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**Dear Vice Chancellors/Directors,**

Greetings from AIU!

We are grateful to you for sharing good wishes and accolades for the "Success of the Century" for India in the World University Games. As we celebrate this moment of triumph, we only acknowledge that it is the collaboration, shared wisdom, and determination of all the member universities and Sports Fraternity of universities sector that has propelled us to this pinnacle of success.

AIU fielded 265 Athletes from India in the 31<sup>st</sup> World University Games held in Chengdu. It was a defining moment for us when they with their extraordinary performance on the global stage, secured an impressive tally of 26 medals, including 11 golds, 5 silvers, and 10 bronzes, showcasing their athletic prowess and commitment to excellence. What makes this achievement even more remarkable is the fact that we've risen from the 29<sup>th</sup> position in the overall medal tally during the 2019 edition to the 7<sup>th</sup> position in the medal standings at the Chengdu edition of the World University Games. This inspiring leap is more significant with the athletes surpassing the World record, making a few national records, and attaining qualifying scores for the forthcoming Asian Games. India has been participating in the World University Games since 1959 and has altogether secured only 18 medals in the last 60 years, whereas under the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister and your dynamic support, the Indian contingent bagged 26 medals in the 31<sup>st</sup> World University Games.

The Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the champions of the World University Games 2023 during the recent "Mann Ki Baat" and also tweeted about the medal-winning athletes who brought laurels to the country at the mega event and praised their efforts. Moreover, the Indian Parliament also applauded the achievements of our university athletes.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the member universities who contributed to this triumph in the 31<sup>st</sup> World University Games, working relentlessly behind the scene and ensured that our athletes were provided with the best possible ambiance and state-of-the-art facilities to flourish in the international space. The commitment shown by your good office has been instrumental in the journey to victory.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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**All Vice Chancellors/Directors of Member Universities/Institutions.**