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Dear Vice Chancellors/Directors,

Greetings from AIU!

Hope you and the family are safe and in good health.

As you all are aware, the Outbreak and rampant spread of COVID 19 pandemic resulted into the complete shutdown of the educational institutions severely affecting their routine functions. Unable to function in conventional manner, the educational institutions in the country were forced to find alternative option and resorted to the measure of shifting the teaching learning and other activities to online mode. The educational system of the country was not prepared for this sudden jolt. Many issues involving the difficulties in completely switching over to the online education were experienced.

The Association of Indian Universities promptly came into action and organized a few faculty development programmes to help the higher education institutions deal with the situation. In the meantime, the AIU in collaboration with **Quality Assurance, Strategic Planning and Institutional Research (QASPIR)**, a research-based consultancy organization based in United Kingdom took an initiative of conducting a survey to assess the **preparedness of Indian Higher Education Institutions to shift to online education.**

The Survey was launched in the Month of June 2020, right after the lockdown and a structured Questionnaire was mailed to all the member universities /Institutions of AIU and around 1500 colleges. Responses received from around 550 institutions were analyzed and the report was prepared in the month of February 2021. The final report was brought out in printed form in the Month of April 2021.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the formal launching of the AIU-QASPIR Survey Report has been scheduled on **June 17, 2021 at 11.30 A.M.** The Report will be launched in virtual mode. **Prof K K Aggarwal, Chairman, National Board of Accreditation** has given his kind consent to be the Chief Guest on the occasion and launch the report. Subsequent to the launch, the report will be sent to all the member universities for their perusal.

I write to request you to join the launching ceremony and be a part of the event. The report contains some astounding information about the status and preparedness of Indian Higher Education Institutions to deal with online education. You can join the launching ceremony through the following weblink:

<https://zoom.us/j/95408596682>

Should you need any further information, you may contact Dr Amarendra Pani, Joint Director (Research), AIU through e-mail : researchaiu@gmail.com

Let's make the Event a grand success with your enthusiastic participation.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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