

## Interaction of Vice Chancellor, HBNI with the Engineering Sciences faculty of BARC

Prof U Kamachi Mudali, Vice Chancellor, HBNI along with Prof D K Maity, Associate Dean, HBNI and Prof Naveen Kumar, Associate Dean, HBNI had an interaction session with Engineering Sciences faculty members of BARC (a Constituent Institute of HBNI) on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 from 3.30 PM to 5.30 PM to discuss the various issues related to faculty affairs. The meeting was attended by more than 45 Engineering Sciences faculty members.

Prof (Mrs) Sulekha Mukhopadhyay, Dean-Academics (Engineering Sciences Stream-I) welcomed the Vice Chancellor, HBNI and faculty members for the interaction session. In his opening remarks, Prof Mudali discussed the structure of HBNI as a cluster university having unique features of vast R&D infrastructure under its CIs and OCC. He emphasised the importance of faculty members in shaping the future of HBNI. He discussed the opportunities and challenges offered by New Education Policy 2020 and the role of online courses in education. Prof Naveen Kumar made a presentation on current NIRF ranking of HBNI, various issues related to faculty affairs and interface between faculty and HBNI Central Office. He discussed various parameters used for determining the rank of an institute under National Institutional Ranking Framework. He emphasised the need of sharing the publication data, data related to patents filed and projects handled by HBNI faculty and also how the faculty can support the functioning and growth of HBNI towards accreditation, ranking and overall performance. Prof D K Maity gave an introduction to online platform through which a faculty member can upload or update his/her academic and research credentials for outreach purpose. He also gave a brief presentation on HBNI web portal and its features. Several queries from the faculty were responded duly by the Vice Chancellor, Associate Deans, Dean - Academics and Senior Professors of HBNI. Faculty members discussed issues related to speedy enrolment of DDFS students, rules for paying honorarium to doctoral committee

members form other institutes, strengthening of Alumni and Placement Cells. Faculty members also impressed upon the need to have HBNI scientific journal.

Prof. Gopika Vinod, Dean-Academics (Engineering Sciences Stream-2) thanked Vice Chancellor and HBNI team for interaction session and faculties for attending the session. The meeting ended with a positive note and satisfaction among the faculty in clearing their queries related to academic, research and the support from HBNI.

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