



ज्ञान-विज्ञान विमुक्तये

आचार्य मनिष र. जोशी

सचिव

Prof. Manish R. Joshi

Secretary



सत्यमेव जयते

75
आज़ादी का
अमृत महोत्सव

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग
University Grants Commission

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

D.O.No. 2-9/2026(CPP-II) (C.178092)

12 चैत्र, 1948/ 2nd April, 2026

Subject: Adoption of Anganwadi Centres by Universities and Integration with academic programmes -reg.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

Kindly refer to the communication received from the Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) (copy enclosed) regarding adoption of Anganwadi Centres by Universities and Integration with academic programmes as per outcome of the 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries (NCCS) held on the theme "Early Childhood Education: Laying the Foundation".

In this context, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are encouraged to actively engage with nearby Anganwadi Centres to strengthen Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for children aged 3–6 years, while enhancing experiential learning, professional exposure, and a sense of social responsibility among students.

HEIs are requested to:

1. Adopt five to six nearby Anganwadi Centres for long-term mentorship and community engagement;
2. Integrate Anganwadi engagement into academic fieldwork, internship programmes, dissertations, or structured community outreach activities of students.

सादर,

भवदीय,

(मनिष जोशी)

संलग्नक: उपरोक्तानुसार

सेवा में,

सभी विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति।

सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।

अनिल मलिक, आई.ए.एस.
सचिव

Anil Malik, I.A.S.
Secretary

Tel.: 011-23383586, 23386731

Fax: 011-23381495

E-mail: secy.wcd@nic.in



सत्यमेव जयते

भारत सरकार
महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्रालय
शास्त्री भवन, नई दिल्ली-110 001

Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development



75
आज़ादी का
अमृत महोत्सव

13th March, 2026

D.O. No. ECCE/8/2026-CPMU

Dear Dr. Vineet Joshi,

As you are aware, during the recently concluded 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries (NCCS), "Early Childhood Education: Laying the Foundation" was one of the themes. The NITI Aayog has now released the minutes of this Conference.

2. It was suggested that universities & colleges should be encouraged to "adopt" 5 to 6 local Anganwadis for sustained mentorship and social service initiative. In this context, authorities of colleges and universities, particularly from disciplines such as Education, Social Work, Nutrition, Public Health, Child Development, Psychology and Social Welfare should integrate structured Anganwadi engagement into the fieldwork, internships, dissertations, or community outreach programmes of their students.

3. Under this framework, adopted Anganwadi Centres would receive continuous academic and field-level mentoring through supervised student visits, with a primary focus on strengthening Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for children in the 3-6 years age group. Such engagement will enhance experiential learning and professional exposure for students, foster a spirit of community service and social responsibility in them, and simultaneously, provide sustained academic and human resource support to Anganwadi Centres in improving overall quality of ECCE services.

4. Therefore, I request you to kindly issue appropriate advisory that all public and private colleges and universities under the Central and State Governments to:

- i. Adopt five to six nearby Anganwadi Centres for long-term mentorship and community engagement; and
- ii. Mandatorily integrate Anganwadi engagement into the academic fieldwork, internship programmes, dissertations or structured community outreach activities of their students.

5. I look forward to your kind cooperation and expeditious action in this matter.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

JS(HE) 6
(19)

(Anil Malik)

Dr. Vineet Joshi
Secretary, Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.