

For Your INFORMATION

REMOVED: Dr R K Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Bhoj Open University, Bhopal has been removed by the Chancellor on various charges including corruption etc.

NOMINATED: Prof G K Chadha, Vice-Chancellor of JNU, New Delhi has been appointed as a Member of the Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister.

ADVERTISED: For a change, the post of Vice-Chancellor of Nagpur University has been advertised in newspapers which is definitely a step towards improvement and fairness in the selection of a VC than the so-called "search" method.

PLANNED: The UGC is planning to put all the PhD theses on a computer network system to avoid plagiarism and duplication of research or what goes in the name of research.

DELAYED/POSTPONED: One fallout of the announcement of elections has been that the Governor of UP has held back sanction to the creation of Mohammed Jauhar Ali Urdu University at Rampur. The bill has already been passed by the State Assembly and it is a matter of time before the University is actually created.

CONFERRED: Dr J D Agarwal of Indian Institute of Finance, Delhi has been conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Uzbekistan. To mark the occasion, a cocktail party was thrown by the IIF at the Press Club of India on 4 January last.

SUBMITTED: The Search Committee for Vice-Chancellor of B R Ambedkar Kota Open University has reportedly submitted the following 3 names: Dr R V Vyas, Dr V S Saraswat (of IGNOU) and Dr Madhur (of Rajasthan University, Jaipur). The final choice will have to be made by the Chancellor Pratibha Patil.

PROPOSED: An Assam Open University for students of distance learning in the State of Assam has been proposed with its headquarters in Gauhati if the proposal comes through. Formalities in this regard are almost complete.

PURCHASED: A California based biotech company has purchased a patent from a Delhi University teacher who has invented a method to alter genes and thereby open possibilities of curing cancer and other diseases for a sum of \$ 3.5 million and a perpetual 4% royalty for the use. This should encourage research in DU.