

INDIAN UNIVERSITY COMMISSION
OR
RADHAKRISHNAN COMMISSION
(1948-49)

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ABOUT THE COMMISSION

- ➔ **First education commission** of independent India.
- ➔ Recommended for **university education**
- ➔ Government of India appointed this commission in **4th Nov. 1948**.
- ➔ Chairman: **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan**.
- ➔ Submitted the report on **25th Aug. 1949**.
- ➔ This Commission consists of **10 members**.
- ➔ Commission report consist of **2 volume**: First volume contains **recommendations** and Second contains the **data used for the study**

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

1. **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan**, Splading Professor of Eastern Religious and ethics at the University of Oxford. (Chairman).
2. **Dr. Tara Chand**, Secretary and Educational adviser to the Government of India.
3. **Dr. James F. Duff**, Vice Chancellor, University of Durham.
4. **Dr. Zakir Hussain**, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, now vice chancellor of Muslim University Delhi.
5. **Dr. Arthur E Morgan**, Former president of Antioch college, First Chairman of Tennessee Valley Authority, President of Community service Inc.
6. **Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar**, Vice Chancellor of University of Madras.
7. **Dr. Meghnad Saha**, Palit professor of Physics Dean, Faculty of science, and President of Post-graduate Council of Science, University of Calcutta.
8. **Dr. Karm. Narayan Bahl**, Professor of Zoology, University of Lucknow.
9. **Dr. John J. Tigert**, formerly Commission of education of the United States, President Emeritus of the University of Florida.
10. **Shri Nirmal Kumar Sidhanta**, Professor of English and Dean ,

Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan

- A distinguished scholar.
- Former Vice - Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University.
- Second President of India.
- Professor of Eastern Religious and Ethics at the University of Oxford.
- Chairman, University Education Commission (1948-49).



About him:

- ▶ He was born in 1888 in Tamil Nadu
- ▶ He got early education in the Christian schools.
- ▶ He started his teaching career as professor of philosophy of different universities.
- ▶ He wrote Tagore's philosophy.
- ▶ His notes on western philosophy attracted by the westerners.
- ▶ He was invited by the oxford university to lecture on "The Hindu View of Life".
- ▶ He was the Vice chancellor of Andra University in 1913.
- ▶ In 1952, he was elected as the first Vice President and chairman of the Rajyasabha.
- ▶ In 1962, this philosopher became the second President of Indian republic.


Major Aim of Appointing the commission

- The Commission was appointed by the Government of India to go into the problems and prospects of Indian University Education and to suggest improvements and extensions that might be considered desirable to suit the present and future requirements of the country.
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- The decision was due to the realization that a reconstruction of university education was essential for a national - cultural resurgence as well as for meeting the requirements of scientific, technical and other man – power which India needed for its socio-economic development in the wake of the independence in 1947.

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Aim of University education commission

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Method of study

- The commission members travel through-out India
- Distributed questionnaire to 600 persons in the field of education.
- It interviewed administrators, organizations of the students and educationists.

Aims of university education:

- ❖ Development of the new India
- ❖ To teach that life has meaning
- ❖ To awaken the innate ability to live the life of soul by developing wisdom
- ❖ To train for democracy and constitutional values
- ❖ To train for self development
- ❖ To acquaint with the cultural heritage for its regeneration
- ❖ To enable to know that education is a life long process
- ❖ To develop understanding of the present as well as past
- ❖ To impart vocational and professional training

MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Teaching Staff

- Four categories of university teachers : Professors, Readers, Lectures, Instructors.
- Promotion should be based on merit
- Ratio of junior and senior post should be 2:1
- Age of retirement should be 60, for professors 64 years

Standard of education, Durations of course, Working days:

- ❖ Admission to the universities should be after the intermediate examinations after 11 years of school course
- ❖ First degree should be after 3 years of college education
- ❖ Working days in college should be 180 days excluding examination days
- ❖ Maximum number of students for teaching university 3000
- ❖ Maximum number of students for affiliated college 1500

Research Facilities:

- Every university should have certain number of research fellowships to encourage research
- Degree of Ph.D. to the students put in course work
- Viva voce test should be implemented for the Ph.D. degree

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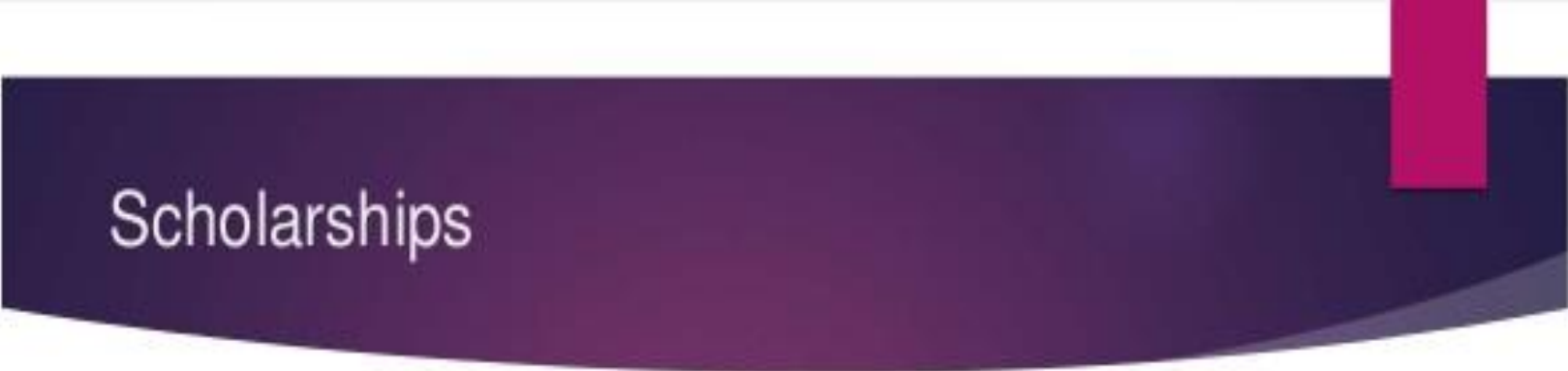
- ▶ University Grants Commission should be appointed to supervise the universities all over India and to allocate funds for its functioning

Medium of instruction

- Recommended the adoption of regional languages as medium of instruction at university level
- Mother tongue , Hindi and English should be taught at the secondary university level

Religious education

- ❑ All the institution start work with a few minutes for meditation
- ❑ In the first year of the degree course lives of great religious leaders be taught
- ❑ In the second year some selections of a universalistic character from religious scriptures of the world be studied
- ❑ In the third year the central problems of the philosophy of the religion be considered

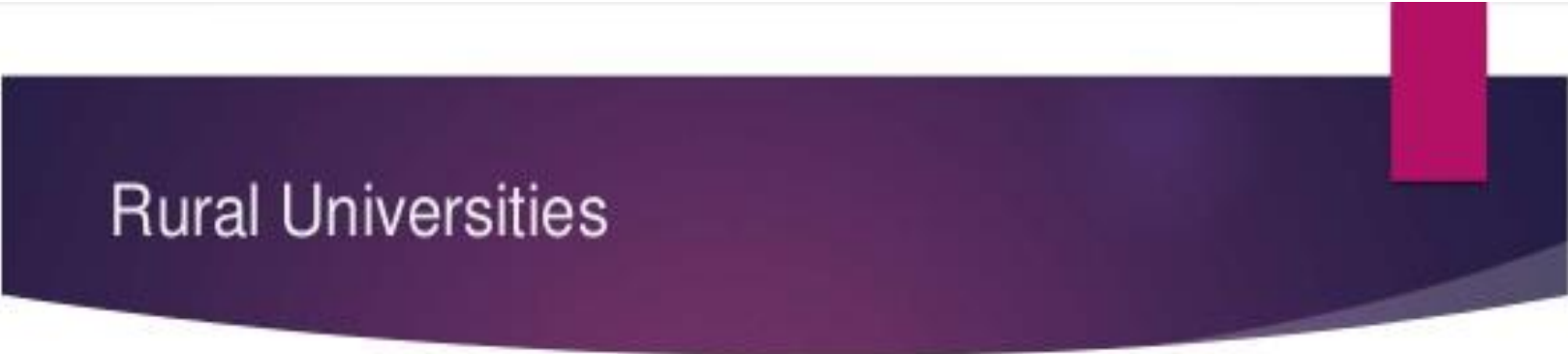


Scholarships

- ▶ Scholarships and stipends should be given to the meritorious and financially deprived and handicapped students.


Social service

- ▶ N.C.C., social service and such other schemes should be introduced as co-curricular activities in collages.



Rural Universities

- ▶ Recommended for establishing rural universities surrounded by rural colleges to facilitate rural reconstruction with special reference to agriculture and industry.



Education for women

- ▶ Recommended for establishing colleges for with adequate facilities and conducive atmosphere

Reform of examination system

- Organisation and method of examination should be thoroughly restructured
- Internal examinations using objective type tests and essay type test
- Oral examinations also should be used



Conclusion

Radhakrishnan commission took into account the entire aspects of the university education in the country. It made recommendation helpful to harmonise the oriental and occidental cultures.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION?

THANK YOU