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Dear Sir / Madam,

The Government of India is implementing, e-Panchayat, a Mission Mode Project for e-enablement of Panchayats. Under this, ten web-based Applications have been developed that address various aspects of panchayat's functioning. The data from these applications are displayed on Geographic Information System (GIS). The aim is to develop a country-wide Gram Panchayat/equivalent level spatial data infrastructure to improve service delivery at Panchayat and for better governance. The following points are to be implemented:

- Panchayati Raj Institutions could be assisted by the Geography Departments for capacity building and hand holding.
- The academia must give emphasis on selection of rural local bodies as areas of interest for academic projects and also collaborate with students and professor for developing readily replicable models.
- Students may be encouraged to actively participate in the Gram Sabha meetings and contribute to the discussion therein.

Accordingly, you are requested to issue instructions to Geography and Allied Departments in your university and affiliated colleges to collaborate with the State Panchayati Raj/Local Government Department for more inclusive development of rural areas.

Action taken may be conveyed to the UGC through email at [epanchayat.ugc@gmail.com](mailto:epanchayat.ugc@gmail.com).

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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