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Dear Principal, ICF Member College

The status of implementation of the *National Education Policy (NEP) 2020*—nearly five years after its announcement—deserves serious attention from heads and faculty of higher education institutions, as well as from organizations responsible for supporting, funding, and facilitating the policy's innovative aspects.

Over the past decade, technological advancements, especially in the field of *Artificial Intelligence (AI)*, have accelerated rapidly. The advent of large language models (LLMs) such as those developed by OpenAI has enabled machines to engage with the cognitive dimensions of human skills, thereby assisting in solving complex problems in research, education, and various operational areas. While these developments have caused disruptions in traditional systems, they have also created unprecedented opportunities to address large-scale, data-driven challenges. Their growing influence on higher education and research is expected to be transformative in the coming years.

At the same time, the continued use of fossil fuels and industrial emissions has led to severe environmental consequences, manifesting as global warming and climate change. The resulting phenomena—floods, droughts, melting glaciers, and extreme temperatures—pose serious threats to life on earth. Higher education institutions have a vital role to play in mitigating these effects through awareness, advocacy, research, and innovation in green technologies and alternative energy sources aimed at achieving net-zero emissions. Engaging students and faculty in sustainability initiatives and climate action is essential to building a resilient and responsible future.

The *Indian Colleges Forum (ICF)*, a professional body of college heads across the country, has consistently worked for the advancement of higher education and its contribution to national development. Over the years, ICF has organized 25 national conferences on topics of national importance, where principals and institutional leaders have deliberated on issues and made recommendations for policy and action.

In view of the critical importance of these emerging issues, the *Indian Colleges Forum* is organizing the **26th National Conference of Principals and Heads of Higher Education Institutions** on the theme:

"Challenges of Implementation of NEP-2020 and the Impact of AI and Climate Change on Higher Education" to be held from **19–21 December 2025**, in collaboration with **Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, Delhi**.

A brochure containing details of the conference is enclosed for your information and for sharing with colleagues and other interested academics in your institution. We warmly invite you to participate in

the conference and contribute to policy discussions and action programs on these three important themes through paper presentations, posters, and discussions.

Kindly send your registration forms in advance to help us plan your participation and schedule presentations accordingly. The link for registration through Google form is given below:

<https://forms.gle/nBYJU7nYSi6atAi5A>

Please fill this form and submit.

You can also send your registration through post in the attached form.

This is the **first circular** for the conference. You will shortly receive another communication from Professor (Dr.) Savita Roy -the *Principal, Daulat Ram College*—the host institution and *Secretary of the EC of ICF Delhi State Chapter* and the *Secretary General, ICF New Delhi*, formally inviting you to the event.

We look forward to your participation and an early response.

With warm regards,



(G. D. Sharma)

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