

Interaction Meeting of VC, HBNI with Faculty Members of VECC



The VC, HBNI Prof. U. Kamachi Mudali and the Associate Dean, HBNI Prof. D. K. Maity was welcomed by the Director, VECC, Dr Sumit Som. At the beginning of the program, a bouquet prepared from the flowers of VECC garden was offered to the VC and the Associate Dean. The interaction meeting with the faculty members was for more than an hour, and about 45 faculties participated in the interaction meeting.

In his opening speech, the VC mentioned the challenges in HBNI, particularly he indicated that the organization like VECC, BARC, RRCAT where the employee students need to work in mission oriented projects as well as their research work for PhD. Due to the preoccupation of the faculty members with R&D projects, they are required to balance their role as a mentor and guide for the research students.

He also mentioned the uniqueness of HBNI that with world-class facilities HBNI can provide an academic framework for integrating basic research with technology, particularly can carry out innovative research in areas that cannot be attempted by most other institutes in the country (e.g; nuclear science & technology) using the world-class infrastructure.

The VC mentioned that he had come with an open mind and encouraged the faculty members to speak out to provide suggestions, criticism etc that would help HBNI to reach greater heights.

Associate Dean HBNI made a presentation emphasizing the role & responsibilities of a faculty member as guide, mentoring students as a chairman/member of doctoral committee & other committees or teaching a course. He made a critical analysis on HBNI's recent ranking in the NIRF framework and highlighted the role of the faculty members; how they can help to improve the ranking particularly by providing data to HBNI office.

The following points raised by the faculty members were discussed in length:

1. To explore the possibility to reduce the thesis review time for thesis evaluation. Instances were mentioned when the review process took about 6 months of time.
2. Sharing of resources (particularly high-cost instrument use) among the constituent units of HBNI

3. To have a well-equipped placement cell at HBNI. The VC stressed to have a well-connected alumni network and emphasized to create linkage with industry, mentioning the initiation of HBNI-Industry Linkage Centre (HILC).
4. The faculty members also suggested exploring the possibility of MoU between foreign universities and HBNI for the student exchange program.
5. To prepare a bank of online courses. The VC mentioned that efforts are being made to have a digital studio in HBNI and the CIs are encouraged to utilize the same to create e-content of the lecture courses.

