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DUTA's first reaction on Institutional Development Plan (IDP) 2024 presented in today's Academic Council meeting:

DUTA through a letter to VC of DU submitted its first reaction for the consideration of Academic Council of DU. DUTA president highlighted the following points:

- Every institution needs development and there is no harm to put a plan in place, however, as a public funded institution which is catering students coming from different parts of India with diverse background belonging to different caste, creed and religion, a special caution and care needs to be taken that neither the character of the Central Govt fully funded university is compromised nor the burden of development is shifted to socially disadvantaged class and/or economically poor or middle class of the country. Development through HEFA loans forcing universities to fee hike is therefore not acceptable. All developments need to be carried out through government funding and help.
- Any development plan would be meaningful and successful if prepared and executed by involving stakeholders. Therefore, IDP document prepared and presented by the DU administration needs further inputs from the larger section of teachers, students, karamcharis, and public. Therefore, this document is required to be first sent for comments and suggestions to various stakeholders.
- Physical development of an institution without filling of all teaching and non-teaching positions and robust admission policy has little meaning. DU needs to change its appointment criteria and admission criteria/method in the light of recent development on UG and PG admissions plus NFS happening on teaching positions. DU needs to fill all vacant positions at all levels following constitutional provisions of reservation and filling all backlog plus shortfall positions.
- DU colleges, specially 12 Delhi Govt Funded colleges are confronted with a fund cut and no appointment situation. This has made the situation pathetic and the question of their survival has come knocking at the door of the university. First duty of the university administration to save these colleges and then consider a development plan. Moreover, any development plan, without involving constituent colleges of DU is least expected to take off.
- There are many issues related to the structure and implementation of NEP 2020, therefore, the university needs to first focus on full review of it.

DUTA will hold its meeting on this issue and submit detailed feedback later.

DUTA once again reminded the VC and academic council members that issues were raised earlier and detailed DUTA's charter of demand submitted on 22.08.2024, a little progress has been made at the university level.

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