Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) organizes Zonal Meets of Vice Chancellors every year wherein issues relating to higher education with specific reference to University system of the concerned Zone are discussed threadbare. Recommendations of the Zonal Vice Chancellors’ Meets are considered in the Annual Meeting of the Association.

At the Zonal Vice Chancellors’ Meet more than 100 Vice Chancellors/Directors of member Universities/Institutions apart from some educationists, representatives of UGC, MHRD and apex bodies are expected to participate. The Zonal Meet starts with inaugural function on the first day morning followed by academic sessions and ends on 2nd day with valedictory function. The detailed programme will be finalized by the Association in consultation with the host University.

Governing Council of Association of Indian Universities in its 356th Meeting held on July 23, 2019 at AIU House, New Delhi, recommended the theme for AIU National Seminar/ 94th Annual General Body Meeting as “Reimagining Indian Universities”. The GC also recommended the following sub-themes for five Zonal VC’s Meets in keeping with the theme of the National Seminar:

(i) Towards Global Best Teaching-Learning process in Indian Higher Education

(ii) Promoting Research, Innovation and Excellence in Indian Universities

(iii) Developing Employability and Entrepreneurship as Cornerstones in Higher Education

(iv) Improving access and governance Reforms in Indian Higher Education
(v) Internationalization of Higher Education and Global Rankings.

The proposals are invited from the Universities for hosting the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet on any of the five sub-themes mentioned above. The host University is expected to provide boarding, lodging and local transport facility to participating members. The Association will provide advisory and knowledge support for organization of the Meet. A note detailing arrangements to be made and tentative programme is enclosed for your information.

The Association provides financial assistance of up to Rs.5.0 lakh for organization of the Zonal Meet. The details of arrangements and other logistics requirements for organizing the event are enclosed for your reference.

On behalf of the Association, I request you to send proposal for hosting the Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet (2019-20) in your zone during October - December 2019 at your esteemed University. As the time is short, I shall appreciate receiving your proposal at an early date but not later than 31st August, 2019 to enable us to finalize the venue for the five Zonal Vice Chancellors' Meet.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal

Encl: As above.

All Vice Chancellors/Directors of Universitas/Institutions in West Zone