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3rd March, 2022

Sub: Dandi-Vedaranyam Yatra-2022 to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Request to depute students to participate in Yatra from April 13 to April 17, 2022.

Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

To commemorate 75 years of India's Independence, AIU is celebrating *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, in many ways including 12 episodes series on "*Dekho Apna Desh*" with Ministry of Culture. In yet another initiative we have planned a Dandi March for the students studying in our HEIs at the behest of President, AIU Dr. Col. G. Thiruvassagam.

As you are aware, in addition to the famous Dandi Yatra undertaken by Gandhiji on 12th March, 1930 from Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi to protest the salt tax imposed by British Raj, another march was undertaken by Shri Rajagopalachari, a close associate of Gandhiji and first Governor General of India on 13th April, 1930 from Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu) to Vedaranyam to support the non-violent civil disobedience movement. As a fittest tribute to Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, our **Honorable Prime Minister** inaugurated a 386-kilometre 'Dandi March from Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi', on 12th of March 2021 with 81 participants.

To propagate the life, mission and thought of Mahatma Gandhi and to celebrate 75 years of India's independence, the Association of Indian Universities is organizing a '*Dandi-Vedaranyam Yatra*' covering approx. 160 KM of distance from Tiruchirappalli to Vedaranyam from 13th to 17th April, 2022 wherein about 200-300 students from Indian universities are expected to join. The purpose & objective is to attract the attention of our 37 million students to this historic event by arranging this programme. The AIU, is collaborating with AMET University and other universities of Tamil Nadu who shall be arranging the logistics for the March.

It shall be a matter of pride and honor for the students to be a part of this nationally important event which will remain in their memories throughout their life. They will also get an opportunity to understand the rural India and meet the people of all sections of the society during this Yatra. Moreover, students will be demonstrating their talents in the form of cultural programmes, awareness speeches and other creative ways when they will be passing by and staying in different villages along the Yatra route. A Certificate of Appreciation will also be given to the students who participate in the event. AIU will take care of all the expenses towards food, accommodation, refreshments, medical and covid safety needs etc., during the Yatra days. However, Universities have to bear the to and fro traveling expenses of the nominated student(s) to participate in the Yatra from Tiruchirappalli i.e., from their University to Tiruchirappalli and back.

We request you to nominate 1-2 students from your University by filling up the following Google Form on or **before 20th March, 2022.**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJxy8GIKLNhLHsfxBAkVU8Lw_OzaBVJ9ZmrdlpYN2aIJ9tQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

A brief brochure about the Dandi March and the proposed events are attached herewith for your reference.

I seek your support and early response.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Pankaj Mittal)

The Vice-Chancellor/Director all AIU Member Universities.