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Matching pace with global trends

Vice chancellor of Ambedkar University plans to strengthen the varsity's placement policies and research ecosystem at the campus

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Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) established in 2008, completes a decade with focus shifting on expanding its campuses. Newly-appointed vice chancellor of AUD, Anu Singh Lather, plans to strengthen various verticals of the varsity to match pace with premier institutions.

"Research in Social Sciences has a very different nature and we need to bring research work to scholars at AUD. To build a strong base for researchers, we will start including junior research fellowship (JRF) results for admissions into our PhD programmes from next year onwards," says Lather.

Currently, there are no foreign students enrolled in any programme at the university. Lather says that MoUs with international universities are mostly unilateral, which do not create a window for foreign students to study in India. "Internationalisation of higher education is imperative and we want to attract students from across the globe to bring different perspectives to our campuses," she adds. Placements for long, says Lather, have been accidental outcomes of teaching which now demand focussed efforts. "It is not difficult for Social Science graduates to get employment, but we have not taken placements seriously till now. Now, we need

to identify potential recruiters including NGOs, corporate companies and government to help students find relevant and well-paying jobs. Activating alumni network will be one of the steps in improving placement policies at AUD," adds Lather.

Also, the university has recently launched Bachelor of Vocational Studies (BVoc) in Banking and Finance with an intake of 50 students from this year onwards to provide students with relevant course choices.



Anu Singh Lather

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