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## **ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES**

AIU HOUSE, 16, Comrade Indrajit Gupta Marg, New Delhi 110 002

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Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

As you are aware that skill deficit among graduates in the country has become one of the major concerns in the recent times. This is a grey area which has been constantly adding to the already existing employability problem across the country. Many a surveys undertaken by various organizations indicate that a large proportion of the graduates coming out of our colleges and universities lack requisite skill for employment, they offer an aggregate analysis of the problem and broadly indicate the possible areas of policy intervention at the institutional level. It is in this context that the XI and XII five year plan have put added emphasis on skill development urging the higher education institutions to take such measures as revising their curricula to make them in tune with the contemporary requirements; focusing on practical training and hands on experience so as to appropriately equip their graduates.

I would like to inform that Wheebox, Global Talent Assessment Company has taken a pioneering initiative of helping Enterprises, Government and Academic Institutions globally to measure and identify talent. Wheebox, in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and LinkedIn (World's largest professional network), has taken up an exercise of assessing the skill of the final year students using "Wheebox Workforce Skills Test (WEST)" of Indian Universities and other academic institutions. The purpose of this exercise is to build *India Skill Report (ISR)*, with a view to provide a comprehensive report on the skill aspects of the graduates so as to inform the employers, aspiring job seekers, the universities and other educational institutions to get feedback on their strength and areas requiring improvement.

The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has signed an MoU with Wheebox for promoting this endeavor in India across all its member Universities and other Institutions. I, therefore, request you to support Wheebox and encourage all the Final year students to undertake the Wheebox Workforce Skill Test (WEST). The test is conducted free of Cost and without any financial or other implications on the AIU member Universities.

For further details, you may contact the Wheebox team at <u>info@wheebox.com</u>. Attached with this email is a sample Notice/Announcement for students for further action at your end.

Your kind support for this encouraging initiative will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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