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Sub: NEP 2020 recommendation on Adult Education 'New India Literacy Programme (NILP)'

Respected Madam/Sir,

One of the recommendations of NEP, 2020, include strong and innovative government initiatives for adult education to expedite this all-important aim of achieving 100% literacy.

NEP 2020 also provides that Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in addition to teaching and research will have other crucial responsibilities which include participating in community engagement and service, adult and vocational education, etc. Also, flexible and innovative curricula of HEIs shall include credit-based courses and projects in community engagement and service etc.

NEP 2020 in Para 21.7 states that 'Qualified community members including from HEIs as part of each HEI's mission to engage with their local communities will be encouraged and welcomed to take a short training course and volunteer, as adult literacy instructors, or to serve as one-on-one volunteer tutors, and will be recognized for their critical service to the nation'.

In order to achieve the objective of Adult Literacy, there is a need of involving students from all the HEIs for robust implementation of New India Literacy Programme to eradicate illiteracy in the country. For this purpose, students need to be involved as Volunteer Teachers from the next academic session who can take on to teach 3-4 non-literates of 15 years and above per year voluntarily.

To achieve the objective of NEP 2020, HEIs are requested to harness their huge potential & resources to contribute in achievement of 100% of literacy & execute the following academic mandates:

- I. All universities with Departments/ Centres of Adult Education/ Continuing Education/ Lifelong Learning/ Extension may include mandatory teaching of at least 5 or above non-literates by students in every academic year in their course work as a project or assignment for completion of their degree.
- II. All other organization/ institution under UGC offering Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate and other higher academic courses may include certain credits for the activity. The credits may be given after the learners under them get 'literate' certificate.
- III. A provision for issuing certificates to such volunteers from University/State Government can be made to encourage students.
- IV. Students can be trained by the Universities/ HEIs to carry out the activities as per the guidelines of NILP.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To,

- The Vice-Chancellors of Universities
- The Principals of all Colleges