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About PUCA

With an aim to highlight the issues and problem being faced by unaided colleges, Punjab Unaided College Association (PUCA) was started in the year 2016. Right from the time of its inception, the association always aims to help and protect the unaided colleges of Punjab and to highlight the financial problems being faced by these colleges.

Dr. Anshu Kataria (Aryans Group of Colleges, Banur) has been elected as the President of PUCA while Advocate Amit Sharma (ACET, Amritsar) as the senior Vice President. S. Gurfateh Gill (Adesh Group, Gharuan) as vice president; S. Gurpreet Singh (Universal Group, Lalru) as General secretary; Ashok Garg (SVIET, Banur) as Treasurer, Gurkirat Singh (Gulzar Group, Ludhiana) as Joint Secretary-I, CA Renu Arora (SPCET, Lalru) as Joint Secretary-II.

Dr. Manmohan Garg (Gurukul Vidyapeeth) was appointed as Finance Secretary in order to deal with the financial problems being faced by the unaided colleges and to highlight issues on social media Mr. Anoop Bansal (Arya Bhatta, Barnala) was appointed as Head social media.

To strengthen the membership of the association, region wise coordinators were also appointed. Manav Dhawan (PGC, Lalru) as Tricity coordinator, Cherry Goyal (Vidyaratan college, Sangrur) as Malwa-I Coordinator, Monty Garg (KCT college, Fatehgarh) as Malwa-II coordinator, Dr. Akashdeep Singh (Global Instt, Amritsar) as Majha Coordinator and Mr. Sanjeev Chopra (HIMT, Jalandhar) as Doaba Coordinator.

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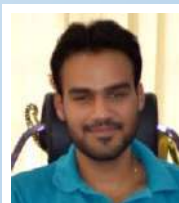
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PUCA moves an application in the Supreme Court for extension in cutoff dates of admission in India

Mohali, 21st September

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA), an association of Technical Colleges of Punjab, has knocked the door of the Supreme Court and has filed civil appeal for extension of cut-off dates of admission in the country. It is to be mentioned that as per All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, the admission in the entire country has been closed on 15th Sep.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA; Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh said that around 23.3 Lac students were stuck because of the ongoing court case of NEET in the Supreme Court. Due to this court case, not only 23.3 lac but other students were also kept on waiting for the final judgment. Also, due to various other reasons, including

late counseling in various states, disturbance in the northeast region, students were not able to secure seats. Adv Amit Sharma Senior Vice President PUCA urged the government to extend the cut-off dates of admission to 30th Oct. As Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) & Indian Nursing Council (INC), New Delhi have also extended cut of dates of admission to 30th Nov & 30th Oct respectively, on the same term the AICTE should extend cut of dates to 30th Oct, requested Sharma.

It is to be mentioned that on 15th Sep, the admission process of approx 8000 Technical Colleges of India is stopped as per AICTE notification, but lakhs of seats are lying vacant in technical colleges of country. Lakhs of applicants are there who are seeking admission but are helpless as admission has been stopped.

PUCA-FSFTI welcomes UGC decision on biannual admissions

Rajpura, 12th June

Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions of India (FSFTI) and Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) have welcomed the UGC decision to permit the biannual admissions in the country.

Dr Anshu Kataria, President FSFTI, PUCA, said that we have been demanding this since last decades that when student of our country is going four times in a year to various countries including US, Canada, Europe, Australia New Zealand etc then why there is no such option for the students in our country, India which is the most populated country in the world.

Kataria further said that punjab might be the biggest gainer of this decision as various restrictions imposed by these countries on study visa. A lot of Punjabi's would not be able to get a visa and would miss to get the admission in July-August batch but with this decision they can opt for January batch admission.

Amit Sharma, Senior Vice President and Gurpreet Singh, General Secretary, PUCA said that sometimes many NEET and JEE aspirants think to repeat the batch but later on want to change their decision but if missed, such prosperous does not have any option to save precious academic year.

Kataria urged AICTE and other Councils as well as affiliating universities of the country to implement UGC decision in letter and spirit.



PUCA celebrates its 8th Foundation Day

Education Minister Punjab, Sardar Harjot Singh Bains & Member Rajya Sabha
Sardar Satnam Singh Sandhu were Special Guests

Mohali, May 20th





Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) celebrated its 8th Foundation Day in association with Punjab Unaided Technical Institute Association (PUTIA). S. Harjot Singh Bains, Education Minister, Punjab & S. Satnam Singh Sandhu, Member Rajya Sabha; Patron, Joint Association of Colleges (JAC) were special Guest. Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA; Co Chairman, JAC & Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges presided over the function on the theme “Making Punjab the Destination for Technical Education”.

The programme commenced with the formal Lamp lighting ceremony. Dr. kataria thanked all the members for their unconditional support to PUCA in the last 7 years. On the occasion, Dr. Kataria explained all the achievements of PUCA in the last 7 years. Also, the 8th annual news letter was released.

On the occasion around 150 University's & College's Chancellors & Chairmen participated. S. Gurmeet Singh Dhaliwal, Chairman, JAC; S. Manjit Singh, President, Patron, JAC & PUTIA; Dr. Jagjit Singh Dhuri, President, JAC; Mr. Amit Sharma, Senior Vice President, PUCA; Sh. Susheel Bansal, President, Punjab Pharmacy Association; S. Gurdayal Singh Buttar, President, Nursing Training Institute Association; Sh. Rashpal Dhaliwal; Chairman, CGC, Landran/Jhanjeri; Sh. Gurvinder Singh Bahra, Chairman, Bahra University, Mohali; S. Gurdeep Singh, Chancellor, GNA University; Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor, Desh Bhagat University; Sh. Sandeep Kaura, Chancellor, Lamrin Tech University; Sh. Ashwani Garg, Chairman; Sh. Ashok Garg, President, SVIET; Dr. Gurpreet Singh, Chairman, Universal Group were also present.

Education Minister Harjot Bains while congratulating all said that it is priority of Government to provide quality education & I am very delighted to see almost 70 percent of the higher education fraternity of Punjab

in PUCA's foundation day. He mentioned that Govt is not only committed to make Punjab state as a destination for technical education but also making the state leading to provide quality education in entire nation.

Member Rajya Sabha, Satnam Singh Sandhu congratulated PUCA President Dr. Anshu Kataria & PUCA Team & said that he has given excellent contribution in the field of education. He has not only worked as a voice behind all unaided colleges of Punjab but he has also resolved many issues of education sector on national level for 16-17 states. He always stands with every initiative of PUCA & PUTIA.

PUCA members including S. Gurkirat Singh, Gulzar Group; S. Devinder Pal Singh Rimpi, Baba Kundan Singh Law College, Moga; Sh. Vishal Garg, Swami Vivekanand Institute of Engineering, Banur; Sh. Mohit Mahajan & Sh. Raghav Mahajan, Golden Group, Gurdaspur S. Swinder Singh Gill & Dr. Simranjit Singh, Sukhjinder Group of Institutes, Gurdaspur & Dunera; were present.

Sh. Shimanshu Gupta, President, ITI Association; Dr. DJ Singh, Vidya Jyoti Group, Lalru; Sh. Vibhav Mittal, Dolphin Group, Chunni kalan, Dr. Naveen Singla & Dr. Navneet Singh, GIMT College, Budhlada; Sh. Rajiv Jindal, Ram Devi Jindal Group, Lalru; Dr. Atul Goyal, Ferozpur College of Engineering and Technology, Ferozpur; S. Jawant Singh, Akal College, Sangrur; Sh. Satyam Bhardwaj, SBS Group of Educational Institutions, Patti; Dr. Navjot Singh Dhaliwal, B.I.S Group of Institutions; Mr. Lukesh Kumar, Saarswati Group, Gharuan; Mr. Raman Bhalla, Aman Bhalla Group, Pathankot; Dr. Rohit Tondon, HIMT, Tanda; Sh. HPS Kanda, Quest Group, Mohali; Dr. Naveen Dhillon, Ramghria Group, Phagwara; Er. Kanwar Tushar Punj, Sri Sai Group of Institutes, Pathankot were also present



VC, Baba Farid graces PUCA's session on "Healthcare Programs for International Job Opportunities"

Advisor, NSDC & NSDC, International & Founder & Advisor, QAI, UK were Guest of Honour

Rajpura, 17th July

Under the aegis of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS), Faridkot, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) organized the launching ceremony of "Healthcare Programs for International Job Opportunities" in Shiwalikview, Sec -17 Chandigarh.

Dr. Rajeev Sood, Vice Chancellor, BFUHS, Faridkot was the Chief Guest while Dr. Sandeep Kaura, Advisor, National Skill Development Council (NSDC) & NSDC, International was special guest of honour. Mr. Sanjay Malaviya, Founder & Advisor, QAI, UK was Guest of Honour & Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA presided over this session.

The event commenced with a lamp lighting ceremony & Dr. Anshu Kataria extended floral welcome to all dignitaries. On the occasion, around 150 members of PUCA attended the session. NSDC International made a presentation on various plans. QAI, UK also made a detailed presentation on training of 1500 plus skill based healthcare programs.

VC, BFUHS while addressing all said that many health professional students from Punjab are moving abroad in Canada, Australia, UK, New Zealand etc for various job opportunities but after completing such skill based programs in our country the aspiring students will get better job opportunities here as well

as abroad. He appreciated the efforts of (PUCA) Punjab Unaided Colleges Association president & members for this information session.

Sandeep Kaura mentioned that a high-paying job, top-class education and better quality of life continue to draw millions of Indians to foreign shores. But for many, this dream is in danger of turning into a nightmare as in Punjab there are almost 15000 immigration consultants and some are creating much trouble for aspiring students throughout the immigration process. The best way to go abroad is to upgrade your skill under Govt to Govt projects which are executed by NSDC International.

Dr. Anshu Kataria while thanking all present mentioned that the healthcare sector worldwide has undergone a remarkable transformation. The demand of healthcare professionals in India & abroad is higher than ever which has created massive job opportunities but the aspiring candidates need to enhance their skills in Diagnostics, Training, Assessment etc.

Sanjay Malaviya highlighted the need for skill based education in healthcare sector & said that In light of advocating for more competitive salary and benefit packages as well as opportunities for career advancement the students must up skill their professional education.

Vigilance probe in PMS, a delay tactics: PUCA

Mohali 16 March

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) has termed the announcement of Vigilance inquiry by the state government into the distribution of Post Matric Scholarships to SC/ST students as a tactic to further delay the release of grants to technical institutions of Punjab.

PUCA President Dr. Anshu Kataria says, "Punjab government had already investigated the matter four times. PUCA is ready for the probe of any collage associated with them. If any college found guilty, the scholarship for that particular college must be stopped, but rest of the colleges should not suffer for this."

Finance Secretary Manmohan Garg says, "Although the number of colleges indicted in the inquiry is very small. Just for amount of 30-50 crore, state government has not released Rs 500- 550 crore. It is totally unjustified."

"Many colleges have been declared Non Performing Asset (NPA) by the banks because State Government has not paid the scholarship amount for 2015-16 year and many more would be declared NPA if Government would further delay in the release of scholarship funds" he added.

Dr. Kataria said that on one hand state government is not releasing the scholarship amount and other hand state universities like IKG-PTU Jalandhar and MRS-PTU Bathinda are forcing them to deposit money.

"If government would not release PMS amount immediately then at the time of admission, colleges might ask for the fees from these students in advance or they would be forced not to admit SC/ST students" Garg said.

It is mentioned that the scholarship matter was raised in Punjab assembly, after which Deputy CM Sukhbir Badal ordered the vigilance probe.

Release around 625 crore under PMS before exams: PUCA

Mohali 10 April

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) has requested the State Government to immediate release the funds meant for Post Matric Scholarship scheme (PMS) for SC-ST students in the state. The final second semester examination of the students are starting at the end of the April and colleges are finding it tough to conduct the exams as they don't have money to pay even the salaries & other expenses. It is to be mentioned that around 125 crore is due for the year 2014-15 & above 525 crore is due for the year 2015-16

President, PUCA, Dr. Anshu Kataria demanded that Government should atleast make some partial payment out of 500-600 crore so that colleges can pay salaries to the teachers. Even the Government Universities including IKG- Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar (IKG-PTU), Maharaja Ranjit Singh-Punjab Technical University, Bathinda (MRS-PTU), Punjabi University, Patiala etc are demanding examination fee of SC-ST students from the colleges."How a college can pay to the University when neither the State Government nor the students have paid even single penny for 2015-16 to the colleges?"

Dr. Kataria further said, "Punjab government had already investigated the matter four times in various departments including Sanctioning authority, concerned departments i.e. DPI (Schools), DPI (Colleges), Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DRME) and Director Technical Education (DTE). PUCA is ready for the probe of any college associated with them. If any college found guilty, the scholarship for that particular college must be stopped, but rest of the colleges should not suffer for this."

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PUCA celebrates its 7th Foundation Day.

Mohali, 8th March

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) celebrated its 7th Foundation Day. Dr. MP Poonia, Vice Chairman, All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi; Dr. Buta Singh Sidhu, Vice Chancellor, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPTU), Bathinda & Mr. Yogesh Kochhar, Director, Microsoft Corporation addressed PUCA delegates virtually. Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA & Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges presided over the function on the theme “Sustainable Digital Transformation in hybrid way”.

On this occasion S. Satnam S. Sandhu, Chief Patron, Joint Association of Colleges (JAC); Mr. Amit Sharma, Senior Vice President, PUCA ; Ms Nancy Dhiman, Business & Mr. Kanishk Pandey, Head-Partner Development, Apar Technology were present. The programme commenced with the formal Lamp lighting & Cake Cutting ceremony.

While congratulating PUCA team and Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA, S. Satnam Singh Sandhu, Chancellor, Chandigarh University; Sh. Gurvinder Singh Bahra, Bahra University, Dr. Zora Singh, Desh Bhagat University & S. Gurlabh Singh, Gurukashi University said that since last 6 years Dr. Kataria has given outstanding contribution in the field of education. Every colleges & universities from Punjab are with PUCA & will support always support to solve various issues of unaided colleges. Sandhu further urged that soon a technical session on New Education Policy should be organized for much needed deliberations on it.

Ms. Dhiman & Mr. Pandey discussed various approaches that use advanced technologies & concepts including e- payments, Enterprise Resource Management, Directory services, Online Admission

Services, Social Media Marketing, and Student Engagement Program which can be beneficial for education sector in modern era.

Dr. kataria thanked all the members for their unconditional support to PUCA in the last 6 years. The event was organized in association with APAR & Microsoft.

During celebration, Sh. Tejinder Singh Sran, Member PAC-Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, Govt. Of India as special guest & PUCA members including Dr. Gurpreet Singh, Chairman, Universal Group; S. Gurkirat Singh, Gulzar Group; S. Devinder Pal Singh Rimpi, Baba Kundan Singh Law College, Moga; Sh. Vishal Garg, SVIET, Banur; Sh. Mohit Mahajan & Sh. Raghav Mahajan, Golden Group, Gurdaspur Er. Swinder Singh Gill, Sukhjinder Group of Institutes, Gurdaspur & Dunera; Sh. Nalini Chopra, Kay Jay Group, Patiala were present.

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Indian Investor Federation and PUCA delegation Flag offs today

MSME & Academic Delegation starts their Business Trip to Ottawa, Montreal & Brampton

Srinagar, 17th May





Hon'ble Governor of Haryana Sri Bandaru Dattatreya today flagged off a 14 members delegation of Indian Investors Federation & Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) to Canada. The delegation is going under the leadership of Mr. Krishna Murthy Sagaram of IIF and Dr. Anshu Kataria of Aryans Group of Colleges.

The Hon'ble Governor Sri Dattatreya said that these visits are very much necessary to develop strong socio-economic ties between the countries and Canada, always being one of the best choices for the Indian community and the importance is duly recognized. There are lots of good exchanges happening between these two in education, real estate, green energy and IT sectors. He has identified every delegate and his field and plans of doing business there. He appreciated the efforts being put by the IIF and PUCA and wished the entire team for the great outcome of the delegation.

The objective of the delegation is to explore the possibilities of strategic tie-ups between Indian and Canadian MSME sector bi-lateral agreements in the fields of Information Technology, education, Real estate, Agriculture, Fashion Merchandising, packaging, import & exports, water and waste management & furniture industries. A group of 14 members from various organizations across the country would be participating in this delegation.

As per the schedule, the delegation would be first landing in Montreal and then continuing their meetings at Montreal, Cornwall and Ottawa. They are scheduled to meet various Indo Canada Organizations, community leaders and Member parliaments etc. They would be visiting the Parliament House of Canada. Further they proceed towards Brampton and meet the officials at GTA. Various Indo-Canada organizations and chambers have extended their invitations to the delegation. An 8day delegation visit to these places is expected to bring various bi-lateral business opportunities, investments both the sides and partnership agreements in those sectors.

The Director General of IIF Dalip Sharma has expressed that IIF has been working with various government and non-government agencies in bringing

a strong colorations and exchange of investments between the countries for a progressive sign. India has now been considered as a global hub and may invite various investors and also provide the opportunity to MSME of the country to work with International organizations for the exchange of thoughts and progress. IIF mainly focuses on the MSME sector which needs strong support and innovative platforms for their contribution to the economy.

Mr. Anshu Kataria, President of Punjab Unaided Colleges Association express that in their previous delegations also the members of the PUCA have been benefited through mutual agreements and understandings with Canadian Institutions. Now visiting Ontario and Montreal would be an added flavor to the management of the colleges to bring new technology, partnerships and career opportunities for the students of these states. The learnings with the Canadian leading institutions are always a great help to the Indian institutions.

Punjab and Haryana now being one of the fast growing business hubs the organizers have expressed their confidence in the positive results through this delegation. The delegation is also being supported by various Canadian and Indian chambers and organizations. This is the 4th delegation to Canada by IIF and PUCA and September scheduled the 5th delegation towards Atlantic Canada. Previous delegations to Canada have resulted in a good amount of MoUs with the concerned organizations in those sectors.

Dr. Anshu Kataria (Aryans Group of Colleges), Krishna Murthy Sagaram (Indian Investors Federation), Ashwani Kumar Garg (Swami Vivekanand Group of Institutions), Ashok Kumar Garg (Swami vivekanand Group of Institutions), Rajeev Batta (Ajit Packers), Amarjeet Kaur Saggu (Gurnoor Technologies), Simranjeet Singh Bhullar (Commingle Enterprises), Rajiv Bansal (Bansal Traders), Balraj Singh (Balraj & co), Raghavendra Rao Hosur (IT Consultant), Raman Kumar Sidhu (Jagmohan A-One Caterers), Sudhir Jain (Mahavir Enterprises), Akhil Gulati (Shiva Real Green Resort) & Bimal Rai (Chopra Designer) are the part of the delegation from Indian.

AICTE launched new skill development scheme in Technical Colleges

Puca welcomes the move & appeal State Government to follow the suite



Mohali 15th April

To make proper utilization of existing resources available at the Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) for technical institutes to impart Skill based training to the students during the off- college hours.

As per the new scheme AICTE would offer training to atleast 100 unemployed youth per year in engineering skills based on the job roles as per National Occupational Standards (NOS) prescribed by Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship under NSQF. Interestingly the additional cost of the course would be born by AICTE itself.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) while welcoming this initiative taken by AICTE said that the Technical Institutes are viable vehicle for conducting such skill training sessions. The step would also strengthen “Make in India”, “Digital India”, “Startup India” and other such projects involved to develop around 109 million skilled persons by 2022.

Kataria further said that on the one hand such new schemes would help students to get skill development education and at the same time the unutilized infrastructure of the colleges could also be brought under proper utilization.

Kataria further added that on the same pattern State should also set up a committee to access the total surplus infrastructure available in the technical institutes of the Punjab wherein such other courses etc can be started.

It is to be mentioned that the last date for the submission of online application on AICTE portal is 18th April under which all eligible institutions will have to offer skills training for 250 hours to a batch of 100 students based on National Occupational Standards (NOS) in engineering skills. AICTE will give grant in aid i.e Rs. 10,000/- per student.



Government should clarify true picture of Post Matric Scholarship: PUCA

PUCA demands immediate release of funds

Ludhiana 31st May

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) has urged Punjab government to clear the picture on the status of Post Matric Scholarship funds.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA said that Chief Minister, Punjab Sh. Parkash Singh Badal has stated that the center is not releasing the funds, while BJP's minister and state president, Sh. Vijay Sampla has said that the Punjab Government has not submitted the utilization's end use certificates for the previous years resulting in delays. On the other hand, Congress leader Sh. Sunil Jakhar, has alleged the Badal Government that they have diverted the sanctioned scholarships' funds for other purposes.

PUCA requested the Government to clarify the actual position regarding the status of PMS Scholarship without any delay so the students, parents and colleges should come to know about the true facts

Kataria questioned "What wrong unaided colleges have done that they are running pillar to post to get these funds released"

PUCA, has also urged the Punjab Government to immediately release the Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) funds held up for the last one and a half years in order to bring out the unaided colleges from the huge financial crisis.

S. Gurpreet Singh General Secretary, PUCA said that the unaided colleges are doing the job that govt should have done. Over 90% of the work of imparting technical education is being done by the private unaided colleges. He also said that because of these policies of the government the entire education industry is in deep trouble.

Sh. Manmohan Garg, Finance Secretary, PUCA said that many entrepreneurs have borrowed crores of funds from the banks and this delay has resulted in many colleges have been declared as NPAs by the banks"



IIF & PUCA Delegation visit Montreal, Ottawa, Brampton, Calgary etc. for Investment & Academic Purpose.

Srinagar, June 4

An MSME and Academic delegation being hosted by Indian Investors Federation and Punjab Unaided Colleges Association visits the Parliament House and Senate House of Canada during their business visits. An 8 day Business delegation travels to Montreal, Ottawa, Brampton and Toronto and meets various bureaucrats, investment agencies, Industry chambers, Indo-Canada associations, Canada-India Business community, investment advisors etc and explored various potential opportunities working together and exchange of business and investments.

While giving more information Dr. Anshu Kataria, President , PUCA & Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges ,Rajpura , near Chandigarh and Krishana Murthy Sagaram, Indian Investors Federation said that the delegation has landed in Montreal and started their meetings with India Canada Organization where good amount of business community from the Montreal region has welcomed the delegation and discussed at length. Mr.Sameer Zuberi, Member Parliament and Mr.Dimitrios Jim Beis, Mayor of Pierrefonds-Roxboro have joined the meetings along with the leaders and members of Indo Canada Organization. The delegation has felicitated all of them during this period and conveyed their appreciations for the extended support.

Further the delegation got an opportunity to visit to meet and discuss with Mr.Chandra Arya, Member Parliament in Ottawa and had an insight discussion on industry wise and opportunities. Mr.Chandra Arya has expressed his wishes and understood every delegate's plans and advised the best suitable opportunity and assured his conveyed his extended support in this matter. A special Canada Parliamentary tour has been arranged to the delegation along with the Senate House visit. The delegates have enjoyed the visit and understood the policy making process in the country. Invest Ottawa had a great interactive session with the team members and advised on the opportunities, support and services being provided by them in establishing a new business establishment in the country.





IIF & PUCA Delegation Visit Canada Parliament, MPs and various investment agencies.

Indian delegation having successful meetings with various Canadian organizations

The City of Brampton Economic Development officials have extended their warm welcome to the delegation and discussed in depth about the city policies and opportunities available. They also discussed on various sectors that the City is working on and the rate of development which is in support of the industry leaders and explained the right approach of establishing the business in the City of Brampton. The campus tour conducted by Sheridan College was an eye opener on the education systems and techniques being followed by the Canadian colleges. The group has visited their trade courses labs, nursing school, athletic therapy and exercise centres, empathy based axon VR simulation etc and discussed the opportunities of collaboration with Indian institutions as well as industry. A short term skill development program in the demanding areas have proposed during the discussion and further notes taken forward

As the last business meeting, Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce proposed to sign an understanding with Indian Investor Federation to increase 2 way investments and business between Canada and India. Both the organizations soon to announce their mutual programs both in Canada and India. Members of ICCC were engaged themselves in a great interaction with the delegation and exchanged various ideas of doing business. While closing all the business meetings, the

delegation has visited the great Niagara Falls and expressed their willingness of doing business with Canada and to progress towards their plans of establishments in a very short period of time.

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PUCA-PUTIA welcome the appointment of Dr. Susheel Mittal as new VC IKGPTU

Chandigarh, 15th June

The Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) & Punjab Unaided Technical Institutions Association (PUTIA) has welcomed the much awaited appointment of Dr. Susheel Mittal as new Vice Chancellor of IK Gujral Punjab Technical University (IKGPTU), Jalandhar.

While greeting Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA; Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh & S. Manjit Singh, Patron, PUTIA said that Dr Mittal's appointment was long awaited & now with the appointment the long pending issues of Unaided Colleges of Punjab will soon get resolved.

Dr. Gurmeet Singh Dhariwal, President, PUTIA & Adv. Amit Sharma, Senior Vice President, PUCA said that PTU, PUCA & PUTIA will work jointly to make Punjab as a destination of education.

PUCA congratulate IAS Anurag Verma on becoming Chief Secretary

Jammu 1st July



Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) & Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh congratulated Mr. Anurag Verma (IAS) on becoming Chief Secretary, Punjab Govt. On the occasion, Dr. Gurpreet Singh, General Secretary, PUCA was also present.

Dr. Kataria said that Anurag Verma has worked in Higher Education & many other departments related to education in past. Now as he taken the charge as Chief secretary, Punjab which will bring a new lease of life to all educational institutions of Punjab, added Kataria.



PUCA urged Govt. to save dying Higher Education Sector of Punjab

The future of around 3 lacs SC/ST/OBC students of the State on stake

Mohali 7th August

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) urged that Government should understand and try to solve the problems faced by unaided colleges of Punjab. More than 50% seats in unaided colleges are vacant while on the other hand due to the non payment of scholarship funds meant for SC/ST/OBC students, Colleges are under huge financial crunch. Many of the Unaided Colleges are on the verge of closure.

To add further fuel in the fire, Government Universities has asked Private Colleges /Polytechnics to pay Admission Processing fees (Counseling fees) for SC/ST/OBC students without which they would not enroll the students under 2016-17 batch.

A meeting of PUCA under the leadership of President, Dr. Anshu Kataria was recently held which was attended by various other associations including "Association of Polytechnic Colleges of Punjab", "Federation of Self-Financed B.Ed college of Punjab", "Punjab Degree Colleges Association" etc.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA while speaking said under Post Matric Scholarship scheme, over 35 crore against tuition fees and 90 crore under Maintenance allowance is pending for 2014-15 while against the 535 crore due of 2015-16, Centre has released 173 crore but Punjab Govt has not released to the colleges. For 2016-17, admissions are almost about to close and a huge amount is outstanding towards Government. Thus the future of around 3 lacs SC/ST/OBC students is at stake in the State.

Kataria said that the worst part of the sorry state of the education in Punjab is that on the one hand the state government has not paid the scholarship amount under PMS, on the other hand both the Technical Universities and Board i.e IKG-PTU, Jalandhar and MRS-PTU, Bathinda and PSBTE-IT are forcing

colleges/Polytechnics to pay registration fees and examination fees to the Universities.

"When students have not paid their fees and state government has not reimbursed scholarship amount how a college can pay registration /examination and other charges to the state University from its own pocket?" Kataria added.

Finance Secretary Manmohan Garg while speaking on the occasion said that in the last assembly, Government itself has admitted that era of technical education in Punjab has observed a major downfall due to which 60-70% seats are lying vacant. "Then why Government is not coming forward to rescue dying educational sector of Punjab" added Garg.

Garg further added that Government has already delayed the release of scholarship funds meant for SC/ST/OBC students and despite of releasing the pending amount Universities are asking unaided colleges to pay fee for these students from their own pocket.

Sh. Rajinder Dhanoa, President, Association of Polytechnic Colleges of Punjab said, "as per the new notifications if the student leaves the course midway the colleges will have to refund the disbursed amount back to the Government. Why Colleges are being penalized if students leaves the course?" He questioned.

Sh. Jagjit Singh, Federation of Self-Financed B.Ed college of Punjab, Sh. Amit Sharma, senior Vice president; Ashok Garg Treasurer; CA Renu Arora, Joint Secretary; Cherry Goyal, Malwa-I Coordinator; Monty Garg, Malwa-II Coordinator; Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Doaba Coordinator; Mr. Ranbir Dhindsa, Coordinator, Association of Polytechnic Colleges, Punjab etc were also present in the meeting.



PUCA -PUTIA welcome new Vice Chancellor, IKGPTU Jalandhar

Chandigarh 19th July

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) & Punjab Unaided Institute Association (PUTIA) welcomed Dr. Susheel Mittal for his appointment as new Vice Chancellor, IK Gujral Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar.

Regarding this a special event was organized by PUCA & PUTIA in which Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA; S. Manjit Singh, Patron, PUCA, S. Gurmeet Singh Dhaliwal, President, PUTIA were present.

Dr. Kataria & Dhaliwal in a joint statement said that under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Mittal, all technical colleges of Punjab would do their best to bring the quality of technical education on top. The colleges & university will work together for betterment of students.

VC, Dr. Mittal while thanking assured all present said that the university will help the colleges to provide support for better academics, training, placements, cultural, innovations etc.

In this event, various PTU Officials including Dr. SK Mishra, Registrar; S. Balkar Singh, Dean College Development; S S walia, Dean Finance; RPS Bedi; Paramjit Singh etc. were present.

Renowned Educationists including S. Harinder Kanda, Quest College; Mohali; Devinder Pal Singh Rimpi, Desh Bhgat College, Moga, Sh. Raman Bhalla, Aman Bhalla College of Engineering & Technology, Pathankot; Mr. Amit Sharma, Amritsar College of Engineering, Mr. Anil Chopra, St. Soldier Group, Jalandhar; S. Gurkirat Singh, Gulzar Group, Ludhiana; Sh. Ashwani Garg, Sh. Ashok Garg, SVIET, Banur; S. Charanjit Singh Channi, CT Group, Jalandhar; Sh. Prem Gandhi, KC Group, Nawanshahar; Mr. Mohit Mahajan, Golden Group, Gurdaspur; S. Swinder Singh Gill, Sukhjindra Group, Gurdaspur; Mr. Parveen Garg, ISF College of Pharmacy, Moga; Mr. Rajeev Gulati, LGC, Ludhiana; Mr. Vijay Gupta, LCET, Ludhiana; Mr. Shivom Vashisht, FCET, Ferozpur; Dr. DJ. Singh, Vidya Jyoti Eduversity, Chandigarh; Mr. SK Punj, Sri Sai Group were present.

480 Crores unpaid, Punjab College Association decides Punjab Bandh

Joint Action Committee formed by Punjab's Various unaided college association with their students, announces agitation against Government.

Patiala 30th September



Around 700 Unaided Colleges of Punjab are at verge of closure courtesy due to Punjab Govt's futile promises to release Post Matric Scholarship of SC / BC students in time. It is worth mentioning that Private Unaided Colleges of Punjab cater to 95% students of Punjab but most are facing risk of closure in want of funds.

The Joint action Committee comprising PUTIA (Punjab Unaided Technical Institutions Association), PUCA (Punjab Unaided Colleges Association), B.Ed Federation, ITI Association, ETT Federation, , Degree College association, Nursing college association, Polytechnic

Association and education Forum met today and decided to take firm action for saving the carrier of SC/ BC students.

Unaided Colleges were asked not to charge any fees from SC/BC students by Punjab Govt and it was duly implemented by all Unaided colleges of Punjab moreover the examination fees of these students too were deposited from college funds but till date despite repeated representation to CM/ Deputy CM/ Secretaries / Directors, Punjab Govt is yet to release 80 crores for 2,86,000 students of 2014-15 and Approx 400 crores of 3 lac students of 2015- 16.

It is to be mentioned that due to non payment of Scholarship amount for SC/ST students Colleges are not able to the salaries timely. Many colleges have been declared Non Performing Asset (NPA) by the banks State Government and many more would be declared NPA if Government would further delay in the release of scholarship funds.

Punjab Bandh to be announced on meeting of Joint action committee in Chandigarh on 3rd October.

FSFTI demands extension in Cutoff dates for admissions:

Floods in North India and disturbance in North-East are major reasons for demand

Chandigarh, Aug 29th



Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions, All India (FSFTI) urged University Grants Commission (UGC) All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi to extend the cut-off date of admission for technical courses in all approved colleges to 30th Oct, 2023.

Floods in North affected Admission Process:

Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, FSFTI; President, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) & Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh said that everyone are aware of the fact that flood in entire North India specially in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand & part of Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir etc. have affected everyone severely and students couldn't apply for various courses due to no connectivity with other states. Not only this, more than 300 roads remain disconnected with the other parts of the country for more than a month in Himachal, mentioned Kataria.

Disturbance in North East -Another major factor:

Sh. RS Munirathinam, Patron, FSFTI & Dr. KVK Rao, General Secretary, FSFTI said that the aspiring students from North East also could not apply for their dream courses due to disturbance in the region. The curfew & non availability of internet was there for a long time in Manipur. Keeping all these facts in mind the last date for admission should be extended for 2 months at least, they added.

For the session 2022-23 as per AICTE's academic calendar the last date of admission was 30th Oct & as per UGC notification number F. No. 1-12/2022 (DB), the last date was 31st Oct. This year for the session 2023-24, the last date to apply for various courses is 15th Sep, 2023.

All India Colleges urges AICTE to relax BBA, BCA Norms

If not relaxed, association will knock the door of Court.

Jammu 4th February



Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions (FSFTI), All India & Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) has urged All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, to exempt BBA BCA colleges of Country from getting AICTE approval.

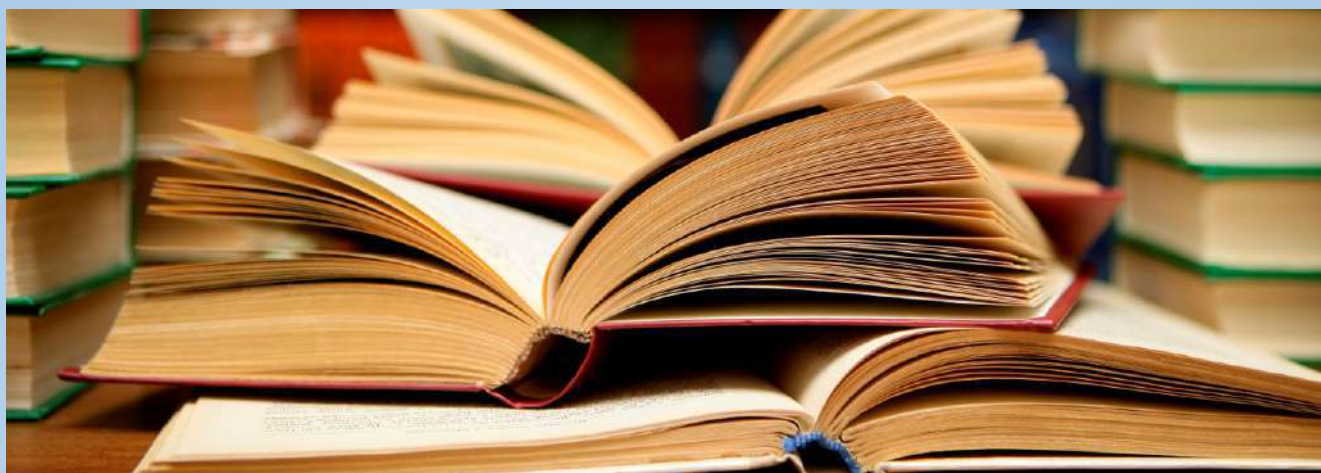
Dr Anshu Kataria, President, FSFTI, All India & Adv. Amit Sharma, Senior Vice President, PUCA today met Sh. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE at New Delhi & requested him that since 1987 since the AICTE act was passed; BBA, BCA, BMS were never it's part. After almost 4 decades, suddenly bringing BBABCA Colleges under its ambit is shocking.

Kataria further said that on one hand, New BBA BCA college will pay Rs 20,000/- approval/ affiliation fee for each course & on other hand, existing AICTE approved Institutions will pay Rs 3.5 Lacs each for additional course resulting into increase in financial burden on students.

Kataria and Sharma also added that if AICTE does not relax the norms, then we will be forced to knock the door of the court.

Around 75% seats in Technical, 50% in B.Ed are vacant- PUCA urged Govt. to rescue ailing Education Industry

Ludhiana 4th September



Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) urged Government should rescue ailing unaided Private Educational Institutions of Punjab.

Recently a meeting of PUCA was held under the leadership of President, PUCA, Dr. Anshu Kataria. It was decided that a delegation of PUCA would soon meet Punjab Government to make them aware about the problems being faced by unaided colleges of Punjab.

Dr. Anshu Kataria while speaking on the occasion said that as per latest information in Technical sector, around 75-80% seats are lying vacant due to which huge investment and infrastructure in Punjab would now be left unutilized.

It is to be mentioned that in Punjab there are 108 Engineering Colleges, 165 Polytechnic Colleges, 51 Pharmacy Colleges, 232 Management Colleges, 9 Architecture Colleges etc. More than 90% of Technical education in Punjab is under Unaided Private Colleges.

S. Jagjit Singh, Senior Vice President, Federation of Self Financed Colleges of Education said that in 2016, GNDU could fill only 6500 seats against 25000 seats in one and half months which would lead to huge financial loss.

Jagjit Singh further said that after its own failure GNDU has asked Private Unaided Colleges to fill the left out around 18500 seats in week's time.

S. Jagjit Singh further said that Degree Colleges have also observed a steep fall in 2016 admissions due to high Registration and examination charges. "Government Universities have raised these annual charges from Rs 1800/- to 8000/- in last 7-8 years.

"Students are unable to pay such high charges which are being charged by Government Universities leading to major downfall in admissions in these Institutions" Jagjit added.

Similarly in Nursing as per the last year report around 25-30% of the seats were left vacant in the colleges in the year 2015-16.

Manmohan Garg said that due to non payment of Scholarship amount for SC/ST students Colleges are not able to the salaries timely. Many colleges have been declared Non Performing Asset (NPA) by the banks State Government and many more would be declared NPA if Government would further delay in the release of scholarship funds.

PUCA has also demanded that Government should form a high level committee to look into the reasons for the sudden downfall of education Industry in Punjab and urged Government intervention to save the dying unaided colleges in Punjab.

Senior Vice president, Sh. Amit Sharma (Amritsar Engineering Colleges); Vice President, S. Gurfateh Gill (Adesh Group); Finance Secretary, Manmohan Garg (Gurukul Vidyapeeth); Treasurer, Ashok Garg (SVIET); Tricity Coordinator, Manav Dhawan (Punjab Group of Colleges); Mr. Cherry (Vidyarattan); Mr. Gurkirat Singh (Gulzar Group); Doaba Coordinator, Mr. Sanjeev Chopra (HIMT Hoshiarpur) etc were also present in the meeting.

Punjab Nursing Association urges INC to permit Direct Admission

Mohali, 1st October

A delegation of Nursing Training Institute Association Punjab under the leadership of President, Nursing Association, S. Gurdayal Singh Buttar met President, Indian Nursing Council, Sh. T Dileep Kumar & urged to permit direct admission of students in various nursing courses.

While giving this information to media Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) & Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh said that the delegation demanded to permit direct admission to students in Punjab as thousands of students could not appear in Punjab Paramedical Entrance Test (PPMET) conducted by Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.

He added said that across Punjab State there are 7108 seats in ANM, 12065 Seats in GNM, 5320 in B. Sc. Nursing, 3130 in Post Basic B. Sc. Nursing & 639 seats in Msc. Nursing. Different states including Punjab Himachal, Haryana, Manipur have faced worse ever situation in last 3 months. Due to the situation of floods in Punjab around 40% of the students were deprived of giving the entrance test of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences. Because of this many students could not apply for the entrance test & which can ruin their precious year and may put their career on stake. Keeping this point in mind, the direct admission should be permitted, Kataria mentionmed.

Supreme Court gives relief to All India Colleges on PUCA petition

Chandigarh 13th October

The Supreme Court has today permitted All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi to permit admissions in technical colleges across the country till October 30th.

Earlier the date was 15th September and Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh etc were given relief in the cut off dates of admission by the Supreme Court.

In a petition filed by Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association- Punjab Unaided Technical Institutions Association (PUCA-PUTIA) and Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh the Bench of Justices Sh. BR Gavai & Sh. Prashant Mishra have permitted admissions till 30th October.

This would give relief to lakhs of students who were seeking admissions in approx 11000 technical colleges across nation.

Adv Siddharth R Gupta appeared in the Supreme court on behalf of PUCA and submitted that students of Punjab were affected by floods during admissions days & North East students could not secure their seats due to ongoing disturbance.



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HIMT, Jalandhar
Doaba Coordinator

PUCA appealed around 700 Colleges to observe Bandh & Host Black Flags on 7th October

Mohali 5th October

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) has decided to observe Punjab Bandh on 7th October. Around 700 Colleges of Punjab would remain closed for one day due to the non payment of SC BC scholarship funds. Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA appealed all Unaided Colleges to observe Bandh for 1 day and host Black Flags on their Colleges.

- Dr. Manmohan Garg, Finance Secretary;
- S. Gurpreet Singh, General Secretary;
- S. Gurfateh Gill, Vice President;
- CA Renu Arora, Joint Secretary;
- Manav Dhawan, Tricity Coordinator;
- Cherry Goyal, Malwa-I Coordinator;
- Monty Garg, Malwa-II Coordinator;
- Ankur Garg, Treasurer;
- Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Doaba Coordinator etc

were present during the meeting.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA said that if Government would not take any action on 7th October then the next action plan would be made in the next joint meeting of all associations on 7th October.

It is to be mentioned that a joint meeting of 13 different associations was recently held which was attended by Dr. J.S Dhaliwal, President, PUTIA; Sh. Jagjit Singh, President, Federation of Self-Financed B.Ed college of Punjab; Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA; Sh. Rajinder Dhanoa, President, Association of Polytechnic Colleges of Punjab; Mr. Charanjit Walia, President, Nursing Colleges Association; Sh. Amarjeet Walia, Ayurvedic Association; Dr. Vikram Sharma, Dental Association; S. Nirmal Singh, ETT Federation; Jasmeet Singh, B.Ed Association(Panjab University); Satwinder Singh Sandhu, B.Ed Association (GNDU); Shimanshu Gupta, Private ITI Association; Gurmeet Dhaliwal, Chairman, Academic Advisory Forum; Sukhmander Singh Chatha, President, Punjab Unaided Degree Colleges, Association etc and urged Government to release the funds meant for SC BC students.

All India Federation and PUCA meets Vice President, India

Jammui, 15th October

A delegation of All India Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions (AIFSFTI) and Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) under the leadership of Dr. Anshu Kataria, President and Sri R S Munirathinam, Chief Patron met with Hon'ble Vice President of India, Sh. M. Venkaiah Naidu at New Delhi.

The delegation on the one hand appreciated the steps taken by the Central Govt. to uplift and promote the higher education in the Country while on the other hand the delegation discussed the problems being faced by the Technical Institutions of the Country. Sri Srini Bhupalam (Telangana), Sri Panduranga Shetty (Karnataka), Sri P Selvaraj (Tamil Nadu), Mr. Lalit Aggarwal (Delhi), Sri K V K Rao (Andhra Pradesh), Sh. T D Esawara Moorthy (Tamil Nadu), Sh. K G Madhu (Kerala), Sh. Rajeev Chand (Maharashtra), Sh. Shridhar Singh (Rajasthan), Sh. V K Verma (Madhya Pradesh), Sh. Sridhar (Andhra Pradesh), Sh. Purushotam Sharma (HP), Director PRO etc were also present.



No Bogus Admission in Punjab: Joint Action Committee (JAC)

JAC demanded immediate release of the scholarship

Chandigarh 15th October

The Joint Action Committee, Punjab, comprising of representatives of 13 associations of educational institutes of all the streams of the state issued a press note stating that there are no fake admissions in any of the institutions of Punjab. A news report was published in some leading dailies in this regard that an enquiry by the Government has revealed it. The JAC stated that either the officers of some departments are providing inappropriate information to the Govt. or the Govt. is stating these unsubstantiated statistics to further delay the payment of scholarship to the institutes and the students.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, spokesmen of JAC said that there is no question of fake admission in any of the institutes across the state as all the admissions are confirmed by the Universities after verification of certificates of all the admitted candidates. The scholarship of SC students is approved only after due verification of Matric, Caste, Residence, AADHAAR and Income certificate of students by the Govt. agencies through Sanctioning Authorities and concerned line departments. Such a large number of certificates cannot be forged by the institutes under any circumstances. There was no mechanism to check the double apply of scholarship by the candidates at institute level in the year 2014-15, which was later rectified by the welfare department from 2015-16 year onwards.

The number stated as fake admission or bogus claim of scholarship is in actual those students who have dropped their study mid way and not completed their course. The students drop their study due to various reasons e.g. Job, Marriage of Girls etc. The drop out phenomenon is most common from school level onwards. Neither we deny the education of choice to the students nor can they be bonded students of

any stream. Even some students are detained or expelled by the institutes due to indiscipline or other such activities. These students studied in the institutions for one or more than one years and availed all the facilities along with education. These institutes shall be paid by the Govt. for providing all these facilities and study to these students. The institutes are not at fault for demanding the fee for the period of study of these students.

Hence JAC demanded the release of scholarship according to the period of study in any institute by the

history of Punjab that who serve the noble cause is termed as Mafia. The JAC invited such persons for debate on any appropriate forum on this issue. The JAC appealed to all the political parties not to indulge in media statements on this sensitive issue concerning the lacs of SC students across the state for their pity political gains.

JAC demanded immediate release of the scholarship. A meeting of Joint Action Committee held today in which Presidents of all 13 different colleges Association including Dr.



student. The Govt. shall amend the notification in this regard immediately. They accused the Govt. that instead of lauding the efforts of Self Financed Unaided Institutions of the state to provide education to underprivileged sections of society the Govt. has been tarnishing the image of these institutions by such unsubstantiated reports. The people of Punjab shall be grateful to these institutions because of whom the youth of the state has been provided the education within state instead of going to far off places some 15 years ago. Instead of migration of Punjabi Youth the state is receiving lacs of students from other state.

The JAC also condemned the statement of some politicians terming the educational institutes as Mafia merely on the basis of media reports without verifying the actual facts. This happened first time in the

J.S Dhaliwal, President, PUTIA; Sh. Jagjit Singh, President, Federation of Self-Financed B.Ed college of Punjab; Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA; Sh. Ranbir Dhindsa, Coordinator, Association of Polytechnic Colleges of Punjab; Mr. Charanjit Walia, President, Nursing Colleges Association; Sh. Amarjeet Walia, Ayurvedic Association; Dr. Vikram Sharma, Dental Association; S. Nirmal Singh, ETT Federation; Jasnik Singh Kakkar, B.Ed Association (Panjab University); Satwinder Singh Sandhu, B.Ed Association (GNDU); Shimanshu Gupta, Private ITI Association; Gurmeet Dhaliwal, Chairman, Academic Advisory Forum; Sukhmander Singh Chatha, President, Punjab Unaided Degree Colleges, Association were also present on the occasion.

Give atleast two options for admissions in one academic year: FSFTI/PUCA

Puca welcomes the move & appeal State Government to follow the suite

Rajpura, 14th January



“When Indian students are going to other countries for Higher Education in 4 times in a year (Fall, Spring, Summer, Winter) then why Indian students are given only chance to take admission once in a year for pursuing Higher Education?”

This was said by Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA); Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions (FSFTI), All India & Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh in an AICTE workshop wherein more than 700 Colleges from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Rajasthan, Chandigarh etc. participated.

Why restrictions are for Indian students:

In 2018, 5 Lakhs; 2019, 5.86 Lakhs, 2020, 2.5 lakhs even in Covid restrictions; 2021, 4.4 Lakhs; 2022, over 7.5 Lakhs went abroad. While in 2023, enrolled are 8.5 lakhs students for Higher education in various 4 academic batches for study abroad programs.

On the other hand as per All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi & University Grants Commission (UGC), in India students can take admission only once in year. If he fails to get admitted due to any reason, his entire year gets spoiled. Why these restrictions are for Indian students as well as for educational Institutions?

Despite of UGC order students can't write exam in local languages :

Kataria also said that as per UGC notification 1-2/2023 dated 29th November, 2023 the students have been allowed to give examinations in local languages but this also has not been implemented in many states of India. As per New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, AICTE has also developed the content for approx 11-12 Local languages for students but state affiliating government universities are not implementing & Technical students are facing problems during examinations which is matter of concerns."

Kataria urged AICTE & UGC to intervene at the earliest & to allow students to write examination in their own languages.

He also urged AICTE to file review the petition in Supreme Court so that the only cutoff date for admission can be made flexible and like abroad, students may get the chance for admission in various course.

It's worth mentioning that as per Supreme Court dated 13th Dec, 2012, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 9048 OF 2012; Parshavanath Charitable Trust Versus All India Council for Technical Education, the cutoff date of admissions is 15th August for technical courses.

PUCA welcomes APH 2024-27 by AICTE, New Delhi

DHE, Punjab Govt. Requested centre Govt. to Extend cutoff date to apply BBA BCA under AICTE till 1st March 2025

Delhi, 6th December

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) welcomed the reforms announced in approval process handbook (APH) 2024- 27 released today by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, PUCA & Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura near Chandigarh said that the reforms made & the initiative taken by AICTE to give a new direction to the technical education of the country is praiseworthy.

Kataria further said that various steps taken by AICTE including additional seats to technical colleges without NAAC/NBA; relaxation in land requirements & approval of new colleges on the basis of covered area, allowing working people to pursue M.Tech through evening or weekends classes & relaxing regular classes etc. are remarkable.

Advocate Amit Sharma, Senior Vice President PUCA said that AICTE's relaxation for regular 9 to 4 classes will be helpful for those government employees of our Punjab who are Diploma holders but were aspiring to complete engineering degree for their promotion. Till now they were not able and eligible to upgrade their education while continuing their job.

Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA)

Pays
Tribute to

Late Sh. (Dr.) JS Dhaliwal
Ex Lifetime President, PUTIA

Late Sh. Avtar Singh
Sri Sukhmani Group, Dera Bassi

Late Sh. Sukhdev Singla
Indo Global Group, Abhipur

Late Sh. Charanjit Walia
President, Nursing Colleges Association

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Nursing Association soughts simplification of Nursing Admission process in Punjab

Association to strengthen the Cm's dreams of youth empowerment in the state by curbing 'brain drain'

Jammu, 15th February



Chandigarh, Punjab Govt has created an excellent environment for education in Punjab. This will eventually help nursing colleges to nurture the medical professionals from their grassroots. These sentiments were expressed by the Nursing Training Institutes Association (NTIA), an association which represents nearly 250 nursing colleges across the state.

Addressing a press conference held at Chandigarh Press Club, Sector 27 on Wednesday, Association's President Gurdial Singh Buttar & Dr. Anshu Kataria, Advisor & President, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA); Chairman, Aryans Institute of Nursing, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh said that State Govt has established new benchmarks in medical and nursing education but since last year, Indian Nursing Council (INC) has introduced the condition of entrance test in the admission process which allows students from many other states to seek the admission. Bhutter was of the opinion that if the students from state Punjab are not able to take admission they will be deprived of their favorite subject. The NEET exam also allows promising students from other states to get admission in Punjab while Punjab's own students remain ignorant. The association has demanded that the Punjab Govt should simplify the admission process on the lines of Haryana, Rajasthan and Karnataka and give admission to nursing courses in Punjab on the basis of 12th class merit.

During the press conference, General Secretary Dr. Sahil Mittal said that every session nearly 25,000 passed out this nursing course from Punjab and later prove their talent in other countries including Canada, Europe, America, Australia. He believes that 'brain drain' is a matter of big concern. He appealed to the state Govt to establish new dimensions by strengthening the medical sector likewise other industries so that the students' talent can be utilized at home only.

Opening of at least one medical college in every district of the state will strengthen this effort and will also strengthen the CM's initiative to youth empowerment instead of seeking job opportunities overseas.

Association will be soon going to start a special campaign for students which will impart students about the immense possibilities available in the nursing sector. Association expressed hope from the Govt that it will support them in this direction.

PUCA urges AICTE to exclude BBA, BCA from its ambit

DHE, Punjab Govt. Requested Centre Govt. To Extend cutoff date to apply BBA BCA under AICTE till 1st March, 2025

Department of Higher Education, Govt of Punjab has requested the Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt of India that the Colleges affiliated to Punjab University, Chandigarh; Punjabi University, Patiala; Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar running BBA/ BCA & other professional courses must be given one year time to apply to All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi & last date to apply & adhere to norms of AICTE should be extended to 31st March, 2025.

As per notification number D.No. 815/ College Education/DHE dated 7th March, 24, the representations have been received by the Punjab Govt from colleges affiliated respective universities. These colleges are running BBA BCA courses after due approval and under the norms prescribed by respective universities from the last 20-25 years & were not covered under AICTE domain.

Earlier also Dr Anshu Kataria, President, Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions (FSFTI), All India & Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) has requested AICTE that since 1987 since the AICTE act was passed; BBA, BCA, BMS were never its part. After almost 4 decades, suddenly bringing BBA BCA Colleges under its ambit is shocking.

The affiliated colleges under Panjab, Panjabi & Guru Nanak Dev University have expressed the concern that BBA BCA courses are being run successfully & any move to de recognize will jeopardize the efforts of State Govt & will also affect the implementation of NEP 2020 to ensure multidisciplinary aspect in education system.

In Punjab, Students should be permitted to write examination in Punjabi: PUCA/PUTIA



Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) & Punjab Unaided Technical Institutions Association (PUTIA) have requested all the universities of Punjab including IKGPTU, MRSPTU to allow students in Punjab to write December Exam in Punjabi.

Dr Anshu Kataria, President PUCA and PUTIA has appealed to Universities of Punjab to permit students to write upcoming exam in Punjabi which isn't allowed till now although New Education Policy 2020 advocates adoption & promotion of Local languages and is implemented by some states already. He further said that UGC chairman Sh. Jagdeesh Kumar has already instructed the Universities in April 2023 to allow the students to write exams in local language even if the medium of instruction of the course is English.

Kataria further lauded Central and State Government's commendable step for promoting Punjabi language in Punjab. He reiterated Punjab Govt orders for all sign boards in Punjabi too. He said that lack of students from weaker sections of society, who have not studied in English medium schools will be the beneficiaries as they will be able to understand and express the concepts better. These students otherwise don't join technical courses or leave in between only due to lack of English language, which develops over a period of time. He said this step will help in increasing the Gross Enrolment Ratio to 50% as per the target of the Government.

JAC delegation meets Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment

Rajpura, 27th February

A delegation of Joint Association of Colleges (JAC) today met Dr. Varinder Kumar, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment at New Delhi. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Co Chairman, JAC, President, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA), Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges led the delegation & apprised minister about the problems being faced by unaided colleges of Punjab regarding Post Matric Scholarship (PMS). The minister gave patient hearing & called the concerned officials for early resolution of problems.





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