

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU - PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

**HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING
WITH CHANCELLOR NOMINEES OF VARIOUS BODIES OF STATE
UNIVERSITIES OF TAMIL NADU AT DURBAR HALL, RAJ BHAVAN,
CHENNAI, TODAY (04.07.2023)**

1. The Hon'ble Governor took a meeting of members of Syndicates, Senates, and Governing Bodies of all the State Universities, specially the Chancellor's nominees to these bodies, on the state of affairs of Universities. Members shared their concerns and ideas on how to improve the academic standards and administration of the Universities.
2. Members expressed their concerns over the steady erosion of the autonomy of the universities.
3. Syndicates, Senates, and Governing Bodies meetings are required to be held periodically within the University premises, where members of these bodies are expected to share their views and experiences freely and frankly. However, such bodies are unable to meet often due to the unavailability of the concerned secretary to the State Government and many a times such meetings are held in the secretariat instead of university premises.
4. Most of the State Universities are without regular Registrars and Controllers of Examinations. These posts are being manned for some years by adhoc in-charges.
5. The Governor-Chancellor has recently held a meeting of all the Vice-Chancellors and instructed them to initiate the process of filling these posts without delay with regular appointments as per University Acts and Statutes.

6. Members suggested to bring the syllabus and the methodology for teaching and learning in tune with the needs and demands of the time. They urged to adopt the UGC norms and guidelines without delay.

7. Most of the universities, there are large vacancies in teaching and non-teaching staff. There is an urgent need to make the recruitment process transparent to ensure the selection of eligible candidates only.

8. Some Universities are without Vice-Chancellors, which is affecting their proper functioning. The Governor-Chancellor informed the members that the selection process of Vice-Chancellors has to be in consonance with the UGC norms and regulations, and the attention of the State Government has been drawn in this regard for early notification of the Search Committee.

9. Suggestions were made for effective University-Industry linkages to ensure better employability opportunities for our students. Similarly, we also need to engage on a short-term the experienced Professors from industries as "Professor of Practice" with the university, which will motivate students with practical insights into entrepreneurship.

10. Suggestions were also made to universities for extension activities with society.

In this meeting, members of Syndicates, Senates, and Governing Bodies and Chancellor's nominees from all the State Universities participated.

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