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Dear Sir /Madam,

In continuation of earlier communication vide **D.O.14-8/2014 (CPP-II) dated 29th October, 2014** I would like to reiterate that transgender is distinct cultural identity and a unique presence on the socio-cultural map of the country. It is to be admitted that much remains to be done in order to ameliorate the discrimination and deprivation suffered by Transgender Community (TG) in Indian society. I request you to do all it takes to ensure that affirmative actions ordered by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its landmark judgment dated **15th April, 2014 in W.P. (Civil) No. 400 of 2012 and No. 604 of 2013** are initiated in your university so that human rights of TG students are safeguarded and their mainstreaming is fast-tracked within university and society at large.

I believe that you have spared no efforts to create TG-friendly infrastructure like washrooms, restrooms etc. in your university. Understandably, this will go a long way in acclimatizing TG students without facing any fear, stigma or shame. Further, UGC wishes to award Major Research Projects to academics who can, in collaboration with community members and other experts in the field, undertake ethnographic research on the life and culture of TG community. Such research, you would agree, will lead not only to a better understanding of the TG subculture but also help dispel several myths pertaining to the community embedded in popular discourse. I request you to encourage faculty members in your university to come forward and take up such challenging and socially relevant research in the interest of academia as well as egalitarian society.


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To

The Vice Chancellors of all universities

