Subject: Appeal to contribute to PM-CARES Fund due to Corona Pandemic

Dear Vice Chancellors/Directors,

Greeting from Association of Indian Universities

As you are aware, the Corona Pandemic has brought the world to a halt. Our country is also facing a catastrophic situation and is in the state of complete lock down due to outbreak of COVID-19. To combat the menace of this virus, coordinated joint efforts by all sections of the society are being taken. The educational institutions have responded very positively at this difficult time by arranging on-line classes and using technology to transact curriculum to ensure that the interests of the students are protected.

Being a large and responsible academic community, we also have an obligation to come forward as duty bound educational fraternity, at the time of this national crisis, to strengthen the Government by contributing financially. The Hon’ble Prime Minister of India has also urged the country men to contribute generously towards Prime Minister’s Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has also clarified that the donations under PM CARES Fund shall count towards Corporate Social Responsibility. I along with the entire staff of Association of Indian Universities, have also decided to make a small contribution of one day salary to the PM CARES Fund.

May I humbly appeal to all the Vice Chancellors/ Directors of Universities/ Institutions that they, along with their entire teaching/non-teaching colleagues of the university and affiliated colleges, may come forward during this national crisis and contribute towards this noble cause by donating at least one day salary to PM CARES Fund. I am sure your this act of kindness will not only help our Country to fight with Corona but will go a long way in serving the humanity as a whole.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Pankaj Mittal)

The Vice Chancellor / Director of all Member Universities.