

Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during July, 2016.

1. 2nd Meeting of the IIT Council held on 12.07.2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble HRM.
2. The Lok Sabha passed the Institute of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2016 on 25.07.2016 and the same has been proposed for the consideration of the Rajya Sabha.
3. Hon'ble HRM, MHRD inaugurated the first academic session of IIT – Goa at its temporary campus on 30.07.2016.
4. IIT Jammu, Goa and Dharwad have been registered as Societies under the Society Registration Act on 13.07.2016, 14.7.2016 & 15.7.2016 respectively.
5. The SFC proposal for implementation of IMPRINT Initiatives at a cost of Rs.487.00 crores over a period of 3 years has been approved by the Competent Authority.
 - (i) National Workshop of the Channel Coordinators for SWAYAM Prabha (DTH Project for Educational Excellence) held on 4th July, 2016.
 - (ii) Meeting of the National Coordinators for launching of SWAYAM held on 15.7.2016 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary(TE)
6. Under the scheme of Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) in Higher Education more than 140 courses have been organized and approval for a total number of 671 courses have been given by the GIAN Implementation Committee by the end of July, 2016.
7. A meeting of Standing Finance Committee (SFC) to establish a new Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Berhampur, Odisha, and its operationalization from a temporary / transit campus, was held on the 26th July, 2016.
8. The first meeting of the Search cum Selection Committee for shortlisting of the candidates for the appointment to the post of Director, IIM Trichy was held on 28th July, 2016.
9. The meeting of the National Coordination Committee (NCC) of the BRICS Network University (NU) took place in Shashtri Bhawan on 20.07.2016. The meeting was chaired by Secretary(HE) and attended by

representatives of all the Indian participating institutions in the BRICS NU. The progress and future collaborations were discussed with a view to showcase some achievements by the time of BRICS Education Ministers Meeting, going to be held in New Delhi, in September, 2016.

10. The Meeting of Hon'ble HRM with Mr. Richard Rahul Verma, US Ambassador took place in Shastri Bhavan on 26.07.2016 to ponder over Draft MoU between India and USA in the field of education.
11. First meeting of India-Japan high level policy dialogue concerning cooperation in the field of Education held at Tokyo, Japan from 6-9 July, 2016.
12. The Cabinet on 29th June, 2016 had accorded Post-facto approval for extension of Addendum IX for the period from 1st April, 2011 to 31st March, 2016 and renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between Government of India and Shashtri Indo-Canadian Institute(SICI) by way of signing supplementary Addendum X for the period 1st April, 2016 to 31st March,2021. Addendum X has been signed on 15th July, 2016.