

Soaring on The Wings of Excellence

A Tribute to
Dr. Babu Sebastian
(Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor)



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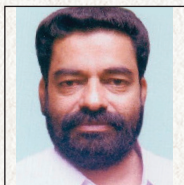
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Message from the **PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR**

Mahatma Gandhi University has been fortunate to have a golden innings during the last four years under the leadership of Dr Babu Sebastian as the Vice Chancellor. Focusing on the academics, research, extension and qualitative aspects, the University team led by the Vice Chancellor and the Syndicate has succeeded in outsmarting other varsities in the State as well as leapfrogging in its position in the national standing. As a team leader, I am overwhelmed by pragmatic and sincere approaches of Dr Babu Sebastian.

I am immensely pleased to note that a brochure titled ' Soaring on the Wings of Excellence' is being brought out on the occasion of the completion of the tenure of Dr. Babu Sebastian as Vice-Chancellor of the University.

I wish all success.

Prof.(Dr) Sabu Thomas



Dr. Babu Sebastian Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, receiving ' The Indira Gandhi National NSS Award ' from The President of India For the Best National Service Scheme in the Country on 19-11-2014 in The Durbar Hall at Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi. Dr. K.Sabukuttan NSS Programme Co - Ordinator of Mahatma Gandhi University also seen.



Hon' ble Chancellor & Governor of Kerala Sri Justice (Retd) P. Sathasivam presenting ' The Chancellor ' s Award 2015-2016 ' for The best University in Kerala to Dr. Babu Sebastian Vice Chancellor Mahatma Gandhi University In the presence of Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Prof.C. Raveendranath, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor & Education Minister



Foreword from the **REGISTRAR**

Mahatma Gandhi University, during the last four years, witnessed brilliant progress in all phases of its activities in all facets of the activities. On the academic front, syllabi of all programs were revised, new faculty inducted, innovative teaching methodologies introduced and new academic linkages established. Massive modernisation in the academic interfaces and administration changed the misnomer of bureaucratic tagline. Proactive interventions started reaping positive results. Introduction of online platforms in student services gave a total facelift to the quality coefficient.

The entire gamut of research activities, right from the registration as a scholar to awarding of the degree were simplified and made hassle-free. Several path breaking initiatives were taken to streamline research activities and to attract research-oriented projects, fellowships, scholarships and grants to the University. Cluster system was introduced in affiliating colleges to enhance opportunities for research. Introduction

of Skype in open defence was well received by the academic community. Strategic initiatives were introduced to attract foreign students which enabled to improve the composition of the student population.

Induction of the state-of-the-art Information and Communication Technologies directed towards improving the efficiency of the University system have ticked a silent, yet revolutionary shift in the work culture thereby creating a positive impact on the perception about the institution among the public. On-line service delivery mechanisms, e-file movement leading to paperless office and flawless centralised on line admission process are worth mentioning in this context. More over, initiatives like Student Adalats, dedicated student grievance redress mechanism at the highest level and any time accessibility to Vice Chancellor either in person or through telephone, transformed the varsity into a peaceful, tension-free campus.

Relations with the affiliating colleges were



Inauguration of Civil Service Institute by Prof. C. Raveendranath, Hon'ble Minister for Education



Jaivam: Inauguration of State Level training programme by Adv. V.S. Sunil Kumar Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture

improved with constructive interventions upholding the relevant provisions. The University provided impetus to the development activities of the Colleges, Autonomous Colleges, Colleges with Potential for Excellence in matters including support for routing RUSA funds and NAAC accreditation.

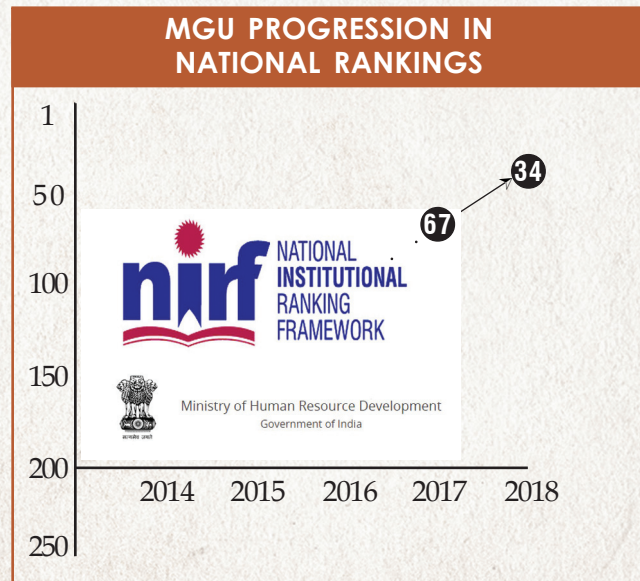
Confluence of innovative ideas got progressive support - In Situ global class rooms, solar energy tapping, Business Innovation and Incubation Centre, Civil Service Academy, unique organic farming literacy drive - Jaivam Project, MOOC programs, *Samaksham* feature film and ensemble of science of music, to name a few. Infrastructure development, upholding green protocol and inclusive practices received a major fillip during the period. Conservation and augmentation of biodiversity received top priority. Proactive practices for social inclusion were introduced. Well oiled administrative machinery and timely organisational re-alignments provided a robust ambience.

Mission oriented approaches to translate the vision of the University by laying down prioritised objectives showed rich dividends. Result oriented effective interventions, guidance and leadership from the Vice Chancellor won instant support from all stakeholders ensuring a smooth academic eco system. Constant vigil ensuring accountability, equity, quality and speedy deliverances upholding the interests of the students, teaching community, employees and the

public brought forth laurels to the University.

Proudly, Mahatma Gandhi University rose to the status of the best varsity in the State. In the National fund, MGU rose to 34th position in the country in 2018, from 67th position in 2017. NAAC, NIRF, DST, DBT and other national agencies acknowledged the qualitative progression of the University bestowing their recognitions. Mahatma Gandhi University is soaring on the wings of excellence. A big salute to Dr. Babu Sebastian, the outgoing captain of the TEAM MGU.

M.R. UNNI
(Registrar)





Global Organic Meet Inauguration by Adv. Mathew T. Thomas, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources



Global Organic Meet: Valedictory Session Inauguration by Sri. M.M. Mani, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

During the Tenure of Dr. Babu Sebastain (Vice Chancellor)
(September 1st, 2014- August 31st 2018)

ACCOLADES

1. Led the University to secure 34th position among the Indian Universities in NIRF ranking of Union Ministry of Human Resource Development for the year 2018. Eligible to apply for Rs. 1000 Crore support from MHRD.
2. Led the University to secure 'A' grade with CGPA - 3.24 highest among the Universities in the State of Kerala in the NAAC reaccreditation process in 2017.
3. Led the University to bag the Chancellor's Award for the Best University in the State in 2016.
4. Received the National Service Scheme Indira Gandhi National Award for the Best Performing University in the Country from His Excellency, the President of India in 2014.
5. Received E-learning Award from the Government of Kerala in 2014
6. Led the University to bag 8th position in DST ranking
7. Led the University team to bag 29th position in usage of e-resources of E-Shodh Sindhu Digital Library Consortium
8. Mahatma Gandhi University got listed among higher academic standing Universities in the country in science and technology areas.
9. Dr. Babu Sebastian received Educational Excellence Award for the best Vice-Chancellor

in India from the Confederation of Indian Universities in 2016

10. Dr. Babu Sebastian received Dr. S Radhakrishnan Education Excellence Award from the Indian Institute of Oriental Heritage
11. Dr. Babu Sebastian received Global e-Learning Leader Award from CMAI India in 2016

INVOLVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT LEVEL COMMITTEES:

Dr. Babu Sebastian has been involved in the following policy making efforts of the Government

12. Active participation in framing the e-governance policy of the State Government
13. Chairman of the e-Governance Implementation Committee for the Universities in Kerala constituted by the State Government
14. Chairman of the State Level Committee Constituted for looking into the complaints on internal assessment
15. Ombudsman for the redressal of students grievances in the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

16. Established the first dedicated Data Centre in the State in the University (among other

- varsities in the State).
17. e- Governance project implemented to convert the University into a Paperless office.
 18. Hazzle free Online and centralized admission process for UG/PG/PhD admissions put in place with latest software and fire walls.
 19. Introduced online distribution of question papers for the PG Programmes.
 20. Introduced E-payment for all the services offered by the University
 21. Introduced online application and online distribution of migration/ eligibility/ equivalency certificates.
 22. Introduced online process for online recruitment process, plan monitoring, budget preparation etc.
 23. Commissioned Wifi- enabled campus.
 24. Established Smart Classrooms in the teaching Schools/Departments.
 25. Introduced Flipped Class rooms and In Situ Global class rooms
 26. Introduced networking between the affiliated colleges and the University through National Knowledge Network, and Automation of library.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

27. Comprehensive Syllabus Revision of all UG and PG programs
28. Nomenclature for all academic programmes revised as per UGC guidelines
29. Commenced 9 Community Colleges
30. Popularised the admission process to all academic programs.
31. Academic linkages inked with 60 leading international Universities.

32. Introduced 66 Add on Courses and Bridge Courses
33. Support system introduced for ASAP programmes in affiliating Colleges.
34. Centralised Allotment Process for UG/PG admissions was revised to make it totally complaint- free. Vacant seats in the Colleges have been brought down to all time low to 1.8 % whereas the State average remained at 12%.
35. IQAC was reconstituted and its role was redefined.
36. Conducted recruitment for the selection of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors to the Statutory Departments and Schools
37. Special recruitment for SC/ST vacancies.

RESEARCH

38. The Online PhD admission process introduced.
39. 25% seats reserved for SC/ST scholars
40. New research centres approved by clustering the resources
41. Introduced for Open defence through Skype.
42. Free- plagiarism checking support
43. Research fellowship enhanced
44. Promotion for teachers and scholars to take up research projects, paper publication and filing of patents.
45. Time frame fixed for adjudication of research thesis.

EXAMINATIONS

46. Spearheaded examination reforms in the University which included timely publication of results, automation of examination system.

47. On-line distribution of Question papers commenced
48. Centralised Valuation System, on-line uploading of mark lists and effective monitoring enabled to bring down the time span for declaration of results. Results of the UG examinations were progressively brought down to 12 days after completion of the examinations in 2018, from 28 days in 2017.



"I am happy to see the work done by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam to ensure that the entire result declaration process is completed within a short span of 12 days. It is necessary that other Universities start benchmarking with MG University to implement similar process in days to come."

Excerpts from the letter addressed to all Vice Chancellors in Kerala by
Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan,
Hon'ble Kerala Chief Minister

FUND MOBILISATION

49. Routed funds amounting to Rs 400 Crores from various agencies
 - Successfully bagged Rs. 132 Crores from KIIFBI for the developmental projects
 - Instrumental in bringing funds worth Rs 20 Crores from RUSA in the year 2015-16 and Rs 50 Crores in the year 2018.
50. Eligibility to apply for Rs. 1000 Crore support from MHRD.

INFRASTRUCTURE

51. Statue of Gandhiji installed. Rs. 32 Crore Convergence Academia Complex getting ready to occupy.
52. Quarters for the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professors, extension of the Pareeksha Bahvan and annexe, hostel for women, library extension completed.
53. Construction work of IUCBMR SSH Completed and that for IUCSSM are nearing completion.
54. All buildings in the Campus were refurbished to meet green protocol
55. The buildings of the University were made accessible to the differently abled.

NEW INITIATIVES

56. Established Inter University Centre for Organic Farming and Sustainable Agriculture (IUCOFSA).
57. Spearheaded 'Jaivam' project, a unique literacy drive to popularise organic means of living. The massive public education project intended to spread the message of organic means of life among the 20 lakh people in Kottayam district was later extended to seven local bodies in the State. More than 10,000 trained NSS volunteers deployed for the extension activities.
58. Established Business Innovation and Incubation Centre (BIIC) and Free Patent Cell
59. Established Civil Service Training Institute
60. Solar Energy Harvesting system introduced in the main campus
61. Introduced MOOC programmes, Science Park and Fab Lab

62. Additional Skill Acquisition Programs (ASAP) introduced
63. Introduced Environmental Studies, as a mandatory component in all the UG programmes.
64. Initiatives based on the Green Audit, 'Energy Audit' and 'Environment Audit' have been implemented.
65. Mahatma Gandhi University has started associating with prestigious projects like Artic Expedition, National Mission on Radiation Monitoring, National Mission on Uranium Monitoring and National Vegetation Carbon Pool Assessment through the Science Departments.

GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

66. Ensured participatory, democratic and collective governance.
67. Support of office of the Chancellor, Chief Minister, Education Minister, MHRD, UGC and other authorities were ensured.
68. The harmonious dispensation with the Syndicate, the Senate, and Standing Committees of the Syndicate, the Deans, Boards of Studies (BoS), IQAC, Research Committee, College Development Council (CDC) and affiliated colleges ensuring robust academic ambience.
69. Setup an effective Feedback system has been put into practice and proactive Student Grievance Redress Mechanism directly under the control of the Vice Chancellor's office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

70. Ensured strict and transparent adherence to social inclusion systems in all admission process and recruitment.
71. Novel schemes for social inclusion for SC/ST and minority categories.
72. Special reservation has been introduced for the transgenders for the first time in the State in 2018 admissions.
73. Introduced Special Reservation for the Children with Special Needs was introduced in the Admission Rules for the first time in the country.
74. 25% seats were reserved for the research scholars from SC/ST community for the first time.
75. Special reruitment drive was conducted to fill vacancies in the SC/ST category.
76. Efforts were made to outlive the delays in distibution of scholarships from various agencies to the students.
77. Special training programs for the SC/ST students for various competitive examinations including UGC NET/JRF.

GOING GREEN

78. Several initiatives towards generating environmental consciousness among all stake holders.
79. Introduced environmental studies, as a mandatory component in all the UG programmes.
80. Initiatives based on the Green Audit, 'Energy Audit' and 'Environment Audit' have been implemented.