

Dear Principals/Directors,

Please find the following Information / Instructions / Suggestions pertaining to

- i. Aarogya Setu, regarding combined fight against COVID-19;**
- ii. MHRD AICTE COVID19 Helpline;**

i. Aarogya Setu, a mobile application regarding combined fight against COVID-19. The Government of India has launched Aarogya Setu, a mobile application aimed to connect health services and we the people of India in our combined fight against COVID-19. The App will augment Golâ€™s initiatives in proactively reaching out to and informing the users the potential risk of infection, best practices and relevant medical advisories pertaining to the containment of COVID-19 pandemic. The app has been developed through Public Private Partnership under guidance of NIC. The App is privacy-first by design and currently available in 11 languages. The App has highly scalable architecture and is ready for pan-India roll out from Day 1. With Aarogya Setu, let us take a step forward to protecting ourselves and our family & loved ones.

Please download the app from the following sources:

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nic.goi.aarogyasetu&hl=en_GB

IOS: <https://apps.apple.com/in/app/aarogyasetu/id1505825357>

ii. MHRD AICTE COVID19 Helpline

I have been writing to you in the past one week about COVID19 endemic and our role in overcoming this crisis. A very large number of AICTE Approved Institutes have immediately responded with offers of help and assistance to students who are in difficulty. As many as 6500 colleges have already come forward to provide support at such a crucial juncture. AICTE wishes to express its gratitude for this overwhelming response.

To assist and help students in distress or in need of help and assistance, AICTE has come up with a COVID19 Helpline portal with the address : <https://helpline.aicte-india.org/>. This has been launched on 3 rd April, 2020 by the Hon'ble Minister HRD, Govt of India. This portal is essentially to connect those who are willing to provide help with those who need help. The nature of support includes Accommodation, Food, on line Classes, Attendance, Examinations, Scholarships, Health, Transport, Harassment etc. Students in difficulty are encouraged to directly get connected with them through this portal.

All AICTE Approved Institutes are requested to register and fill in the required data in the url:

<https://helpline.aicte-india.org/register.php> or https://helpline.aicte-india.org/register_mobile.php

so that it will be immediately useful to our students in difficulty.

It is requested that all possible help and assistance be provided to student (irrespective of where they are studying) who are in need of help and seek assistance. Institutes are also requested to give wide spread publicity of this initiative through their websites, contacts etc. amongst its faculty, students, local community, voluntary organizations, NGOs. Social organizations, philanthropists and request them to come forward and render their pro-active support at this juncture of National Calamity.

Interested social organizations, NGOs, philanthropists please contact us at: cconeat@aicte-india.org

In view of the foregoing, AICTE requests all Approved Institutions to do the needful and make use of the facilities created by Government Effectively.

With Regards
Chairman, AICTE