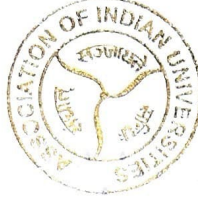


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May 15, 2026

Dear Principals,

Greetings from AIU!

The **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)**, one of the premier apex higher education institutions of the Country established in 1925, is a research-based policy advice institution to the Government of India in the field of Higher Education, Sports & Culture and internationalization. **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Dr. Zakir Hussain and Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee** are among some of the stalwarts who served AIU as its presidents. At present it has a membership of **1164 universities, 20 international universities** including **42 Associate Members (Autonomous Colleges)**. Since its inception, it has been playing a vital role in shaping Indian higher education. Being an apex institution, it constitutes an integral part of all major decision-making committees and facilitates cooperation and coordination among Indian universities and liaise between the universities and the Government and also national and international bodies of higher education in other countries in the matters of common interest. As a National Sports Promotion Organization (NSPO) it promotes sports among Member-Universities.

I am glad to inform you that **Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology, Cochin, Kerala** will be hosting the **first AIU Conference of Principals of the Associate Members (Autonomous Colleges)** on **20th July, 2026**. I request you to kindly make it convenient to attend the conference and contribute in the interactions.

Further, it is intimated that in view of the transformative vision of NEP 2020 and the evolving role of Autonomous Colleges as future leaders in higher education, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) invites valuable suggestions from its Associate Members (Autonomous Colleges) regarding the themes and issues to be deliberated during the proposed Conference latest by **31st May, 2026**. The suggestions may focus on areas related to academic autonomy, curriculum innovation, research, governance, policy implementation, capacity building, and institutional excellence, so as to ensure meaningful and outcome-oriented deliberations during the conference. Your valuable suggestions will enable the AIU to identify and finalize the most relevant themes and topics for meaningful deliberations during the conference.


For your convenience **boarding and lodging arrangements** will be made by the **Rajagiri School of Engineering & Technology, Cochin, Kerala** in consultation with AIU and will be communicated to you in due course of time. Kindly share your travel programme well in advance. I request you to kindly confirm your kind participation and please send the information related to your travel details through "**Google Form Link**" at the earliest to help the host college in making arrangements to receive you and for making necessary preparations for your stay during the conference. In the absence of any confirmation, it would be difficult for them to arrange for your stay and making other arrangements.

The details of nodal officers of the Meet are **Dr. Dhanya P. M., Professor, Department of Computer Science and Business Systems, REST, Cochin, Kerala, Mob: 9895932204, Email: dhanya_pm@rajagiritech.edu.in;** and **Dr. Vijendra Kumar, Head, Meetings Division, AIU, Mob: 7042049614, Email: meetings@aiu.ac.in.**

Looking forward to welcome for the **1st AIU Conference of Principals of the Associate Members (Autonomous Colleges)** at **Cochin** on **20th July, 2026**. Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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