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U75: National Movement for Net Zero -Carbon Neutral Campus- in 75 Universities.

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Sir/Madam.

I am pleased to convey to you that a national initiative, aligned with NEP-2020 and mission LiFE promoted by Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi, has been launched on 1st May 2023 jointly with AICTE, NBA, Niti Aayog, UNESCO and Green TERRE Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation. The initiative is called 'Not Zero-Net Zero'. It engages the students and the faculties to make the campus as living lab for the carbon-neutrality i.e. Net Zero

This initiative, under the Smart Campus Cloud Network of Universities and HEIs, aims to build the skills of students to make them Climate-Ready. India is celebrating G20 Presidency, and hence this movement 'Not Zero-Net Zero' is being launched at the right time. Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi has resolved that India would be Net Zero by 2070. AICTE fully supports the initiative as it would have multiple benefits and multiplying effect. Achieving net zero will require a combination of technological advancement, policy changes, societal shifts, and mindsets of the individuals, their choices, and actions that would be guided by SCCN and supported by its partners including AICTE

The briefing note given below from Dr Rajendra Shende, former Director of UNEP and IIT Alumni and founder Director of Green TERRE Foundation, is requesting you to register your university/HEI under the project of U75. The project seeks to kick off Net Zero in 75 universities during the 75th Anniversary of the India's Independence, Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav. I expect that example of 75 institutes would spread the Net Zero mission in all other institutes.

I strongly recommend that you register your university under U75 by filling the google form https://forms.gle/nRVq6pXr3cxKFxUr9.

Warm Regards and Best wishes.

A briefing note from Green TERRE Foundation,

Subject: U75: Invitation to join National Movement of Net Zero - Carbon Neutral Campus

Smart Campus Cloud Network-SCCN is a global network of 460+ Universities for SDGs under Green TERRE Foundation! Inspired by the mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) jointly launched by United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres and PM Narendra Modi, a game-changing and path-breaking National movement called 'U75-Not Zero-Net Zero University campuses' was initiated on 1st May 2023.

U75 movement is mentored by Erik Solheim former Under Secretary General of United Nations and Prakash Javadekar, former Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in alliance with UGC, NBA (National Board of Accreditation), AICTE, Niti Aayog, UNESCO and Green TERRE Foundation. It symbolises arrival of India's youth-led climate-moment. On the occasion of 75th anniversary of the India's independence-Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, 75 Universities are being short listed to kick off the action. It is expected, as forecasted by Dr Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of NBA and Prof T.Sitharam, Chairman of AICTE, that U75 would trigger the inspirational chain of Net Zero across the Higher Educational Institutes.

Based on our consultation with the mentors of the SCCN as well as with NBA and AICTE, we are pleased to inform you that your university is being considered for possible inclusion in 'U75:National Movement of Net Zero in the University Campus'. Actions to make Campus net-zero have multitude of benefits to universities, students, society and nation. These benefits include aligning the education towards NEP-2020, cost saving through sustainable initiatives like energy efficiency and renewables, students' health improvements due to reduction in air-pollution, enhancing student's gainful employability and upgrading university's standing in national and global ranking.

We request you to give your consent to be part of U75 latest by 15 th June 2023 by filling the Google form: https://forms.gle/nRVq6pXr3cxKFxUr9. Your consent will help us to further establish the contact you or your representative indicated in the form. Once we receive your consent, we would be informing you of the next steps that would include national/regional meet with the mentors, partners and experts. The dates of the meeting would be in July 2023.

Attached is the concept note for U75: Not Zero-Net Zero University Campus. It provides context and explains benefits to universities and students. Also attached is 'Baby steps for Carbon Neutral campus' that outlines the initial steps needed by the universities.

For your information we are also attaching the list of media reports that appeared after the launch of U75 on 1st May 2023.

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Warm Regards and Best wishes.
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