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To
All Principals of constituent/affiliated colleges

Dear Sir,

Sub : Improving students' performance – Profiling and Monitoring –
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I am pleased to note that this academic year is beginning with good trends. Most of the institutions in our University area have got students admitted in full strength. The increased response over last year is mainly due to the Government policy on first generation graduates. Now, all Principals must be busy with first year students' issues and paying special attention to prevent the menace of **ragging** among your students.

As you are aware, a significant portion of the students admitted this year belongs to the category of "**first generation graduates**". It is needless to say that the success of the first generation students will directly reflect the success of empowering the under-privileged masses of our society. Now, the University and its academicians have the responsibility to see that this first generation graduates pass out their degree very successfully.

From the University side, we have made a decision to closely monitor the progress of the students who are admitted into our University during the current year 2010-11.

From our past experience, we all know that the performance of students in the subject of Mathematics warrants special attention. In this regard, we are proposing to conduct a test for all first year students to know or assess their level of knowledge in Mathematics. The results will help us in devising teaching methodologies in our University. This will also help us to propose alternative strategies for teaching Mathematics in schools.

Apart from the performance of students in Mathematics, another major concern is the employability rate. An assessment of soft-skills level of students will definitely help us to plan activities to help the students to acquire these skills over three years. For this purpose, we are also planning to conduct a survey among the students on their analytical and communication skills.

In this regard, we need your help in the following:

i) The University will send a standard question paper for Mathematics and you have to conduct the examination and give us the results of students' performance.

ii) The University is also proposing an online test to assess the analytical and communication skills of the students. The online test will be available to your college students on a specified time. The Controller of Examinations of the University will allot slots.

iii) Based on the above test, we can profile the students and group them into different categories and devise strategies for enhancing their skills and also can monitor the same continuously.

We are sure that the above steps will go a long way in securing the future career of our students. The University requests your support towards this activity of students' profiling. The University will be sending you the necessary question papers very soon. Any suggestion in this regard is most welcome.

With kind regards,

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Vice-Chancellor**