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Sub: Massive Tree Plantation Drive - MeriLiFE mission of Dept. of Higher Education, Ministry of Education-reg.,

Dear Sir/ Madam,

"LIFE" is an India-led global mass movement to protect and preserve the environment. It aims to nudge individuals and communities to practice a lifestyle that is synchronous with nature and does not harm it. As one step further, "MeriLiFE" Mission of Dept. of Higher Education, Ministry of Education is being launched on the occasion of "World Environment Day" 5th June, 2023. The objective of the same is to initiate a massive plantation drive in-line with One Student One Tree 2020.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) will launch MeriLiFE movement as a key to combating climate change and promote plantation. Under this mission, target of "One crore" Tree Plantation has been taken by AICTE. Hence, AICTE requests all students, faculty and staff members of its approved Institutions to plant at least one tree having suitable utility in the respective region. The name of the Tree may be given on the name of person who planted that tree. AICTE also requests all Institutions to organize Mission MeriLiFE Pledge on 5th June 2023.

The tree plantation drive may be planned considering horticultural landscaping of the institute aiming to plant maximum number of trees and plants, wherever possible for example along boundary walls/roads/tracks, in empty spaces which are not to be used for any other purpose.

If not enough space is available with the institute, please coordinate with the local Municipal and Development Authorities, as well as with the Forest and Horticulture departments of the State Government, who have their own annual targets and budget to plant trees in large numbers. MoE and AICTE will also write to Principle Secretaries of the states requesting them to help in plantation drive in their vicinity.

All Institutions are also requested to maintain the details of the student & faculty planting the trees viz; Full Name, Email Address, Number of Tree Planted, Name of the Tree and upload the same on AICTE portal (link will be shared soon).

As an incentive for carrying out plantation, students/ faculty/ staff members will be recognised as Pro Planet People. Students may be awarded 20 "AICTE Activity Points,"

as defined in chapter 6 of AICTE Internship Policy'. In addition, top 100 Institutes with maximum number of tree planted will be awarded with "Certificate of Appreciation" by AICTE.

We hope to get your support in making MeriLiFE: Tree Plantation drive 2023 a huge success.

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