





विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग University Grants Commission

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आदरणीय महोदया.

This is with reference to your letter dated October 11, 2024, regarding the request for UGC's endorsement of the "GO4YOUTH" Olympiad on Environment and Sustainable Development for students in Universities and Colleges. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) has consistently demonstrated its commitment to promoting environmental education and sustainable development, which is commendable.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) values such initiatives that foster environmental consciousness and sustainable practices among the youth, and we are pleased to endorse the GO4YOUTH initiative for the 2024-25 academic year. UGC is keen to establish a knowledge partnership with TERI in this regard, aligning with our shared goals of nurturing environmentally responsible behaviour in higher education institutions (HEIs).

However, in moving forward with this partnership, we kindly request that TERI consider the following

- 1. Alignment with UGC Guidelines: The UGC guidelines on environmental education, the framework for Eco-Friendly and Sustainable Campus Development in HEIs (SATAT), Mission LiFE, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Net Zero, Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari, and Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan should be referred to while developing the Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs) and application-based questions. This will ensure the Olympiad reflects the national priorities in sustainability and environmental education.
- Ministry Support: We request that TERI obtain support from the Ministry of Environment,
 Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and the Ministry of Education (MoE) for
 GO4YOUTH. Their collaboration would enhance the reach and impact of the Olympiad
 across educational institutions.

We are confident that this initiative will significantly encourage students to contribute towards building a sustainable and eco-conscious nation. We look forward to continued collaboration with TERI to promote environment-related education across the HEI landscape.

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