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आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

As you are aware, the 'Yuva Sangam' program was introduced as part of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) programme in early 2023 to enhance interpersonal connections and build empathy among the youth of our nation. In its previous phases, Yuva Sangam has witnessed an overwhelming response and widespread participation across India. Since its inception, more than 6,000 youths and coordinators representing the cross-section of the country have participated in more than 130 exposure tours (including the pilot phase).

Yuva Sangam is an ongoing education cum cultural exchange that celebrates diversity at its core wherein participants gain an immersive experience of various aspects of life, natural landforms, development landmarks, recent achievements, and youth connect in the host state through exposure tours of 5-7 days.

As we embark on another Phase of the programme, promising opportunities await students, youth, and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to partake in this enriching journey. Online registrations for participation in the forthcoming Phase VI will commence from March 2026 through the Yuva Sangam portal (<https://ebsb.aicte-india.org>), and the cultural-education tours are expected to begin during April-June, 2026.

The 22 eminent HEIs from pan India have been paired to organise the tours and steer the programme under five broad areas. These tours offer multidimensional insights to the youth under five broad areas - the 5 Ps i.e. Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Prodyogiki (Technology) and Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect). The programme aligns with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 through its emphasis on experiential learning and imbibing first-hand knowledge of the rich diversity of India.

Besides the selection of Yuva Sangam delegates, the identified HEIs are required to design itineraries for the tours in a holistic manner, in coordination with multiple stakeholders, to provide all-encompassing exposure to the youth under the five broad areas highlighted above. In addition, meaningful interactions with industrial bodies, associations, dignitaries (especially the Governor/Chief Minister), local heroes, start-up entrepreneurs, artists, singers, sportspersons, musicians, SHGs, NGOs, stalwarts from various spheres, etc., are to be arranged as part of the tour to enrich the overall experience and learnings of the Yuva Sangam delegation. Apart from mobilising resources from sponsors, funds available under OH-31 may be utilised by HEIs to execute this phase of Yuva Sangam.

As per the previous phases of the program, D/o Higher Education has formulated a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), Checklist and Best Practices Document for Yuva Sangam. All the documents such as concept notes, SOP, contact directory, details of IRCTC Nodal Officers, photo albums/ details of Nodal Officers/ itineraries/ list of students of

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previous phases, presentations, branding, communication to various stakeholders, feedback forms etc. have been consolidated in google drive to serve as a common repository of resource which may be accessed using the link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1EDNGUZO_ndPvjDTHDLr6THBnz6R20Cx

In this connection, HEIs are requested to nominate a Nodal Officer from their prestigious institutions to ensure the smooth execution of the upcoming Yuva Sangam Phase-VI programme.

Active involvement and cooperation of HEIs in organising and amplifying the forthcoming phase of Yuva Sangam will make it a resounding success, thus marking a significant stride towards our shared vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

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Encl: As above

To,

- The Vice-Chancellors of Universities in States as per list attached.
- The Principals of all Colleges/Institutes in States as per list attached.

List of Paired HEIs

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