzioumis, Director of Partnerships, Office of International Partnerships, Department of State, Washington DC
- Maren Roberts, Global Ops Manager, United Nations Girl UP
- Aditi Arora, India Director, United Nations GirlUP
- Kathleen Fox, Regional Public Engagement Specialist, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi
- Scott Hartmann, Public Diplomacy Officer, U.S Consulate General Chennai
- Brindha Jayakanth, Public Engagement Specialist, U.S. Consulate General Chennai

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Annexure 2

Meeting with Higher Officials of US Department of Study and UN

31.1.2024

Board Room

Tentative Budget

S No	Particular	Amount Rs.
1	Hospitality (High tea @60/person) 60x30	2400
2	Memento @1500 x10 guests	15000
3	Miscellaneous	2000
4	Lunch <i>20 NAD</i>	2600
	Total	22000

To be met from R&D non-plan budget under R&D activities

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Annexure 1

Meeting with Higher Officials of US Department of Study and UN

31.1.2024

Board Room

Committee members list for approval

Organizing Team:

Dr.Lalitha, Director R&D Lc

IQAC Coordinator, Dr.ArockiaMaraiSelvi and Dr.K Ramya

Dr.Jeevarathinam

Organizing members:

Name of the Faculty	Committee	Signature
Dr. V.Vimala (Commerce) Dr.M.Priya HD	Coordinating hospitality team and memento	
Dr.B.Sargunam Dr.Giridhar Reddy Dr. M. Annaram (CS Engg)	Engineering hospitality	
Dr.A.V.Sajini (Music)	Invocation	
Dr. M. A. Vijaya (Mgt)	Hospitality , Venue arrangements	
Dr.S. Bhuvaneswari (Tourism Management)	Reception -	
Dr. P. Kalaivani (Extn) Dr. G. Sheefna (Extn.)	Facility Management Table arrangement, name plate, programme sheet, Mike,Projector Water, Photo	
Dr. S. Thilagavathy (FSN) Dr. R. Vaijayanthi (Education)	High Tea	
Dr.YamunaDevi (Textiles)	Memento	
Dr.S Gurugnambika, Dr.Jagadhambal	Press Report	
Dr.Sathya (Psychology)	Report	

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Dr.B.Sargunam Dr.Giridhar Reddy Dr. K. Annaram ECE	Engineering hospitality	
Dr.K Ramya MBA	Mastering the event	
Dr.A.V.Sajini (Music)	Invocation	
Dr. M. A. Vijaya (Mgt) Ms. Rituporna Saikia	Table arrangement, name plate, Travel, Escorting from Gate 1 to Gate 3, Memento – coordinating to honour guests with memento Mementos to reach guest house during tea break. (well packed) 11 chairs on stage 5 glass tables. Currently 3 available , 2 to be taken from Guest house	
Dr.S. Bhuvaneswari (Tourism Management)	Reception – Both near Anna room at Gate 1 and reception at HiTech entrance . Student Council members to be oriented. Small mementos from IIC to be kept in tray along with usual items	
Ms.Sudha	Facility Management , Mike, Projector Water, Photo (to inform photographer)	
Ms.Sathya Psychology	Programme sheet 11 colour copies to be kept along with paper pen , in folder	
Dr.S Thilagavathy Dr. P. Kalaivani (Extn) Dr. G. Sheefna (Extn.)	High Tea and Lunch High Tea for VIPs and administrators in cafeteria area and for HoDs at the back door of HiTech in front of Room No.300 Lunch for Guests and Deans at Guest House	
Dr. YamunaDevi (Textiles)	Memento 10 Nos for Guests	
Dr.S Gurugambika, Dr. Jagadhambal	Press Report both English and Tamil	
Ms.Sofia RMD	To coordinate with Karuppusamy to open the rest rooms near Hi Tech Hall	
Dr. Jagadhambal HD Mr. Rose Mary	Report	
Dr.Jeevarathinam	Visitors book – signature in both books ACIE and Institution book (After Lunch in Guest House)	

Annexure 2

Meeting with Higher Officials of US Department of Study and UN

31.1.2024

Board Room

Tentative Budget

S No	Particular	Amount Rs.
1	Hospitality (High tea @60/person) 60x75	4500
2	Memento @1500 x10 guests	15000
3	Sacred Touch, Satin ribbon	1500
4	Lunch for 20 members	5000
5	Miscellaneous	1000
	Total	27000

To be met from R&D non-plan budget under R&D activities

P. L. Datta
29/1/2024

Dr.Nirmala BC BT	Purchase of 10 sacred touch books from trust office, getting Anna's signature, satin bow and bringing to Venue. To handover to Dr.Vijaya MBA	
Hall Booking	Dr.M.Priya	
Coordinators of Prof.CNR Rao RC and CMLI	To coordinate visits	
From Gate 1 to Gate 2 - <i>Chancellor Chamber R. H. Tech</i> accompanying guests in car	Dr.Malarvizhi and Dr.Shanthi to tell guests about NCC	
From Hi Tech hall to Second Floor and then to Prof.CNR Rao Centre	Dean Homescience	
From Prof.CNR Rao Centre to Ayya Mandapam	Dr Radha and one Programme officer To tell about NSS and outreach programmes to guests	
From Ayya Mandapam to CMLI	CMLI Coordinator	
From CMLI to Music Department	Music Dr.Sajini To talk about Music department activities	
From Music Department to Star Garden	Dean Academics	
From Star Garden to Entrance to Board <i>car</i>	IQAC team	

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30/01/2024

DAIS arrangement

1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Aditi Aroora, India Director, United Nations Girl UP	Marlen Roberts, Global Ops Manager, United Nations Girl UP	Vice Chancellor	Bryan Gerhart, Senior Partnership Advisor, Office of International Partnerships, Department of State, Washington DC	Chancellor	Constance Tzioumis, Director of Partnerships, Office of International Partnerships, Department of State, Washington DC	Dr.Gowri Ramakrishnan	Registrar	Kathleen Fox, Regional Public Engagement Specialist, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi	Scott Hartman, Public Diplomacy Officer, U.S. Consulate General Chennai	Brindha Jayakanth, Public Engagement Specialist, U.S. Consulate General Chennai

Honoring Guests										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Welcome shawl by Dean Home Science	Welcome shawl by Dean Student Affairs		Welcome shawl by Chancellor		Welcome shawl by Asst. Managing Trustee			Welcome shawl by Dean PSCS	Welcome shawl by Dean C&M	Welcome shawl by Dean Engg
Sacred touch by Dean Bioscience	Sacred touch by Dean Academics		Giving sacred touch by VC		Giving sacred touch by Registrar			Sacred touch by Humanities	Sacred touch by Coordinator Campus II	Sacred touch by Dean Education



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Research & Development
- Economic Development of the Country



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MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION

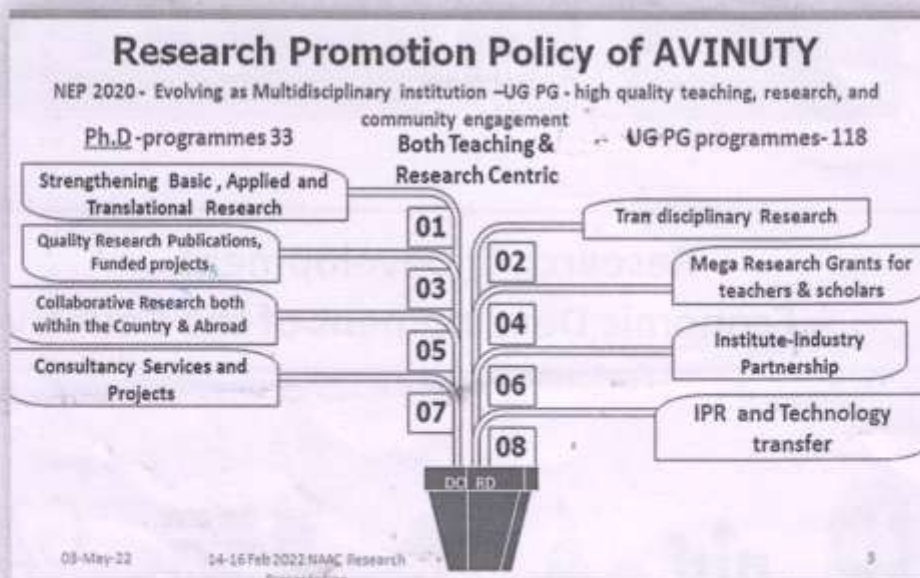


Objectives

- ❖ To frame Research policies , create a research ecosystem , enhance the research projects, identify thrust areas of research, and form related cluster groups/ frontline teams/consortia of researchers both inter and intra institutional.
- ❖ To frame guidelines for routine research activities of the institution
- ❖ To aid in research collaboration, liason between researchers & funding agencies, promoting research projects identifying the suitable thrust areas
- ❖ To co-ordinate between the Research committees of the institute viz. Ethical committee, Research Advisory committee, and other research committees
- ❖ RIMS facilitations and data management
- ❖ Promoting research through mentorship of eminent scientists
- ❖ Training researchers through capacity building programmes

Functions of RDC

- ❑ Promoting quality publications, R&D projects in the areas of national importance
- ❑ Facilitating student research- Doctoral committee, synopsis presentation and training programmes
- ❑ Facilitating research fellowships and scholarships
- ❑ Facilitating student exchange programmes through Avinashilingam Centre for International Education
- ❑ Documenting research data
- ❑ Facilitating patents and technology transfer
- ❑ Facilitating MoUs and linkages with R&Ds, premier institutions and industries
- ❑ Capacity building of researchers
- ❑ Conduct of student research programmes and events



Promotion of Research and Development through enhancement of infrastructure for Research
Centralized Research centres



Advanced Research Laboratory



Prof. C.N.R. Rao Research Centre



Centre for Machine Learning and Intelligence



Centre for Manufacturing & Emerging Technologies

Other Research Facilities



Animal House



Green House



22-Aug-22 Business Lab



14-16 Feb 2022 NAAC Research Presentation



Museum

Engineering and Technology

Computational Sciences

Printing,
Technology, Food
Processing and
Preservation
Technology, Data
Science, Artificial
Intelligence

Artificial
Intelligence,
Data Science,
Cyber
Security

Physical Sciences

Food and Health Sciences

Topology,
Nano
Technology,
Materials,
Energy
Harvesting

Nutrition, Millets,
Elderly Care,
Metabolites for
precision Health,
Medicine

Life Sciences

Bioenergy, Cancer
studies, Genomics,
Phenology,
Mosquito studies

Kinesthetics,
Sports and
Health,
Special
Education

Education

Agrieconomics,
Sustainable
growth and
Equity

Finance and Management



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PRESS RELEASE

Coimbatore

16.02.2024

Cutting Edge Research Crossing Countries: US-ADU Education Fair 2024

The Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women is organising a US education fair on the forenoon of 20.02.2024 when a delegation from eighteen US universities will visit the Institute. This education fair is organised exclusively for the students of the Institute by the Avinashilingam Centre for International Education (ACTIE).

The fair is expected to provide the students with an academic exposure to the thrust areas of research and new domains of study in their respective fields. The prime foci of the event are fostering academic collaboration, promoting cutting edge research, designing twinning programmes and locating possible ties of academic and research endeavours. In addition to these, it will also provide a comprehensive view of the programmes of study offered by the visiting universities while simultaneously making them aware of thrust areas of academics and research at the Avinashilingam Institute.

The fair will also include research-oriented discussions, under the guidance of the Research and Development Cell of the Institute, during which the scholars and prospective stakeholders will get to familiarise and identify the thrust areas of research of the visiting universities. Representatives from the US Consulate will also be part of the visiting team.

This half a day event will commence with a brief presentation by the Vice Chancellor which will showcase the academic activities and the vibrant research culture at University. This will be followed by the educational fair at the Thiruchitrumbalam auditorium, during which the final year Undergraduate and Postgraduate students of the Institute can visit the eighteen stalls representing each of the universities.

The following is the list of universities visiting the Institute as part of the education fair.

1. University of Buffalo, State University of New York
2. The University of Texas at San Antonio
3. St. Mary's University of San Antonio, Texas
4. City University of Seattle
5. Clarkson University
6. Park University
7. Bryant University
8. Arizona State University
9. University of Wisconsin – Stout
10. Pennsylvania College of Technology
11. University of Arkansas
12. The Catholic University of America
13. Kennesaw State University
14. George Washington University
15. Marymount University
16. University of Utah – Eccles School of Business
17. University of San Diego
18. Saint Louis University