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Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

**Greetings from AIU!**

The Amrit Kaal of India from 2022 to 2047 holds a lot of potential, in terms of shaping our higher education to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Imagining the landscape of higher education in the year 2047 shall involve a lot of speculation, as the future will depend upon on the complex interplay of social, technological, economic, and cultural factors. Based on current trends and potential developments, it is the right time to discuss on theme “Higher Education@2047” to provide a glimpse into potential directions higher education could take by the year 2047, when India celebrates 100 years of its independence. Therefore, for the year 2023-24, AIU has chosen the main theme “**Higher Education@2047**” for the **AIU 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meet and National Conference of Vice Chancellors** scheduled to be held during **March, 2024**. As a run up to the Annual Meet, all the five Zonal Meets— South, East, West, Central and North shall be dedicated to its various sub-themes.

I am glad to inform you that **AIU Central Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet – 2023-24** is being hosted by **Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh** during **January 18-19, 2024**. The broad theme of the Meet is ‘**Nurturing Research & Innovation Ecosystem**’. I extend a cordial invitation to you to attend the Meet. In this meet, there will be deliberations on following sub-themes:

- (a) Collaborative Research Networks: Fostering Inter Disciplinary Research
- (b) Entrepreneurship & Innovation: From Idea to Impact
- (c) Innovative -funding models for Research

The Meet will have three Technical Sessions and one AIU Business Session apart from Inaugural Session and Valedictory Sessions. In the AIU Business Session, a brief of various initiatives undertaken by AIU in the recent past to improve the value-added services being provided to the member universities, for a better and enriching experience will be presented. Thereafter, regional issues and problems in the field of higher education; issues related to apex bodies; and issues related to AIU will be discussed. **I request you to kindly make it convenient to attend the Meet and contribute in the interactions of both Technical Sessions and AIU Business Session.**

Kindly block the dates in your diaries and finalize your travel program well in advance. I request you to kindly confirm your participation and please send the information related to your travel through Google Form Link-“[\[REDACTED\]](#)”.

The email id of nodal officers of the Meet are **manishbilaspur@rediffmail.com;**  
**ggv.registrar@gmail.com;** and **meetings@aiu.ac.in.**

The recommendations of this Zonal Meet will be taken up for discussions at the National Conference of Vice Chancellors/ Annual General Body Meeting in the respective Session. Further, the recommendations of the Annual Meet will be forwarded to Government, universities and other related bodies for taking appropriate action at their respective level. The Programme Sheet containing all the details of the **AIU Central Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet - 2023-24** shall be shared with you closer to the Meet.

Looking forward for your presence and cooperation.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Pankaj Mittal)

**All Vice Chancellors/Directors of  
AIU Member Universities/Institutions (Central Zone)**