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То

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

Subject: COVID-19 Guidelines/ SOPs to be Implemented by AICTE Approved Institutions/Universities.

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Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that Covid-19 pandemic was notified as a disaster under sections 6(2)(i) and 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 on 23rd March, 2020 against the backdrop of rapid global spread of the disease, uncertainty regarding the nature and impact of its spread. The active Covid-19 cases have now dipped to a great extent. Government of India has therefore decided to discontinue the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 w.e.f. 1st April, 2022 to manage the pandemic.

Though the spread of Covid-19 Virus has been contained to a great extent but it is still prevalent and it is therefore necessary that proper preventive measures and Covid-19 appropriate behaviour be continued in full earnest. In this regard Guidelines/Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) have been prepared to be followed by all AICTE approved Institutions.

A copy of the same is attached herewith for compliance. You are therefore, requested to notify these guidelines through website etc., to create awareness about the same and ensure that these guidelines be followed in letter and spirit.

regards

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COVID-19 Guidelines/ SOPs for AICTE Approved Institutions/Universities.

- 1. Thermal screening of students and staff, sanitization and use of mask/ face cover should be ensured at all entry/ exit points
- 2. Frequent washing of hands and use of alcohol-based hand Sanitizer must be mandatory
- 3. Physical distancing norms need to be followed by all the students and staff
- 4. Respiratory etiquettes to be followed by everyone
- 5. Mandatory cleaning and regular disinfection of the premises and buses etc. must be ensured
- Students and staff having symptoms of COVID-19 should be isolated and testing should be carried out
- 7. Spitting in open to be strictly prohibited
- 8. Students or staff, whose family members are infected should not join the institution physically
- 9. Installation and use of Aarogya Setu App.
- 10. For all the institutions, conducting of physical classes to be done as per the decision of the respective States/ UTs
- 11. Online teaching-learning arrangements should be made for international students who are unable to join the programme due to travel restrictions or visa-related issues
- 12. Crowding must be avoided at entry/ exit and all other points including cafeteria/ canteen
- 13. Biomedical disposal of face masks/ cover and other related waste should be ensured
- 14. Temperature setting of all the AC devices to be in the range of $24-30^{\circ}$ C
- 15. CPWD guidelines for ventilation should be followed
- 16. Faculty members, students and staff should be made aware of the webpage 'Manodarpan' to provide psychological support <u>http://manodarpan.mhrd.gov.in/</u> and Behavioural Health: Psycho-Social Toll-free helpline: 08046110007