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## DU signs MoU with foreign varsities

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THE EXECUTIVE Council (EC) of the University of Delhi has approved a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with some leading universities of the world.

"The MOU has been approved for strengthening international relations and to facilitate faculty exchange programme," said Registrar of the University K K Panda.

The universities with which the MOU was signed are -- Harvard University, USA; University of Hull, UK; University of Central England, UK; Hosei University, Japan; Renim University, China; University of Technology, Sydney; Pusan University of Foreign Studies, Korea.

The University has also signed a MOU with the FERMI lab of the US. "This will really help us because we will get a lot of funds in millions from the lab. Our university is the first one in India to do so," said Mr Panda.

In another major decision, the EC has appointed a Grievance Officer to address the problems of teachers on a singular window basis. Dr Rakesh of Atma Ram Santan Dharam college has been selected for the post.

"The demand of one grievance officer had been there for almost

20 years. This will facilitate teachers to get their problems solved from a single source. They will now not have to run from pillar to post to sort out a problem," added Mr Panda.

The EC has also appointed Prof Sydney Riberio as the Dean of Alumni Affairs. The Dean will collect the list of alumni, generate funds for the platinum jubilee, create corpus fund and establish a meaningful linkage with alumni in different parts of the world.

The council has also approved the list recommended by the committee headed by Justice R S Pathak of nominations for the distinguished alumni award during the platinum jubilee year.

The list of nominees is -- Aung San Suu Kyi, nobel laurete, Amitabh Bachchan, film artiste, Ali Sardar Jafri, Urdu poet, Anjolie Ela Menon, painter, Bharat Ram, industrilaist and philanthropist, Prof C R Rao, Statistician, University of Penn, USA, Girish Karnad, National School of Drama, Indrajit Gupta, veteran parliamentarian, Kapila Vatsayan, chairperson, IG National Centre for Arts, Meira Kumar, Member of Parliament, Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Economist, Sarup Singh, former Vice-chancellor, University of Delhi, Sharan Rani Backliwal, sarod maestro and Shovana Narain, Classical dancer.