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Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

Greetings from AIU!

India is poised to play a transformative role in the future of higher education by leveraging its burgeoning youth demographic, expanding digital infrastructure, and emphasis on innovation. As global demand for diverse and scalable educational models grows, India's rapidly evolving academic landscape duly marked by new technology-driven platforms, partnerships with international institutions, and a focus on interdisciplinary learning positions it as a key player in shaping global educational trends. The country's unique blend of tradition and modernity offers a dynamic environment for fostering academic excellence and addressing emerging global challenges, making it an essential contributor to the future of higher education.

Based on current drifts and latent progresses, it is the right time to discuss about role of India in shaping the future of higher education. Therefore, for the year **2024-25**, AIU has chosen the main theme **"Envisioning Future Higher Education: The Pivotal Role of India"** for the **99th AIU Annual General Body Meet and National Conference of Vice Chancellors** scheduled to be held tentatively during **March-April, 2025**. 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 West Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet 2024-25** is being hosted by **D. Y. Patil (Deemed to be University), Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra** during **20-21 December, 2024**. The broad theme of the Meet is **'Leadership and Governance in Higher Education'**. I extend a cordial invitation to you to attend the Meet. In this meet, there will be deliberations on following sub-themes:

- Developing Academic Leadership
- Governance of Public and Private Universities
- Autonomy and Accountability in HEIs

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 programme well in advance. I request you to kindly confirm your participation and please send the information related to your travel through Google Form Link- "**FILL OUT IN GOOGLE FORMS**". The details of nodal officers of the Meet are **Dr. Karuna Malviya**, Director, The School of Law, D. Y. Patil (Deemed to be University), Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, Mob: 9702695610, Email: karuna.malviya@dypatil.edu; and **Sh. Vijendra Kumar**, Head, Meetings Division, AIU Mob: 7042049614, Email: 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 West Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet - 2024-25** 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 (West Zone)**