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PROJECT ANUTOSH

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented loss of life and livelihoods worldwide. The pandemic presents mammoth challenges, across countries, to public health, economic systems, employment, education and mental health. Millions of people are at risk of falling into extreme poverty due to loss of jobs and economic uncertainty. There are intertwined health, economic and social impacts of the pandemic that have to be strategically addressed at the national and society level. The second wave of Covid-19 pandemic has been severely devastating in India with exponential increase in infections and deaths that have impacted the children most. Many children have lost their parent/s and have been orphaned. This catastrophic crisis demands solidarity and collaborative support from Government, humanitarian agencies and institutions towards the most vulnerable sections of our society.

In this context, IQAC has initiated Project *Anutosh* under which we are committed, through a structured institutional mechanism, to help rebuild the lives of those students who have been worst affected by the Covid-19 and have lost their parent/s and are looking at a grim and uncertain future. The Project team has planned a structured and long term fostering of these kids with full support from the College administration. We have initiated crisis response measures and efforts to address the immediate and long-term challenges faced by such students. The team has identified 14 such students in the college who are in need of immediate mentoring, counselling and help.

With this aim in mind, the Project is going to proceed with the following objectives:

- To track and contact students who have lost their parent/s.

- To provide them immediate counselling from professional counsellor.
- To mentor them towards a safe and professionally secure future.
- To help them in academic and other needs.
- To oversee that they are able to avail Government benefits under several schemes announced for such children who have lost their parent/s to Covid-19.
- To keep track of their career progression and placement.
- To further expand the scope of the project by collaborating with Help groups for helping children, in general, who have been orphaned due to Covid-19.

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