

Raj 1st to make it a must for univs to advertise for V-C's post

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Jaipur: State universities in Rajasthan will now have to advertise for filling up the vacancies for vice-chancellors.

So far, the universities were filling up the posts without advertising for the vacancies, depriving many competent academicians the opportunity to compete.

Also, earlier there was no time limit for filling up the vacancies, allowing a lot of scope for political interference in appointments.

Rajasthan has apparent-



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Governor Kalyan Singh issued guidelines for appointing vice-chancellors, on Saturday

ly become the first state in the country to make advertisements for V-C posts man-

datory and seek applications in a fixed format.

Governor Kalyan Singh, who is ex-officio chancellor of all state universities, on Saturday, put a check on the prevailing practice by issuing guidelines for appointing vice-chancellors.

The guidelines would bring in transparency in the appointments, as the selection committees will now have to give reasons — in writing — for shortlisting and recommending candidates from among the applicants to the governor.

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Jaipur: "The new procedure will provide opportunity to maximum candidates to compete for the post of vice-chancellor. It will bring in transparency in the appointment system and the universities will get vice-chancellors without delay," governor Singh said, after issuing the guidelines.

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The posts at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shekhawati University of Sikar, Mohanlal Sukhadia University of Jaipur and Maharaja Ganga Singh University of Bikaner are due to fall vacant later this year. Rajasthan currently has 25 state universities, of which two are to be closed down.

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the universities will have to advertise for the vacancies in at least two national-level newspapers.

The advertisements will have to be posted on the websites of the chancellor and the universities concerned.

A format has been fixed, in accordance with the governor's guidelines, for the applicants to apply for the vice-chancellor's post. It will require the candidate to give general details about themselves, education qualifications, field of expertise, service records, details of experience of working on

administrative posts and an account of publications.

The candidates will also be required to furnish details about the number of PhD and MPhil students guided by them.

Singh has ordered that at the time of appointing the 'vice-chancellor selection committee', a timeframe will also have to be declared within which the selection procedure has to be completed.

The selection committee comprises a nominee from each of the university concerned, the University Grants Commission, the state government and the governor/chancellor.

From now on, the committee will have to give details of suitability of each candidate shortlisted from among the applicants on the basis of the criteria fixed for the selection format.

The new selection procedure would bring uniformity in the appointment of vice-chancellors.