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Registration Open for Vidyanjali Higher Education Volunteer Programme aimed at creating a Pool of volunteers to build academic, training, and infrastructure support for institutions in higher educations

***The volunteer program aims to benefit India's 40 million students in higher education
Volunteers can register for the program at vidyanjali-he.education.gov.in***

New Delhi, January 4th 2022 : The Ministry of Education (MOE) has started registration in the Vidyanjali Higher Education Volunteer Programme, aimed at creating a robust team of volunteers who can positively impact the nation's higher education system by contributing with academic, training, and infrastructure support.

To participate in this program both volunteers and institutions can sign up at www.vidyanjali-he.education.gov.in. Individuals need to register on the platform for the specialized areas that they need to volunteer for in the program. Volunteers can then interact with Higher Education institutes directly and contribute to the institution's academic service and activity with relevant knowledge and skillset. Volunteers can also sign up to help institutions by donating assets and equipment.

Vidyanjali Higher Education Volunteer Programme is aimed at strengthening support to students, faculties, and institutions of higher educations by volunteerism through the involvement of the community, private and public sector, NGOs, NRIs, and PIOs.

Announcing the registration for the Vidyanjali Higher Education Volunteer Programme, AICTE's vice-chairman, Prof. M.P. Ponia said: ***"This is an important initiative of the Ministry of Education (MOE) that would benefit the country's higher education program. Almost 40 million students are in higher education and our foremost task is to benefit them from both government and society. India has a huge youth population and we want to convert this into a strong human resource for the country. This is in line with our dream to make an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. We need to integrate every available resource in the country and pool them together to make this program a success."***

This initiative would connect institutions of higher education with varied volunteers from the Indian diaspora namely young professionals, retired/working teachers, retired/ working government officials, professionals, and students of PG and Ph.D. levels.

Through the portal, volunteers can make their skills and specialized services they want to offer known to the institutions. The institutions can also make their requirement known through the portal to seek volunteers.

There are almost 27 academic activities and sponsorship services that volunteers can chip in with for their services. In terms of infrastructure support, volunteers can also support institutions with basic civil and electrical infrastructure, classroom equipment for teaching, and digital infrastructure.

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