Dear Vice Chancellors/Directors,

Greetings from AIU!

Association of Indian Universities as an apex representative body of universities and other higher education institutions in the country has the mandate of providing expertise on up to date developments in the field of advanced teaching, research and extension in the management of higher education and to work in close coordination with the Ministry of Education and undertake all such programmes and research projects and capacity building activities to fulfil its research based advisory role to the govt. AIU, as an academic think tank organisation of the country caters to the need of all stakeholders including the leadership position of the universities, institutional requirements and the students too.

AIU is very particular about the active participation of the member universities in its programmes and schemes. As a part of its initiative to involve the member universities, the Governing Council (GC) in its meeting held on 20.07.2021 under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. Thiruvasagam, President-AIU, has taken the decision to extend the below-mentioned schemes along with funding support to the member universities, which will come into effect immediately by allocating a fund of ₹1 crore for the year 2021-22.

1. **AIU - University Joint National/International Conferences**
   - AIU Funding ₹10,000/- per Conference.
   - AIU will suggest and arrange National and International experts and resource persons if the University needs assistance.
   - Conference Participants will be given certificate by the AIU.

2. **AIU Awards and Citation to the Best all-rounder University Student**
   - As recommended by the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
   - Citation & Award to be presented in the Convocation of the University.

3. **AIU Awards and Certificates in the name of ‘Dr. Radhakrishnan Award’ to the Best Teacher Researcher**
   - The Vice-Chancellor has to select and recommend the Faculty.
   - AIU will request the NAAC, AICTE and UGC to recognize the Certificate of AIU for Grading and Accreditation.

4. **AIU Awards and Certificates to the Teacher who has published an article with the Highest Impact Factor**
   - As recommended by the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
   - To be distributed in the Founder’s Day/Formation Day function of the University.
   - AIU will request the NAAC, AICTE and UGC to recognize the Certificate of AIU for Grading and Accreditation.

5. **AIU Best PhD Thesis Awards**
   - This Award will be given to all the disciplines of the University.
   - The Vice-Chancellor has to select and recommend the Thesis.
   - AIU will request the NAAC, AICTE and UGC to recognize the Certificate of AIU for Grading and Accreditation.

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6. **AIU Best Student Sports Person Award:** As recommended by the Vice-Chancellor which has to be distributed during the Sports Day function. AIU will request the NAAC, AICTE and UGC to recognize the Certificate of AIU for Grading and Accreditation.

7. AIU will bring out an “**AIU Research Journal**” with ISSN no. having Senior Scientists and Senior Researchers as Editorial Board Members, which will be placed in the appropriate body of the UGC for listing under UGC-CARE list.

8. **AIU-ICAR Agri-Tourism Scheme allowing students to visit Agricultural Universities for awareness.**

9. **Creating Indian Network for Internationalisation of Higher Education (INIHE)**

10. **AIU Collaboration Portal**

11. **AIU Admission Portal**

12. **AIU Online Equivalence Certificate System**

13. **AIU Consultancy Services**

   Dr. Amarendra Pani, Joint Director (Research Division) has been nominated as Nodal Officer to implement and monitor the above schemes. His contact details are as follows:

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   The schemes are directed towards encouraging the researchers, faculty members, students and the administrative functionaries of the member universities for improving the quality and standard of teaching, learning and research. Updated information regarding the further developments relating to the schemes will be provided to you from time to time.

   I am writing to solicit your cooperation in the implementation of the schemes which I am sure will be beneficial for the universities, researchers and students of the country.

   With warm regards,

   Yours sincerely,

   (Pañkaj Mittal)

   **All the Vice Chancellors/Directors of AIU Member Universities/Institutions**