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**CIRCULAR**

**Sub:** Suggestions for EQUIP Initiative by MHRD – Reg

**Ref:** Email dated 02.04.2019 received from the Chancellor,  
Central University of Gujarat

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Please find enclosed copy of email received from the Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat requesting suggestions, strategies, and initiatives for expanding access to higher education.

The Faculty members are requested to send their suggestion directly to the Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat through email [hbpatel@cug.ac.in](mailto:hbpatel@cug.ac.in), as requested by him, with a copy to the Assistant Registrar (Aca) email : [ar2.aca@pondiuni.edu.in](mailto:ar2.aca@pondiuni.edu.in)

  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (ACAD-AD)

To

**All the Faculty Members**  
Pondicherry University, Puducherry

✓ **Copy to:**

The Systems Manager & Head, Computer Centre ---- to host in the University website  
Pondicherry University

Subject: **Suggestions for EQUIP Initiative by MHRD**

To: "registrar@pondiuni.edu.in" <registrar@pondiuni.edu.in>

Date: 02-04-19 06:18 PM

From: "Prof. H. B. Patel" <hbpatel@cug.ac.in>

Dear Hon. Shri Dr. Sasi Kanta Dash  
The Registrar  
Pondicherry University

Since independence India has witnessed increase in its institutional capacity. India has increased gross enrolment ratio in higher education in last few years, but it is still relatively low by international comparison. The problem of imbalance in terms of region, social groups, gender, caste, religion and economic level is one of the biggest hurdles in the attainment in enrolment goal in higher education in India. In order to solve this problem, MHRD has proposed to put together an action plan named, "Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP)" for implementation between 2019-2024 with Office Memorandum (F.No.24-4/2019-U (Policy) dated 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. The MHRD has set up different groups to give recommendations for a five year strategy of higher education. One such group is chaired by me. The objectives of this group is to make suggestions on the strategies for expanding access to higher education.

In order to achieve this objective, the following goals have been decided:

- To double GER to 52 by 2024
- To double enrolment of SCs in higher education
- To triple the enrolment of students in ST category
- To implement strategies for geographically backward areas to catch up with National average
- To spread the Open Distance Learning

In this context, I am writing to you to give your suggestions on what strategies and what initiatives can be taken to increase access to higher education in India.

I would be grateful if you can send your suggestions to me on this mail as soon as possible, but not later than 10th of this month.

With regards,

Hasmukh Adhia  
Chancellor,  
Central University of Gujarat