Higher Education: In the context of the state universities

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This presentation is organized as :

- Introduction.

- Administrative structuring at the university level.

- Distinctive features of university administration.

- ... *IIssSSuueess*.... , legislation , teaching , recruitment/promotion and politics within

- Conclusion.

Introduction

- The etymology of the word 'University'.

- Origin in Anglo-Norman *'Universite'* and the old French *'universitas'*, from Medieval Latin stem of *'universitas'*.

- All meaning the *'universus'* (whole or aggregate)

- Taxila, Nalanda and Vikramshila up to the Gupta era (6th A.D.).

- British rule : Calcutta, Madras and Mumbai in 1857.

- University of Allahabad in 1887.

- Indian Nationalists : Banaras Hindu University in 1916.

... a history to feel proud of !

(...contd.) Introduction

- Education enshrined in Directive Principles (part IV) Constitution of India.
- Education in   Concurrent List (List III) as a shared responsibility.
- 700 Universities, 38,000 Colleges, and 12,000 stand-

   alone institutions in India.
- Central Universities in U.P. = 5   (46 in India)
- State Universities in U.P.   = 26
- Deemed Universities in U.P.= 8 (125 in india)
- Private universities in U.P.   = 23 (228 in India)
- IDENTIFIED ! Fake Universities in U.P.   = 9   (22 in India)
- degree, diploma, certificate, crash courses etc

...a mammoth structure to serve our needs !
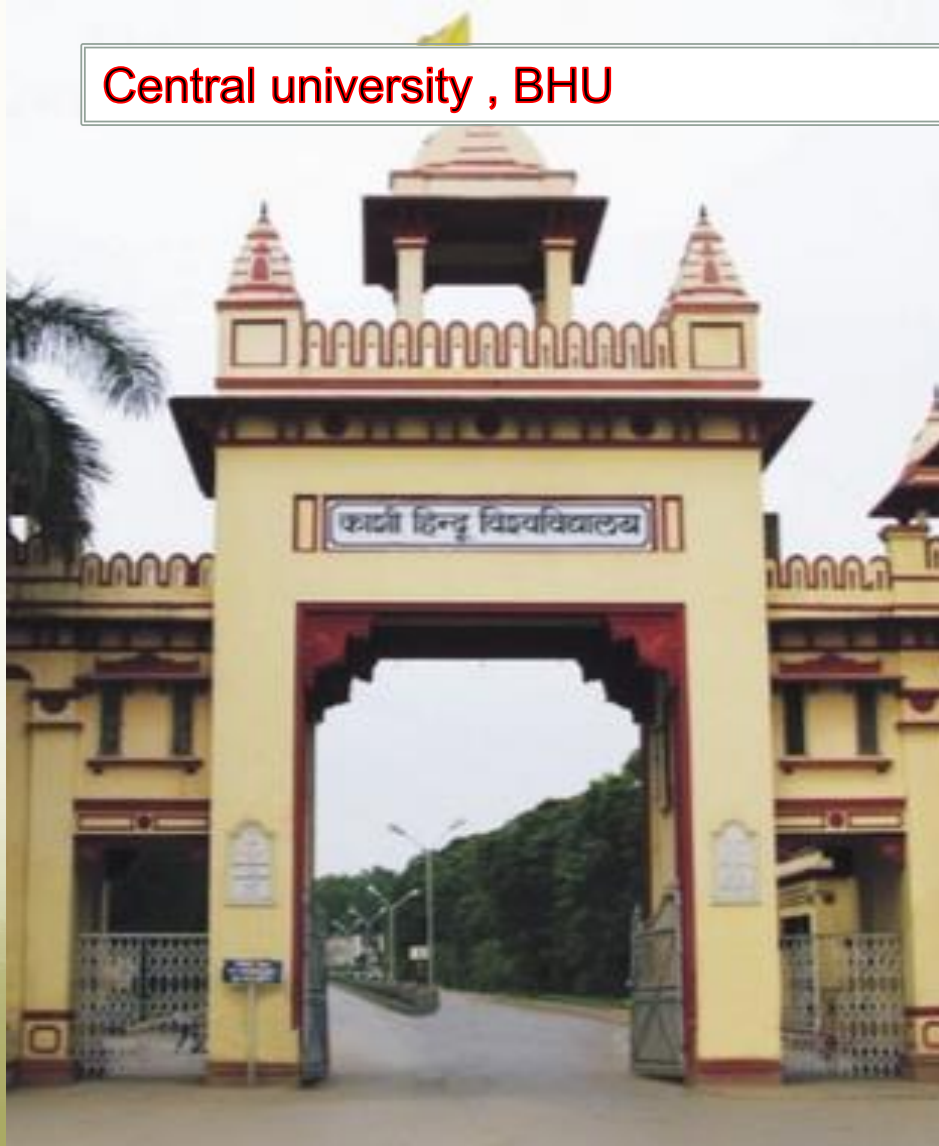
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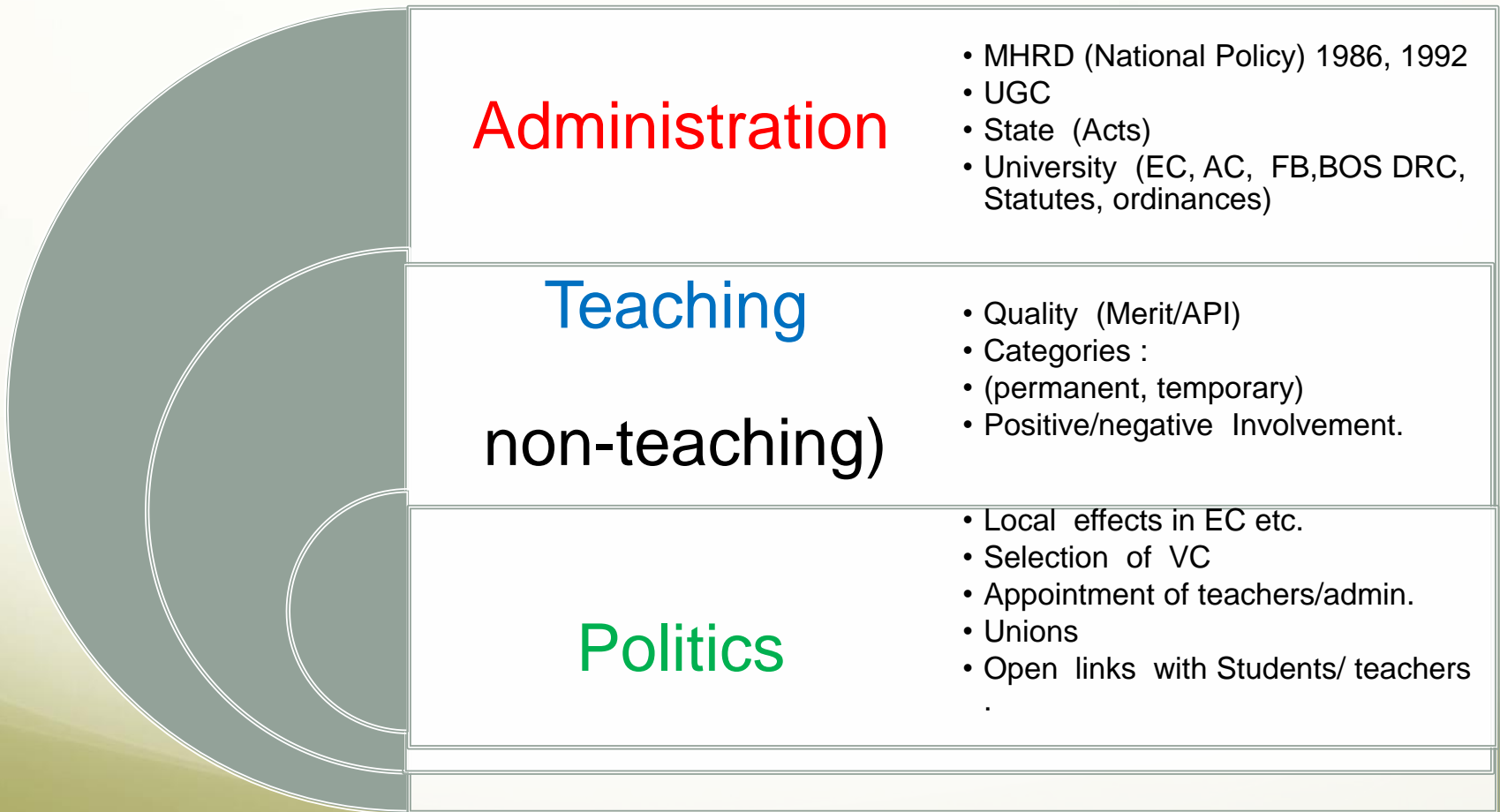Hyderabad city page

The universities

Central university , BHU

state university , lucknow

private university , Amity

Components in higher education

Administration	• MHRD (National Policy) 1986, 1992 • UGC • State (Acts) • University (EC, AC, FB, BOS DRC, Statutes, ordinances)
Teaching non-teaching)	• Quality (Merit/API) • Categories : • (permanent, temporary) • Positive/negative Involvement.
Politics	• Local effects in EC etc. • Selection of VC • Appointment of teachers/admin. • Unions • Open links with Students/ teachers .

Administrative structuring for the higher education :

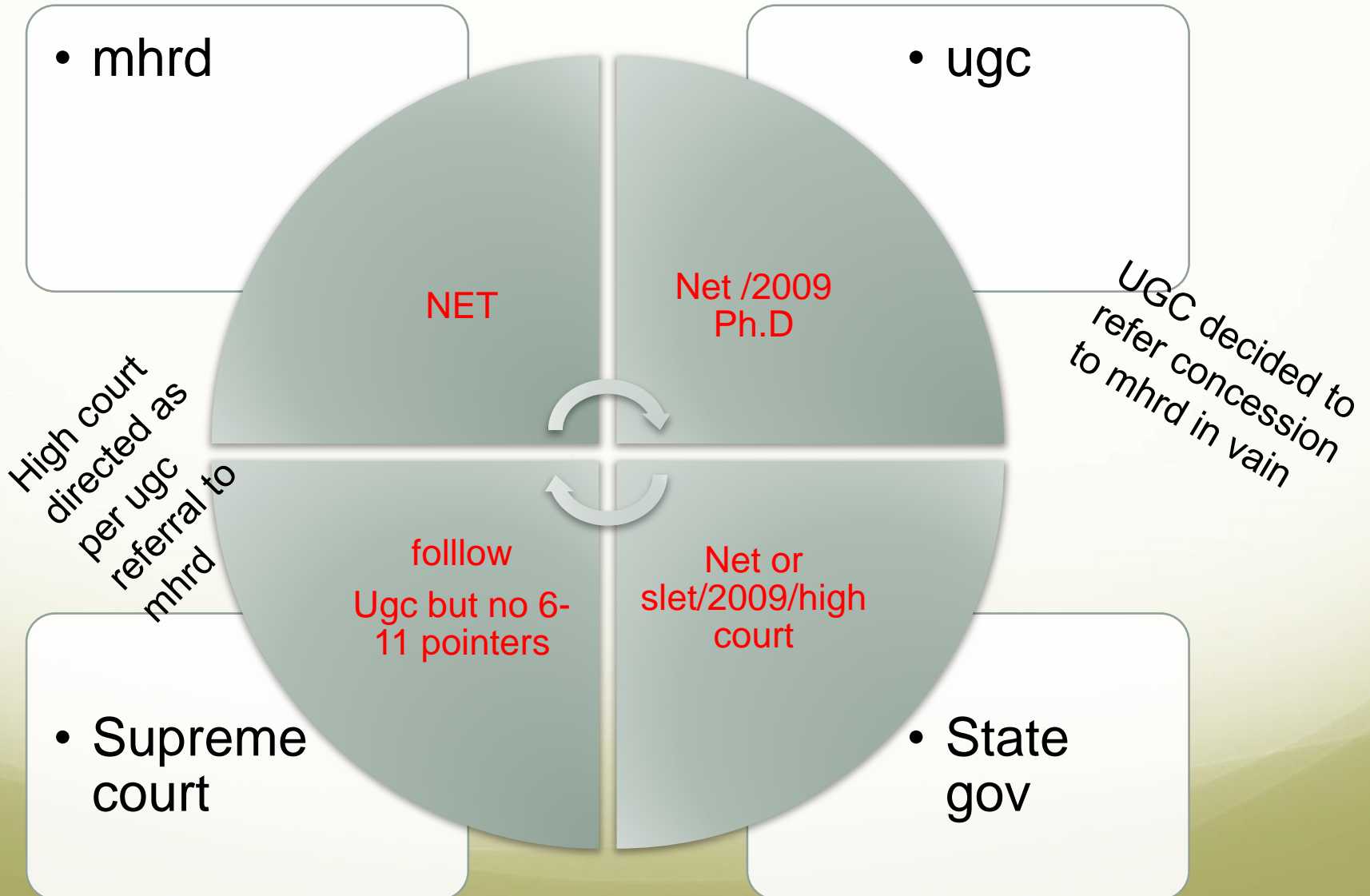MHRD

UGC, AICTE, NCTE, NAAC etc.

CENTRAL/

STATE GOVT.

Universities(colleges)

Administrative miscommunication !!

- The MHRD *plans* educational policies in NATIONAL perspective.

- UGC issues guide lines

- The State govts reshape them further,and adopt

- The university bodies (Executive Council) bend them at their ends as per their sense of AUTONOMY.

- Courts and commissions modify the implementation

- Issues get lost into successively   narrower perspectives.

- Education becomes a victim

… ACADEMIC MYOPIA !!

Eligibility for lecturership

- mhrd

- ugc

UGC decided to refer concession to mhrd in vain

High court directed as per ugc referral to mhrd

NET

Net /2009 Ph.D

folllow
Ugc but no 6-11 pointers

Net or slet/2009/high court

- Supreme court

- State gov

CHANCELLOR/VICE CHANCELLOR

- CHANCELLOR – GOVERNER / CHIEF MINISTER

- VC is the HEAD of university on campus.

- Selected for a term of 3 years out of a panel through a Search Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Chancellor.

- Merit for eligibility not categorically defined.

- Room for political influence is wide open !

- He/she must be

    … an administrator with academic vision !

…away from the local politics.

Other officers of University

- REGISTRAR , THE KEY OFFICER

- FINANCE   CONTROLLER

- CONTROLLER OF EXAM

- PROCTER

- PLETHORA OF ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS WITH TEACHERS

University administration

- Executive council / board /syndicate

- courts

- academic council

- board of studies / dept. Research committee

- administrative boards and cell

- departmental committee/ enquiry committee

- *sub committees of committee and sub sub committee and counting ……..*

Teachers role: Good and bad effects

- Issues of appointments (permanent or temporary ?)/ seniority/ clash over administrative positions etc.

- The merit based API score system by UGC.

- *Mala fide, hasty* tricks to 'arrange' the API scores.

➢ Poor quality of papers published on payment.

➢ Flood of Low quality journals.

➢ Poor organization of workshops/conferences.

➢ National/international ??

➢ Self financing courses / admission examination hub

...but that matters a LOT !

STAKE HOLDERS -- Unions/Associations

- Teachers Association.

✓ Matters of appointment/promotion.

✓ Personal aspirations... *e.g.* political.

- Non-teaching staff union.

✓ Regularisation of daily wagers.

✓ fake degrees

- Students' union.

✓ Politics.

✓ Unrest,

...politics is a common factor of all unions !

Who are they ?

…any guesses

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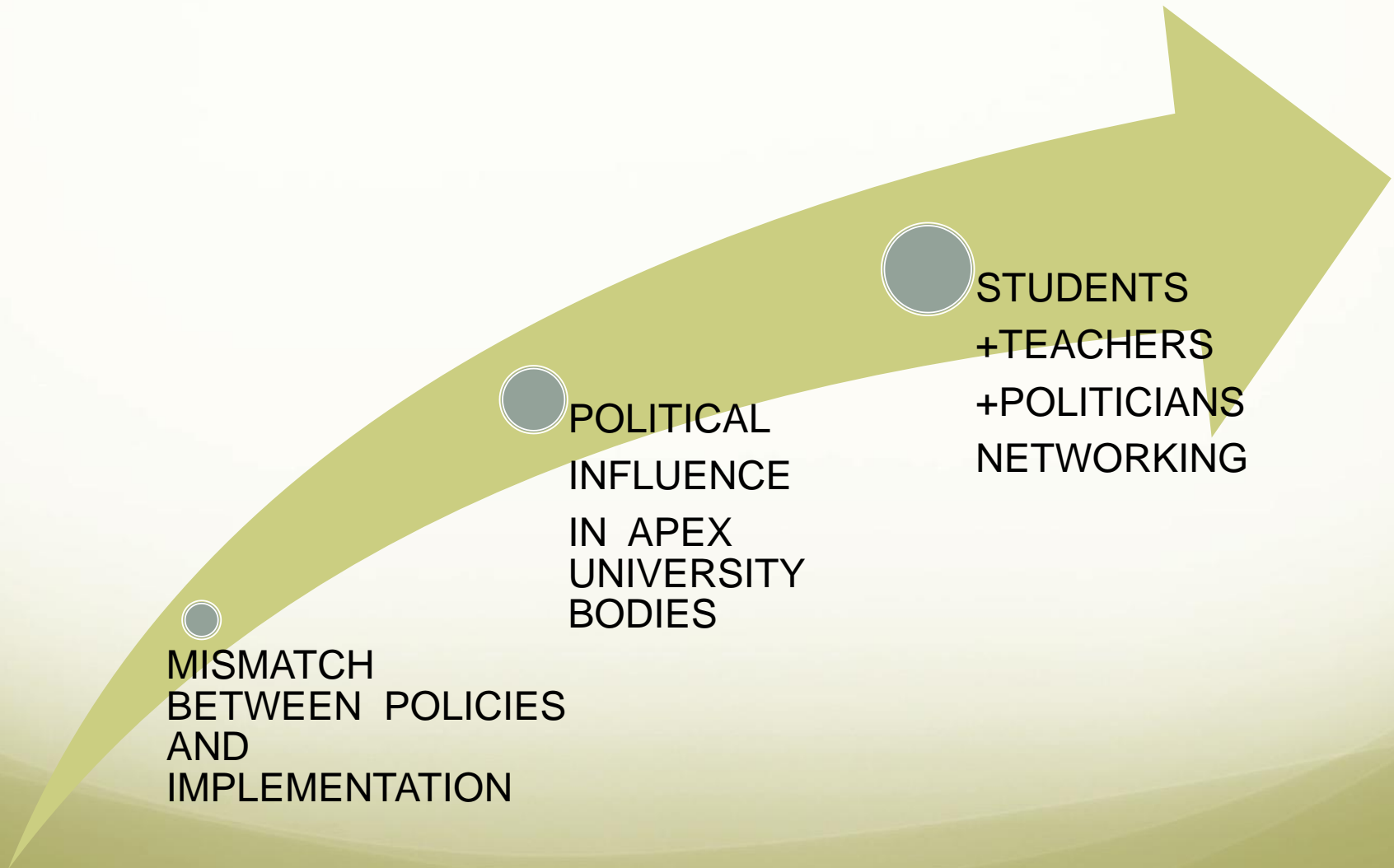

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128 fake educational certificates of SSC seized

The four men who were arrested on Saturday in Hyderabad for

Why is there a rise of anarchy on the university campus ?

STUDENTS
+TEACHERS
+POLITICIANS
NETWORKING

POLITICAL
INFLUENCE
IN APEX
UNIVERSITY
BODIES

MISMATCH
BETWEEN POLICIES
AND
IMPLEMENTATION

Students as the final beneficiaries/sufferers ?

- Pre-2009 Ph.D. holders *vs.* UGC Ph.D. Regulations 2009.

- Harassment of Ph.D. students by teachers (gender/caste/region based discrimination).

- Job crisis.

- Easily trapped by private/self finance college management for underpaid jobs...Hidden Unemployment !

- Mature voters but narrow political ends.

- Indulgence in anti-social activities, unionism etc.

- Involvement in fake certification and unlawful practices.

What is the Result ?

- Good students suffer.

    ...heading towards academic collapse !

Recent unrests

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Hyderabad

Conclusions

- India is passing through a ***metamorphosis*** in higher education in view of global challenges.

- MHRD, UGC, State govt. down to Universities/colleges bodies. (NEED CHANGE as per global norms)

- Several malpractices, often based on *indiscreet use of autonomy* spoil the system.

- Politicians-teachers-students join hands for crumbling standards. System of mutual convenience and anarchy !

- Exploitation of students based on gender, caste, region or nepotism to gain political mileage, or authority.

- Constant demolition of the academic culture.

- Earliest action needed to reincarnation of the system !!

Though we must not forget...

- Our students today are excellent treasure of talent.

- Well-recognized across the world in ...

- ✓ Universities/ Research institutions.

- ✓ Multinational corporations.

- ✓ Business entrepreneurs.

- ✓ Politics.

 ...and what not.

That too often under hostile conditions of insufficient infrastructure...

....so where do we lag behind ?

NEED OF THE DAY

- MHRD TO UNIV – THE GAP TO BE NARROWED

- CONTROLLED AUTONOMY – ONE INDIA

- VC /REGISTRAR etc role be defined by mhrd

- Lingdoh report to be strictly implemented / ~~polities~~

- Academician / teachers should be made accountable

- UGC be strengthened / regulatory powers

- Automation

- … and miles to go before we sleep

And, finally…

Thanks for your kind patience!

hoping for the best…

regards :

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