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**Subject: Visit of Students of Engineering Colleges/Institutions to Atal Tunnel, Rohtang, Himachal Pradesh - a technological marvel**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has dedicated, Atal Tunnel, the world's longest motorable tunnel in Rohtang to the Nation on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020. Situated at an altitude above 10,000 ft., this 9.02 km long tunnel has been constructed in an extremely difficult and hostile climate, deploying the latest and best practices in tunnel technology with state of art features including semi-transverse ventilation, SCADA controlled fire-fighting, illumination and monitoring system. This engineering feat is expected to reduce travel time between Manali and Leh by 4-5 hours.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister desired that that the knowledge of this technological marvel of the country, encompassing the best practices in engineering, design, planning, construction and project management, be disseminated to students of engineering colleges/ institutions who should be encouraged to visit this tunnel to see, appreciate and assimilate the capabilities in tunnelling efforts which now exist within the country.

In this regard, the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities and Principals of Colleges are requested to share details of this engineering feat and technological marvel – Atal tunnel amongst the students of Engineering Colleges / Institutions and encourage them to visit by strictly adhering to the necessary Covid-19 advisories, guidelines/directions issues by Central/State Governments from time to time.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To

The Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities

The Principals of all the Colleges