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**Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,**

Greetings from Association of Indian Universities!

As you are aware, AIU has taken a number of initiatives to mitigate the unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19 to Higher Education. AIU firmly believes that these tough times won't last long but we must, in the meantime, take actions to convert this crisis into an opportunity for Indian Universities/Institutes by making them future ready. We do appreciate the enthusiasm and response of our universities to many of our recent initiatives to combat Corona pandemic which include capacity building of faculty through online workshops to equip them to deliver online education, sensitizing universities/HEIs about their social responsibilities, monetary contribution to PM Cares Fund, online placements of students and documenting the best practices and innovative ways adopted by our universities for protecting the interests of the students during Corona pandemic.

2. In yet another new initiative, AIU wishes to ensure that all academic resources are available to the wider sections of our Faculty and Students at the click of a button. Towards this goal, AIU has collaborated with National Digital Library (NDLI), developed by IIT Kharagpur under the aegis of NMEICT, MHRD, Govt. of India, for pooling all online resources in National Digital Library and for extending it to students. These resources can be accessed by students at <https://www.ndl.gov.in/> or <https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>. A special Covid-19 button has been provided on the NDLI site for this.

3. At the same time, since many Institutions and academicians are creating online content during this time, we are also requesting for contributions for original content to NDLI so that it can be disseminated to a wider section of students who may benefit from it. The original online contents developed by institutions/faculty can be shared on email [nand@library.iitkgp.ac.in](mailto:nand@library.iitkgp.ac.in) along with information in the attached Performa.

4. In order to make the process of navigating and accessing NDLI smooth for the Faculty and Students, NDLI has agreed to organise a series of Webinars on themes: **Students on Usage of NDLI** and **Faculty for usage and contribution to NDLI**. The exact date and time for the webinars shall be intimated shortly.

5. In view of foregoing, I urge upon you to encourage your faculty and researchers to make use of this facility and contribute towards this noble cause so as to make our joint mission of delivering uninterrupted quality education to our students, a success.

Stay healthy, Stay safe. With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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**The Vice Chancellor / Director of all Member Universities.**

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