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**Subject: Request for philanthropic support to build infrastructure in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)**

Madam/Sir,

The Ministry of Education, Government of India has initiated the Programme Vidyanjali to seek, inter alia, philanthropic support for building infrastructure like student hostels, academic blocks, libraries, sports complexes, faculty and staff housing, etc. of government Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Whilst there exist a range of programmes/schemes for such support across Ministries, there is a need to further supplement the efforts, especially for building infrastructure in Government HEIs. The Vidyanjali programme is an attempt in that direction. This initiative hopes to further the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, which mandates equitable access to quality education for all. A Not-for-Profit Company, the Vidyanjali Foundation, has been set up under Section 8 of the Companies Act 1956 to address this in a focussed manner. The Foundation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Education Consultants for India Limited (EdCIL), a 100% Central Government owned Public Sector Company.

2. The Vidyanjali programme intends to garner assistance and funding from non-government partners and private sources such as CSR grants, national and international donors and impact investors. Therefore, this is a participatory call to action inviting India Inc to contribute and participate in this initiative for nation building, as joining constructive forces will not only bring in the private sector vigour but will help shape the outcome of the programme with speed and scale.

3. The Vidyanjali programme has been meticulously designed to maintain complete transparency and to provide extensive ease to all stakeholders. A fintech platform has been specifically curated under Vidyanjali. This platform will be instrumental in capturing data, receiving, hosting and viewing institution's applications, grant disbursement, tracking physical and financial progress and publicly acknowledging the support of the funders, among other platform utilities.

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