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Dear Sir/Madam,

This has reference to the letter No.78071/2017/O/o CEO, dated 5th July, 2017 received from the National Institution for Transforming India, NITI Aayog, New Delhi.

The Government of India has setup the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) with the objective to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in India. AIM has announced the launch of the second call for applications for Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) (**available on UGC website**). The AICs would nurture innovative start-up businesses in their pursuit to become scalable and suitable enterprises to support enterprises in nationally relevant sectors such as manufacturing, transport, energy, health, education, agriculture, water and sanitation

You are requested to kindly encourage the academic fraternity of your esteemed University and your affiliated colleges to apply for the Atal Incubation Centres (AICs). The **last date for submission of applications is 31st July, 2017**. The detailed guidelines of the scheme are available on the website of NITI Aayog (<http://niti.gov.in/content/atal-incubation-centres-aics>). For further queries, you may please contact NITI Aayog at email: md-aim@gov.in and Tel: 011-23096607/23092291.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Jaspal S. Sandhu)

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D.O. No. 78071/2017/O/o CEO

Subject: Announcing the launch of the second round applications for Atal Incubation Centres (AICs)

Dear Shri Sandhu,

The Government of India has setup the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) with the objective to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in India. AIM has announced the launch of the second call for applications for Atal Incubation Centres (AICs).

I request you to spread the word about this program as widely as possible and encourage your affiliated institutes to apply.

The AICs would nurture innovative start-up businesses in their pursuit to become scalable and sustainable enterprises by providing them with a host of resources, facilities and mentoring. They would be established to support enterprises in nationally relevant sectors such as manufacturing, transport, energy, health, education, agriculture, water and sanitation etc.

In 2016-17, AIM has supported a total of 10 universities and public and private organisations to set up AICs. Learning from the last year, we are placing a special focus on applications with industry-academia collaborations. Successful applicants would be eligible to receive the grant-in-aid of up to Rs. 10 crore for establishing a new AIC over a period of 5 years, which can be spent towards capital investment or operational and maintenance expenses. For further details on the scheme and the application, please refer to the implementation guidelines on <http://niti.gov.in/content/atal-incubation-centres-aics>. The last date for submission of applications is 31st July 2017.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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