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## **CIRCULAR**

To

All Vice Chancellors of Technical Universities and All Directors/ Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions,

Subject: National Inter-College Crossword Expedition 2024 (NICE-24).

Respected Sir/Madam,

Crosswords have a proven track record of being an excellent learning tool and at the same time providing a fun-filled pastime. It is one exercise which comes with multiple benefits which Enhances Logical Reasoning, Strengthens Memory, Stimulates Problem-Solving Skills, Sharpens Focus and Concentration, Enhances Lateral Thinking and Creativity, ensures a Decision-Making Bent of Mind, Provides a Sense of Accomplishment, Builds Confidence, Enables You to Take Challenges, Augments Your Vocabulary

At a time when the job market is getting increasingly competitive, all the above together are a sine qua non of building a bright career. Introduced in India in 2013 in competitive formats across different levels, solving cryptic crosswords has become not only a popular pastime but also a mental training aid for thousands of students, professionals and even empty nesters.

In order to bring about the crossword-solving culture in the institutes of higher education AICTE, Extra-C, IIM Mumbai, IIT Madras have entered into MoU on 21.05.2024 and it has been decided to hold National Inter-College Crossword Expedition (NICE) (copy of MoU is available on AICTE website) through a **National Inter-College Crossword Expedition (NICE)**, a contest involving solving of cryptic crossword clues. It is scheduled to be held between **June-September 2024** and it will be conducted through both online (initial rounds) and offline modes (zonal and national rounds).

The detailed guidelines/format for NICE 2024 and the tentative schedule of various rounds is attached at Annexure. We deeply value you line and engagement

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Mamta Rani Agarwal)

