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Dear Vice Chancellor/Director

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It is a matter of great pleasure to inform you that the Association of Indian Universities has taken the initiative to organize Student Research Convention called *Anveshan* for the aspiring student researchers in the Indian universities across the country. It is an effort to gear up scientific research and innovation and their application to the welfare of the society by identifying and nurturing research talents in the university youth. I may inform you with pleasure that Conventions conducted so far were a stupendous success. To give you a clear understanding of the concept a write up containing detailed Guidelines for the Convention are enclosed for your perusal.

As mentioned in write up the convention is conducted in three phases or levels. In the **first phase**, the universities organize a competition/ exhibition of research projects at **university level** in which students from **affiliated/constituent colleges, research institutions and university departments** participate. The exhibited projects are scrutinized by a team of experts. The scrutinized projects are sent for Zonal Conventions.

In the **second phase**, the competitions are organized at **Zonal level** for which one university in each zone is identified. The projects selected at the first phase are called for the second round of scrutiny at Zonal Level Convention.

In the **third phase**, the competition is held at **National level**. The projects selected through zonal competition shall compete in the National Convention.

The entries of the research projects will be purely **institutional** and only **bonafide and Full-time students** (UG, PG, and Research Scholars) of the universities/institutions are eligible to participate.

I am writing this letter to request you to undertake the first phase of the convention at your University/Institute level and send the selected candidates of your university for the Zonal Convention. Your University/Institute comes under the ambit of **South Zone**. The **South Zone Convention** will be held during **January 28-30, 2013** at **Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu**.

You may therefore disseminate the information regarding the Student Research Convention widely across all your teaching departments, affiliated colleges/institutes. You are also requested to start **in-house preparation** for conducting the competition by calling for innovative research projects (one in each category) from amongst the following categories:

- Basic Sciences
- Applied Sciences including Engineering & Technology,
- Agriculture and similar fields.
- Health Sciences and Allied Subjects including Pharmacy, etc.

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Students Service Centre
Pondicherry University
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office pondicherry univ.*

*Dear Students
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- Objective and result oriented projects in Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce, Management, Law, etc.

The winners of the competition of your University/Institute may be nominated for the Zonal Convention. Please ensure that the list of selected candidates along with their escorts who would be visiting Gandhigram University for Zonal Convention reaches them by 1st January, 2013. The Registration form of the candidates (selected for the zonal level) duly filled in with a crossed Demand Draft of Rs 500/- (per participant) covering the registration fee, payable to **Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi**, may please be forwarded to Dr S Rama Devi Pani, Head, Research Division. A copy of the same may be sent to the address given below:

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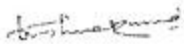
Fifteen projects selected in each zonal level convention (three from each category) will be called by the **Association of Indian Universities** for the **National** level competition which will be held at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai this year. At the National Level the projects will be assessed by a panel of experts drawn from various disciplines. The experts on the basis of prescribed assessment criteria will declare three winners in order of First, Second and Third for each category. AIU will promote the winners through attractive incentives. The incentives scheme will be informed to you shortly.

The general guidelines are enclosed for your reference. The same is also available on AIU Website: www.aiuweb.org. As we are running against time, so the first phase of the competition may kindly be initiated at your University/Institute at the earliest. For any further query contact either the Research Division of AIU on the numbers 011-23230059 Extn 209/217/240 E-mail: researchaiu@gmail.com or Dr Somasundaram at Gandhigram University.

An expedited action in this regard shall be highly appreciated.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(R Krishnakumar)

Encl: As above

All Vice Chancellors/Directors of Indian Universities Institutions of South Zone

Anveshan: **Student Research Convention**

Spirit of inquiry, creativity and innovativeness are some of the natural endowments bestowed upon human beings, which are the keys to transformation of life. These factors, when manifested in the form of research, open new frontiers of knowledge, which is instrumental for all forms of development. Perhaps, this is the reason for which research is recognized as one of the core functions of the universities/institutions of higher learning and the universities have been rendering this responsibility with utmost diligence. India's noteworthy progress in the field of Information Technology, Energy and Space etc are the outcome of consistent endeavour of our intellectual resources. India, currently producing a solid core of knowledge workers in tertiary and scientific and technical education and its economy and industrial sector set for an unparalleled growth is poised to become the future global knowledge hub. However, the onus lies largely on our Higher Education system and particularly on our universities. But, of late, research has become a subservient component in the university functioning. Resource constraints, lack of commitment, proper incentive etc., are the impediments that are affecting the quality of research in our institutions of higher education. Other important factors for the deterioration of the quality of research are the absence of adequate training and other capacity building endeavour in our system, which have restricted students' creativity only to rote memory. On the contrary, their potential should be nurtured and exploited for the benefit of the society. The current boom in Indian economy signaling an era of transformation should provide ample opportunity for success to innovative young brains to become trend setters and role models of a vibrant India.

With a view to inculcating research culture in our higher education institutions, the Association of Indian Universities has taken a pioneering initiative to organize student research conventions for the aspiring researchers through out the country. These conventions aim at identifying the young and rising talents who would be promoted through proper encouragement and incentives. Also an attempt shall be made to commercialize their research projects with industrial collaboration. The endeavour may accelerate scientific research and innovation and their application towards community development percolating to the grassroot level. Anveshan enters the second year after its immense success at the first stint. **Anveshan 2008** was applauded across the country for providing an innovative platform for students and generating particularly a culture of research among young students.

Objectives

- To identify young talents with research aptitude and interest to take up research as career.
- To promote the talent in research throughout the country.
- To nurture the talent through specialized training and education in some of the nationally and internationally reputed premier institutions of higher learning in the country.
- To augment financial and physical resources through collaboration with different sponsors for supporting education and training of the young researchers.
- To provide proper incentives to enhance the skill of potential students