## North Maharashtra University ranked 59<sup>th</sup> under NIRF by HRD Ministry

## Jalgaon:

The Human Resource Development Ministry, Govt. of India, through nationwide survey under 'National & Institutional Ranking Framework' (NIRF), has recently announced the list of 100 outstanding universities in India. North Maharashtra University is ranked 59<sup>th</sup> among these hundred Universities and is ranked second among State Universities in Maharashtra.

Govt. of India had launched the online initiative under NIRF to rank the best higher educational centres in India and called for online submission of data under 5 parameters: Teaching, Learning & Resources; Research, Professional Practice & Collaborative Performance, Graduation Outcomes, Outreach & Perception. On April 04, 2016 (Monday), the final list of 100 best universities in India was released by the Ministry of HRD under NIRF.

North Maharashtra University scored 57.28 points and is ranked 59<sup>th</sup> amongst the 100 best Universities in India, which includes seven institutes from Maharashtra. North Maharashtra University is ranked second among the state Universities in Maharashtra.

The category-wise evaluation of Universities under NIRF was mainly focussed on following sub-parameters:

Faculty-Student Ratio, Combined Metric for Faculty with Ph.D. & Experience, Library, Laboratory and Sports Facilities; Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals, Citations under Standard Databases, IPR & revenue generation; Combined performance in University and Public Examinations; Continuing Education, Regional Diversity of Students and Faculty, % of

Female Students and Faculty, % of Economically and Socially Disadvantaged Students, Facilities for differentially abled persons and Peer Rating.

North Maharashtra University excelled in the criteria of **Research**, **Professional Practices** and **Collaborative Performance** (RPC) and is **ranked 24**<sup>th</sup> **under this criteria**. In addition, NIRF has also conducted the ranking of Engineering Institutes in India and University Institute of Chemical Technology (UICT) of North Maharashtra University is **ranked 68**<sup>th</sup> in this list.

It is under the dynamic and visionary leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sudhir Meshram that North Maharashtra University could win these laurels. In his tenure of 4½ years, Prof. Sudhir Meshram has steered the university to new heights of academic excellence through novel interventions like "Lab to Land", "Lab to Industry", "Smart Village", "Vice Chancellor's Research Motivation Scheme", Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Centre and others such. Students, faculty and the community are beneficiaries of these innovations. Prof. Meshram has also endeavoured to provide the best infrastructural facilities and signed MOU's with foreign universities to tap employment and research opportunities. The students of Khandesh can thus benefit from study and research in foreign universities through student exchange. Prof. Sudhir Meshram's efforts have led to fresh benchmarks in higher education in North Maharashtra. Prof. Sudhir Meshram acknowledges the contribution of all stake holders in the progress and achievements of the university.