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Respected Madam/Sir,

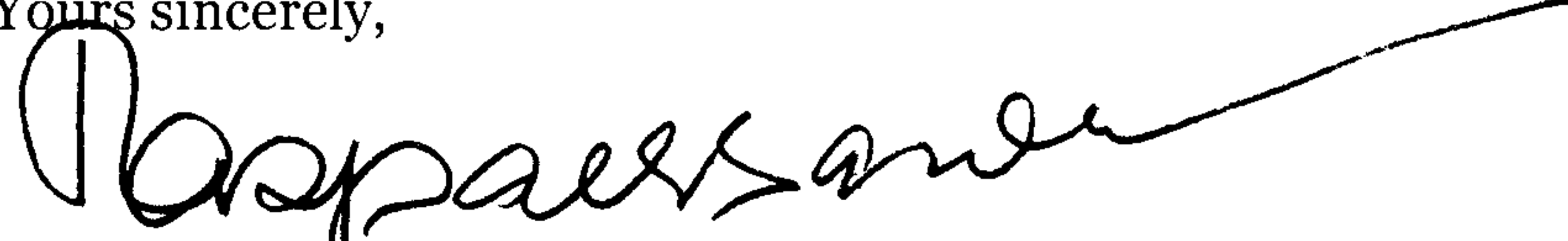
The Government of India enacted the Biological Diversity Act (BD Act) in 2002 and notified the Rules there-under in 2004 to give effect to the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity to which India is a party. Biological Diversity is a term used to describe the diversity of life at gene species and ecosystems level. It is vital to social and economic development of the local population as it provides goods and services.

The Act aims at conservation and sustainable use of biological resources and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of these biological resources and associated knowledge. Some of the activities related to access to biological resources by the researchers / scientists / universities / educational institutions need prior approval of the National Biodiversity Authority or the State Biodiversity Boards. Any non-compliance of the act constitutes a cognizable and non-bailable offence. Further details on the Act and Rules can be had from the National Biodiversity Authority website [www.nbaindia.org](http://www.nbaindia.org).

You are, therefore, requested to ensure strict adherence to the provisions of the Act and to enforce the Rules and display the university's policy in this regard on its website. You are also requested to ensure strict compliance of the provision by all researchers / scientists / teaching departments / affiliated colleges of your University.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal S. Sandhu)

**To the Vice Chancellor of all universities**

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2. The Publication Officer, Website Division, UGC.

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