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Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

As you are aware, Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has been taking many measures to help and guide the universities to over come the crisis of CORONA pandemic which includes capacity building workshops for teachers, webinars on online platforms, internships and placement, assessment and evaluation, special talks by eminent people from India and abroad, online youth programmes etc. In yet another initiative, the AIU has launched today, an online survey for assessing the preparedness of the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for online teaching and learning.

The recently released NPE 2020 lays a lot of emphasis on technology enabled teaching-learning. However, due to large size and diversity of our country, many institutions are facing issues relating to infrastructure in terms of continuous supply of electricity, availability of devices to the students, networking and bandwidth; capacity building of teachers to teach online and for students to learn online; online assessment and evaluation of the students; online internships and placements; online collaborations and online counselling of students. To assess the preparedness of our higher education institutions for online teaching, it is imperative to have a reliable data base to assist the policy makers in taking informed decisions with regard to implementation of online education in India and the strategy to be followed to promote online education for different types of institutions.

Keeping this mind, AIU has collaborated with QASPIR to conduct an online survey on the preparedness of higher education institutions to undertake online education. The survey can be accessed at https://qaspir.com/aiu-survey/. It will benefit not only the higher education institutions but also pave way for the Government and the policy makers to take decisions in an informed manner.

You are requested to kindly participate in the survey, which will not take more than 30 minutes and help us in our endeavour. In case of any query, you may contact: Dr. Amarendra Pani, Joint Director, AIU (Mobile: 9818248913, email: drpanihnbgu@gmail.com) and Dr. Rinkle Sangoi Kapoor, COO, QASPIR (Mobile: 9664323929, email: rinkle@gaspir.com). I shall be grateful if you also encourage your affiliated colleges to participate in the survey to get a more holistic view. Kindly adhere to the last date of submitting the response i.e. 15th August, 2020.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely.

(Pankaj Mittal)

The Vice-Chancellor/Director of all AIU Member Universities/Institutions.