

# UPTU VC resigns, cites personal reasons

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**Lucknow:** Governor Ram Naik, also Chancellor of state universities, accepted on Thursday the resignation of UP Technical University vice-chancellor R K Khandal. Naik has given Madan Mohan Malviya Technical University, Gorakhpur vice-chancellor Omkar Singh, additional charge of UPTU for six months or till appointment of new V-C. Naik also ordered to constitute a search committee to appoint a full time V-C.

Khandal has been in the eye of the storm for various anomalies in the university. In January Khandal had tendered his resignation to Naik, citing personal reasons.

His resignation comes after the state government, unhappy with his style of functioning, sought a seven-point status report from UPTU registrar on various complaints filed against the vice-chancellor.

The complaints against him include anomalies in appointments of faculty members for administrative posts at UPTU. Some of these appointments were on posts which don't exist, a reason which upset the government. It also included appointment of his close aide B N Mishra as controller of examination for which he did not seek approval either of the government or the Chancellor.

According to the letter, the government was also unhappy with Khandal's frequent foreign visits, as many of them were made without seeking prior permission from the Chancellor. Biggest factor of all was Khandal's eligibility for holding the post as V-C which was also under scanner.