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**CIRCULAR**

To

**All Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities and  
All Directors/ Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions,**

**Subject: Implementation of New India Literacy Programme (NILP) launched by  
Government of India.**

Sir/Madam,

After the announcement of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP-2020), all the relevant regulatory bodies/implementing agencies under Ministry of Education are taking initiatives to implement it.

The NEP 2020 recommendations include strong and innovative government initiatives for adult education to expedite this all-important aim of achieving 100% literacy. In this direction, Government of India has approved centrally sponsored scheme on Adult Education "New India Literacy Programme (NILP)" to be implemented during the period 2022-23 to 2026-27, which will definitely result in eradicating illiteracy in the country.

NEP-2020 provides that HEIs, in addition to teaching and research, will have other crucial responsibilities, which they will discharge through appropriate resourcing, incentives, and structures. HEIs shall include credit-based courses and projects in community engagement and service etc. Further, NEP 2020 in para 21.7 also state that Qualified community members including from HEIs as part of each HEIs 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 accelerate the objectives of Adult Literacy, there is need of involving students from all Higher Education Institutions Viz. Universities, Colleges and other Educational Institutions 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. The students can take on to teach 3-4 non-literates of 15 years and above per year voluntarily toward this end and appropriate credits in the Credit Framework for this activity may be considered.


To achieve these objectives all HEIs are requested to take following measures:

- (i) All universities with Department/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 compilation of their degree.

- (ii) HEIs may include certain credits for their activity. The credit may be given after the learner 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 HEIs to carry out the activities as per the guidelines of NILP.

All AICTE approved Institutions/Technical Universities are requested to harness the huge potential and resources of Higher Education Institutions to contribute in achievement of 100% literacy in the country.

Regards



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