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To

The Vice-chancellors / Registrars / Directors / Principals of All AICTE Approved Universities/Institutions

Sub: Role of Higher Educational Institutions to achieve the National Goal of being "ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT"

Dear Principal / Director,

AICTE wishes your University / Institute a very rewarding Academic Session and hopes that the COVID-19 pandemic will soon be a thing of the past. India will surge ahead overcoming the pandemic wave and the current financial crisis and will emerge as a Strong, Resilient & a Proud Nation.

The recent border turmoil, additionally, has forced the nation, as a whole, to introspect about the alternatives and to avoid dependence on other nations about our needs and requirements. One of the glowing examples is the manufacture of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and N95 masks. While we were dependent on imports for these items, the COVID-19 pandemic has made us not only self-reliant but also export them. A crisis has been turned into an opportunity. Time beacons us all to be pro-active and pitch in our best efforts to be self-reliant and 'BE VOCAL'& 'BUY LOCAL' to achieve the national goal of being '"ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT"

AICTE approved Universities / Institutions being centers for higher education and research, I would urge you to encourage teachers and students at your University / Institution for development of alternative apps, products and technologies through innovative ideas & research which will not only make India Self Reliant but also propel India to the forefront as the PRIMARY source for meeting all global needs and requirements.

AICTE Approved Universities / Institutions have done phenomenally well during the pandemic in terms of making PPEs, sanitizers, face masks, ventilators, and Apps. AICTE has instituted an award for such well performing Universities / Institutes in the form of **Utkrusht Sansthan Vishwakarma Award**.

Together, let us make "Atmanirbhar Bharat".

Thanking you.

With best regards,

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