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Subject: Strengthening collaboration for HIV prevention and control initiatives-reg.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

As you are aware, the Government of India is taking various initiative towards HIV prevention and control initiatives. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 6th August 2013 between the Department of Higher Education and the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, to promote HIV/AIDS awareness and voluntary blood donation through Red Ribbon Clubs (RRCs) in educational institutions. The initiative supports HIV/AIDS prevention activities in state educational institutions, including private universities, with technical assistance from the respective State AIDS Control Societies (SACS).

At present, over, 14,925 RRCs are functional in colleges across the country, reflecting the strength of this collaboration.

Building on this progress, the continued cooperation is solicited for further strengthening and scaling up programme activities. A communication addressed to Ministry of Education by National AIDS Control Organization, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare is enclosed.

In this regard, all Higher Education Institutions are requested to take the following actions:

1. Inclusion of HIV/AIDS awareness and related activities in colleges, technical institutions and universities;
2. Appointment of a Complaints Officer in educational institutions and establishments, in accordance with the HIV and AIDS Policy for Establishments, 2022; and
3. Establishment of Red Ribbon Clubs in all Higher Education Institutions including private colleges and universities.

HEIs are also requested to disseminate the information widely for achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

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सभी विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति।

सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।

X-19020/20/2013-NACO (IEC-MS)
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
National AIDS Control Organisation

Dated: 30th January 2026

To,

Shri Rajeev Bahree
Under Secretary (Cdn.)
Department of Higher Education
New Delhi

Subject: Strengthening collaboration for advancing HIV Prevention & Control Initiatives – reg.

Sir,

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 6th August 2013, with the objective of reaching a large number of students with information on HIV/AIDS prevention and promoting voluntary blood donation through Red Ribbon Clubs (RRCs) in educational institutions under the Department of Higher Education. The MoU also encourages State Higher Education Departments to undertake HIV/AIDS prevention activities in State educational institutions, including private universities, with technical support from the respective State AIDS Control Societies (SACS).

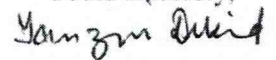
At present, over 14,925 Red Ribbon Clubs are functional in colleges across the country, reflecting the strength of this collaboration. Building on this progress, the continued cooperation of the Department of Higher Education is solicited for further strengthening and scaling up programme activities through the following actions:

- Identification of a Nodal Officer at the Department of Higher Education for effective coordination; and
- Issuance of suitable directions to State Education Departments and associated offices for:
 - appointment of a Nodal Officer to coordinate with the respective SACS;
 - inclusion of HIV/AIDS awareness and related activities in colleges, technical institutions and universities;
 - appointment of a Complaints Officer in offices, educational institutions and establishments under the Department of Higher Education, in accordance with the HIV and AIDS Policy for Establishments, 2022; and
 - establishment of Red Ribbon Clubs in private colleges and universities.

The above measures are essential for strengthening HIV/AIDS awareness among youth and are critical for achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

The cooperation of the Department of Higher Education in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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