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Dear Director,

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As you are aware, the Governments of India and the United States of America have launched a joint initiative namely, **Singh–Obama 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge Initiative**. The main objective of the initiative is to foster partnerships between educational institutions of both the countries in the field of higher education and research. Many schemes are being devised to achieve the objective of the initiative. One such scheme devised was to invite project proposals from institutions recognized under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956 and from Institutions of National Importance for financial assistance in the areas of **Energy Studies, Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Environmental Studies, Education and Educational Reform & Community Development and Innovation**. Accordingly, the UGC invited proposals from institutions in December, 2012 with the last date being set for receipt of proposals as 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2013. However, in order to invite more competitive proposals from institutions, the UGC has extended the time limit for submission of proposals to **15<sup>th</sup> March, 2013**. Further details of the scheme can be accessed at the following web address [http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9807232\\_proposalusindiaic.pdf](http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/9807232_proposalusindiaic.pdf)

I am writing this letter to apprise you of this novel initiative and to request your personal intervention in this regard. May I, therefore, request you to kindly ask your colleagues to develop research proposals in the aforesaid knowledge domains and participate in this open competition and to take benefit of this unique scheme. This scheme will not only facilitate your institution in forging collaboration with US Universities but also provide you additional substantial resources for the promotion of research in your University.

Kindly impress upon your fellow colleagues to develop the proposals and forward them to UGC within stipulated time frame.

Looking forward for your active support.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ved Prakash)

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