

Happenings:

Overseas Centre for Foreign Students (OCFS):

The Centre began functioning from mid September 2015. Till date, the following initiatives have been achieved:

1. OCFS was represented in the 3 day Symposium/Exhibition event The Asian Summit for Global Education, Bengaluru during September 2015 where many international participants were met. These have been documented by Call Reports.
2. An OCFS brochure is prepared. The brochure provides salient features and broad guidelines on the various opportunities in the Higher Education sector in Karnataka for potential international students. The brochure was launched by the Hon'ble Minister Shri. T B Jayachandra in November.
3. All Consulates and Honorary Consul Generals totaling 22 based in Bengaluru have been contacted and the OCFS brochure is sent to them explaining the role and activity of OCFS and seeking their support for our mission.
4. One to one meeting have been arranged of Consul Generals of France, Britain and New Zealand with ACS.
5. Visited the International Students Centre of Mysore University on their annual Students fest for one to one interaction with them.
6. Two meetings have been organized, Chaired by Additional Chief Secretary Shri. Bharat Lal Meena introducing OCFS to the VCs, Registrars' and Nodal Officers of all the Universities. The meeting was also attended by representative of FRRO and a couple of Honorary Consuls in Bengaluru. A Committee of 10 University (5 state and 5 private/deemed) has been formed and notification sent.
7. Till date almost 60% of the Universities have designated a Nodal Officer to represent their University in OCFS. Universities have been informed to select a senior faculty as an "Ombudsman" to assist the international student with admission, visa and accommodation issues.
8. The following tables have been prepared as a ready reckoner:
 - (a). The current number of foreign students in all universities in Karnataka.
 - (b). List with contact details of specific Embassy's in New Delhi (totaling 62) where there is potential to recruit students from their respective countries. Letters will be sent to the Ambassadors.
9. Contact established with Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, New Delhi.

10. A comprehensive portal is under finalization with all the necessary details for the prospective international student.

11. Data Gathering and Research on Internationalization: Ongoing activity.

12. Press release has been sent on the meeting.