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Dear Vice-Chancellor,

As you are aware, higher education in the country has been greatly influenced by a number of national and international developments. Globalization is one such major influencing factors of the present era, which has given rise to both challenges and opportunities. It has also increased manifold the risk of marginalization especially for those who are not keeping pace with the advancements that are taking place in the sector.

Seen in this context, 'Research and Innovation' are the two critical areas which stand at the centre-stage and thus require urgent attention of the university system. Realizing the importance of these two key areas, the Government of India has aptly declared 2010-2020 as the 'Decade of Innovation'. It has stressed the need to enunciate a policy to synergize between research and innovation. The Innovation required today calls us not only to create new knowledge but also to make unique application of that knowledge culminating into meaningful assets for the society. It is relevant to quote from the National Innovation Council the scope and the content of innovation. "*Innovation today is increasingly going beyond the confines of formal R&D to redefine everything. Today innovation can mean new and unique applications of old technologies, using design to develop new products and services, new processes and structures to improve performance in diverse areas, organizational creativity.....Innovation is being seen as a means of creating sustainable and cost effective solutions for the people at the bottom of the pyramid, and is being viewed as an important strategy for inclusive growth in developing economies*".

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The UGC, for long, has recognized the importance of promoting *'Research and Innovation'* in our university system. Accordingly, it has launched many schemes to support institutions of higher learning in these areas. It is also formulating a scheme to support institutions being envisioned as Innovation Universities.

I am writing this letter to request you to assess the strength of your university and let us know 4-5 key areas wherein you would like to pursue research and innovation in an intensive manner during the current Plan period. This exercise is being undertaken by the UGC with a view to mapping the real potential of our universities in carrying forward this agenda and to support them to achieve excellence of global standards in some chosen knowledge domains.

Looking forward to receiving an early response.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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