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To,

**All Vice Chancellor of Technical Universities,
Directorate of Technical Education (All States/ UTs) and
All Directors/ Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions,**

Subject: Preparation of question papers in bilingual languages-reg.

Respected Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that AICTE is promoting Technical Education in Indian languages by granting approval of extra seats for offering UG/Diploma engineering courses in Indian languages. In order to give opportunity to the students for expressing their subject knowledge effectively in solving the question papers and to facilitate the conduct of examination it is desirable that the question papers may be prepared in bilingual languages and one language must be local language.

Conducting exams in Indian languages offers several important purposes and can be beneficial for the students coming from diverse background:

1) Inclusiveness in the examination

Many students are not proficient in the English language. By offering exams in Indian languages, educational institutes and organisations can include a more diverse range of students. It shows that languages are not going to be a barrier to showcasing their knowledge and skills.

2) Promotes Fairness and equity

However, in the traditional assessment process, all the students have the same power to showcase their skills. Without any different languages, it feels like some students might not be as impactful as others. Language proficiency can significantly impact a student's performance in exams. It helps students to understand the core purpose of the question and will help them express themselves in their native language. That's how the evaluation process becomes based on subject matter knowledge rather than language proficiency.

3) Help students to maintain their culture and identity

The Indian language of any person is their cultural identity and conducting exams in their languages helps preserve and promote the use of local languages. It helps local students to understand world events in the simplest way possible.

4) Better Understanding of questions

Generally, it is observed that students know question's answer but due to the language barrier, students could not able to evaluate the question effectively. So when students read questions in local languages, they can easily understand the concepts and respond to questions effectively. This improves the overall performance of the candidate.

5) Supports government initiatives

The central government's main initiative is to increase the literacy ratio in the poor regional areas and reduce school dropouts. Adopting Indian languages in exam will boost the psychology of the students & will enhance the Gross Enrolment Ratio.

You are therefore requested to initiate necessary steps for preparing the examination papers in bilingual language out of which one may be a local language.

We deeply appreciate your time and engagement.

With regards,

Your sincerely,

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