

### **5.3.2 Presence of an Active Student Council & representation of students on academic & administrative bodies/committees of the institution.**

Describe the Student Council activity and students' role in academic & administrative bodies within a maximum of 500 words

Patna University has a very active and dynamic Students' Union. It has been constituted by Patna University Act, 1976 (Section 44 (2)). Under this section, Statute regarding the formation and function of Patna University Students Union were framed and implemented. It incorporates all provisions, objectives, functions, organization, election process, criteria, fund and budget etc. of the Students' Union.

#### **Objectives of the Students' Union according to Statutes:**

- To promote
  - (a) discipline and decorum in the university
  - (b) mutual contact, democratic outlook, and spirit of oneness among students of the University
  - (c) social harmony among all students and to work towards their cultural and academic development
  - (d) close and cordial relations between students and teachers of the University;
  - (e) leadership quality among students and a consciousness of the university, to equip them for becoming responsible citizens
  - (f) self-reliance, service to the people and duty towards development of the nation

- To meet, discuss and make representation to the Central, State and University authorities on matters concerning the common interest of the students

### **Activities**

According to the Statutes the Students' Union may assist the University in organizing following activities related to students

- (a) Debates, discussions, lectures, study circle, essay competition;
- (b) Cultural performance and contests;
- (c) Indoor and outdoor games
- (d) Publication of magazines, bulletin and wall newspapers
- (e) Trips and tours
- (f) Social Service and Social Relief activities
- (g) Running cooperatives
- (h) organizing poor Boys' fund and Book Bank for needy students

In 2018, bus service for Patna University students and, recently, bus service for women students of Magadh Mahila College and Patna Women's College was started due to the initiative taken by the Union.

### **Representation of students on academic & administrative bodies/committees of University**

- President and General Secretary of Patna University Students' Union are permitted to attend the meeting of the Senate of the University. Divyanshu

Bhardwaj, President and Shudhanshu Bhushan Jha, General Secretary attended the Senate meeting held on 27.10.2018. Anshuman attended the meeting on 22.12.2017

- President of Patna University Students' Union Mohit Prakash and Shambhavi Singh, student of M.Sc. (Statistics) are members of the IQAC
- Treasurer of the Union is one of the signatories for operating PUSU Fund Account
- Sports secretary and the Cultural Secretary of the Union are ex-officio members of the Sports board and the Cultural board respectively. Currently Neeraj Kumar Yadav is ex-officio member of the Sports Board and Pragati Chouhan is ex-officio member of the Cultural Committee.
- Representatives of the Students' Union are given invitation for attending programmes/functions held in Departments/Institutes/Colleges
- Student representative are nominated as members of the Departmental Councils of different departments

Patna University Students' Union is a body of very politically conscious and socially committed students. The participation of students in Patna University Student Union elections held on 17.02.2018 has been excellent. 66 students contested for 5 posts. More than 50% voted in the elections. Similar participation was witnessed in the Union Elections held on 05.12.2018.