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Madam / Sir,

As you are aware, in order to capitalise on India's remarkable demographic dividend, it is essential not only to improve the quality of education but also to make it relevant in terms of providing employment opportunities. The competencies demanded by the industry need to be embedded in our university curriculum so that the employment-employability gap is overcome. The minimal linkage between the general degree curriculum and employer's requirement calls for an effective remodeling of degree programmes, driven by changing needs of the industry and service sector. Apprenticeship and internship can play a significant role in this context. World over, apprenticeship is considered as the most efficient and promising structured training for exposure to the real working environment. Realising the importance of apprenticeship/internship, the Budget announcement of 2020-21 set out for the introduction of Apprenticeship Embedded Degree/Diploma Programme to improve employability of general stream students.

In line with the Budget Announcement and with the objective of making the fresh graduates employment-ready with necessary knowledge, competencies and attitude, Hon'ble Education Minister, Government of India recently launched the **UGC Guidelines for Higher Education Institutions to offer Apprenticeship/Internship embedded Degree Programme** for embedding apprenticeship/internship in general degree programmes offered by the Universities. A copy of the Guidelines is attached herewith. Considering the interests of the students and society at large, you are requested to kindly promote apprenticeship/internship embedded degree programmes in your University as well as the colleges/institutions affiliated to your University.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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To:

The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities