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Rule No. 9 of 2014

Rule for organizing Inter Collegiate Research Festival -Avishkar

Whereas, it is expedient to frame the rule for organizing Inter-Collegiate Research Festival-Avishkar, hereinafter appearing, the Management Council is hereby pleased to make the following rule :-

- 1) This rule shall be called “Rule for organizing Inter Collegiate Research Festival-Avishkar.
- 2) This rule shall come into force with effect from the date of its approval by the Management Council.
- 3) In this rule, unless the context otherwise requires –
 - a. “Avishkar” means the Inter Collegiate Convention inculcating research culture.
 - b. “Avishkar Cell” means the cell established by the University to organize Inter-Collegiate research festival-Avishkar and to monitor the progress for effective organization of event.
 - c. “University Co-ordinator” means the Co-ordinator nominated by Avishkar Cell in consultation with the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor.
 - d. “District Coordinator” means the coordinator nominated by the University coordinator of Avishkar Cell in consultation with the Nodal Officer of the Cell.
 - e. “College Coordinator” means the coordinator nominated by Principal of the affiliated college and autonomous college to undertake the responsibilities of creating the research culture in the college.

All the words and expressions appearing in these rules and not hereinafter defined shall have the same meaning and connotation to them as in the Maharashtra Universities Act 1994, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations.

4) Introduction

The State Universities are hosting the Inter-University Research Festival-Avishkar every year by rotation.

His Excellency the Chancellor and Governor of Maharashtra mooted the idea of providing platform for expression of research talent of students. It is for inculcating research culture and original thinking. Such type of activity is essential in the area of openness and globalization, when we are moving towards knowledge based society. Patenting of research and research as a way of life will be the growth engines for tomorrow’s knowledge society of India.

An activity like ‘Avishkar’ will definitely lead to achieve the set goal of the country. His Excellency bestowed the responsibility of organizing ‘Avishkar’ on the Universities and the Universities considering it as the proud privilege to undertake the activity.

5) Categories for Avishkar

All Universities in Maharashtra are participating in the Avishkar. Every college shall send the entries in following categories for U.G., P.G. & Post P.G. level. There is no restriction of subjects. Any student from any discipline can participate under any of the following categories :-

- i. Humanities, Languages, Fine Arts etc.
- ii. Commerce, Management, Law etc.
- iii. Pure Sciences

- iv. Agriculture and Animal Husbandry
- v. Engineering and Technology
- vi. Medicine and Pharmacy

6) Age Limit

- 1) U.G. level category : Up to 25 years
- 2) P.G. level category : Up to 30 years
- 3) Post P.G. level category : No age limit

7) Structure of Avishkar Cell

Director, Board of College and University Development	Chairman
District Co-ordinator	Member
One member nominated by Expert Committee	Expert Member
Librarian	Technical Member
Co-ordinator of CIC	Technical Member
Finance & Accounts Officer	Special Invitee
University Co-ordinator	Member Secretary

8) Modalities of Avishkar Cell

1. To identify the potential of students from U.G. and P.G.(Part-I) at appropriate time especially in the month of August.
2. To design and assign a hypothesis of the project by respective mentor in consultation with the College Co-ordinator.
3. To design problem by mentor of aspirants for Post P.G. and Teacher Category.
4. To submit the hypothesis by the short listed candidates at district level to the University Avishkar Cell in consultation with respective district co-ordinator in the month of September.
5. To publish finally selected list of candidates at University level for presentation of the project concept and outline of work expected outcome before the Expert Committee.
6. To consider the feedback/comments from the Expert Committee pertaining to the projects undertaken by the aspirants' scientist based on the strength and weakness.
7. To register the aspirants selected periodically, for the zonal competition in the respective category.
8. To publish the list of aspirants eligible for University competition based on the performance in the zonal competition.
9. To select the University Team for participation at state level Avishkar Competition.
10. To have screening test of the candidates not selected in the University Avishkar team by the Expert committee for reconsideration of their work with necessary modifications either for ensuing Avishkar Competition or publication of the same in the University Research Journal.
11. To provide and ensure the required infrastructure by the University and the affiliated college such as administrative assistance, Library, Laboratory inside and outside in college/campus for field work.

9) Guidelines for conduction of Inter-Collegiate Avishkar

- i) The University Co-ordinator shall convene a meeting of Avishkar Cell under the chairmanship of Director BCUD. However, he also convene a meeting of all District Co-ordinator and College Co-ordinator to consider a plan devised by him for organization of the Avishkar activities.
- ii) The Cell shall send a letter to all affiliated Colleges, autonomous colleges and college run by the University with the sign of Director, B.C.U.D.
- iii) The name of the five host colleges shall be selected by the Avishkar Cell with the approval of Nodal Officer where district level competition shall be held in their respective district.
- iv) The Director BCUD being the Principal Liason Officer shall act as a Nodal Officer.

- v) Professor/Associate Professor actively engaged in research and innovation shall be nominated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor as University Co-ordinator.
- vi) The District Coordinator shall be nominated by the University Coordinator in consultation with the Nodal Officer of the Cell.
- vii) The College Co-ordinator of Avishkar shall be nominated by the Principal of the Affiliated, Autonomous College and college run by the University.
- viii) The University Co-ordinator shall discharge the responsibilities as assigned for the Avishkar Cell.
- ix) The University Co-ordinator shall devise a plan for organization of the Avishkar Activities.
- x) The University Co-ordinator shall constitute the Expert Committee for organization of different events and evaluation in consultation with the Nodal Officer.
- xi) The District Co-ordinator shall implement the objects and policies of Avishkar as formulated by the Avishkar Cell.
- xii) The District Co-ordinator shall promote research activities in the respective district.
- xiii) The District Co-ordinator shall harness the research skills among the researchers in the district.
- xiv) The District Co-ordinator shall organize awareness and training workshop pertaining to the research activity in the district.
- xv) The District Co-ordinator shall devise scientific process of evaluation.
- xvi) The District Co-ordinator shall establish linkages with the University Teaching and Administrative Departments, Library, Central Instrumentation Cell and with departments in the affiliated colleges in the respective district.
- xvii) The College Co-ordinator shall implement the policies as formulated by the Avishkar Cell and the District Coordinator in tune with the Principal and other office bearers of the parent society.
- xviii) The College Co-ordinator shall promote research spirit among the teachers and the students of the college.
- xix) The University shall provide lodging and boarding facilities to the selected students for representing University in Avishkar with free of cost.
- xx) The University shall provide color coat facilities to the finally selected students for representing University in Avishkar as per the prevailing rule of the University.
- xxi) The name of the three team managers including one lady faculty member shall be nominated by University Co-ordinator in consultation with Nodal Officer after shortlisting of students in the University Level Competition.
- xxii) Number of Entries and Contingent -
The Cell shall send maximum two entries in each category at the U.G., P.G., Post P.G. & Teacher to the Host University.
- xxiii) The Cell shall make all the necessary arrangements for the Managers and finally short-listing students in order to participate in the Host University.
- xxiv) The Cell shall maintain all the requisite records regarding the organization of the Avishkar Competition.
- xxv) The Cell shall submit the account with respect to the expenditure made in this regard within stipulated period.
- xxvi) The modalities of conduct of event shall be formulated by Cell in consultation with the Nodal Officer and the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor shall give the final approval in this regard.
- xxvii) In case of problems/dispute occurred relating to the interpretation of the rule, the matter shall be referred to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and decision taken by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor shall be final.
- xxviii) In case of any change made in the competition of Inter University Research Festival-Avishkar by the Hon'ble Chancellor office from time to time, it shall be applicable.

10) Budget

The Cell shall make Budget provision in every financial year. The same budget provision may be utilized for the activity of Anvenshan.