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Dear Sir,

As you are aware, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India under the NMEICT Scheme has developed **National Digital Library of India (NDLI)** through IIT Kharagpur, to integrate all the existing digitized and digital contents across educational and cultural institutions/bodies to provide a single-window access of all these contents to all citizens of the country.

2. NDLI is open to all, free and anybody can view/download contents from NDLI either through the NDLI website and Mobile App (Android and iOS). NDLI currently hosts more than 85 million contents and daily content view/download from the NDLI site is more than 200,000.

3. NDLI currently has more than 7 million registered users and proved to be a major factor of resilience during the COVID pandemic for learners across all segments. NDLI continues to undertake unique initiatives such as content for Disability Education & Engagement Portal for Access to Knowledge (DEEPAK) and fast growing repository for various tests including GATE.

4. As colleges return to normalcy, we witness a spurt in creation and consumption of digital content. In coming times, the role of libraries to subsume digital offerings is expected to be more pronounced. To ensure that all colleges benefit from the developments in the digital learning & resources space, it is imperative that the following activities are re-initiated with a renewed vigor.

(i) To ensure that the library systems across the HEIs are well networked and benefit from the initiatives undertaken at NDLI, it is important to maintain a database of librarians at various HEIs. This would help in information dissemination and sharing at a faster pace and the librarian would act as a nodal person for all activities related to coordination with NDLI.

(ii) For wider use of educational contents created at institutes, it is necessary that these contents are made available in digital form, hosted in an Institutional Digital Repository (IDR) of the Institute and the IDR of the Institute is integrated with NDLI.

(iii) To fulfill the NEP 2020 mandate of learning through activities, NDLI is also providing a digital framework (<https://club.ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/>) and hand-holding the institutes to set up NDLI Clubs at the institutes and conduct learning-oriented events in these Clubs involving



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their students using contents of NDLI. In fact more than 3000 AICTE institutes and over 500 UGC institutes have already set NDLI Club at their institute.

5. In the above contexts, you are requested to kindly advice all the AICTE Institutes to do the following:

- a) Update the Google form, <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmZYd-nUvYn0L0jJ9EEBUwoUGOosdbIorz57j9SQFtXrqCw/viewform> , with the relevant details of the librarian or an appropriate nodal person at the HEIs.
- b) To collate the educational contents created at the institute in digital form, host these in the Institutional Digital Repository (IDR) of the respective institute and make necessary settings in the IDR for NDLI to harvest metadata of these contents and integrate these in NDLI for wider dissemination and use of the educational contents.
- c) To set up NDLI Clubs at the institute, if not done already, and conduct learning-oriented events in the Club for its students using the contents of NDLI.

Dr. B. Sutradhar, Librarian and Jt. PI of NDLI project (librarian@library.iitkgp.ac.in) is the nodal official of NDLI. The librarian or the nodal person at the HEI may be requested to directly coordinate with him.

Looking forward to your support and thanking you,

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,



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