



ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES
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Sub: Online course on “Community University Engagement: Moving Towards Engaged Teaching, Research and Service”

Dear Vice Chancellor,

As you are aware, Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is taking a number of measures to combat the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the students. Since lockdown, AIU has been organizing online workshops for capacity building of faculty to train them for the shift towards digital teaching, workshops for placement officers to facilitate online placements of students, webinar on university social responsibility and invited talks by eminent personalities. The AIU is also documenting the strategies adopted by Indian universities to safeguard the interest of the students at this crucial juncture.

It is felt that the present context of the pandemic reflects on the importance and need for demonstrating the social responsibility by the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Given the vast scale of human, intellectual, physical and material resources available with the higher education institutions, it is critical that our HEIs mobilise these to respond to the needs of the community. To sensitize the HEIs about the importance of university social responsibility, AIU in collaboration with PRIA International Academy is launching a one-week online course on “**Community University Engagement: Moving Towards Engaged Teaching, Research and Service**” starting from 18th May to 22nd May, 2020.

This course aims at providing an initial exposure to the teachers and other colleagues on the theory and practice of community university engagement. Its purpose is to provide a deeper insight on the theme of social responsibility, introducing the idea of engaged teaching, research and service while providing the learner with examples of activities which can be undertaken to facilitate the same. It will enable the learners to take the next step towards in facilitating engagement with society as a fundamental principle of teaching, research and service rather than an afterthought.

The course is being offered free of cost and a certificate will be given to the participants at the completion of the same. For more information regarding the same, please click [here](#).

I request you to encourage your faculty, research scholars and students to [register](#) for this online course. The information may also be disseminated to your affiliated colleges for wider reach.

With regards,

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