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Dear *Si / Madan*

As you are aware, the Study in India (SII) portal www.studyinindia.gov.in launched in August 2023, has become fully functional for facilitating the admission process of foreign students who wish to pursue either long term or short-term courses in India. The SII portal facilitates the foreign students to apply for admissions and receive offer letters from Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) registered on the portal.

2. I would like to highlight that from the next Academic Year (AY) i.e. 2025-26 we are in the process to make it mandatory for all foreign students coming for higher studies to India to mandatorily register on the SII portal, and quote the Unique ID generated thereon in their visa applications. As such, no foreign student would be able to get a student visa without registering on the SII portal and quoting the Unique ID in the visa application. To proceed for their visa application process, they will have to apply via Indian visa portal.

3. I am also happy to convey that Ministry of Home Affairs has introduced e-Student visa facility to foreign students who are eligible for S-1 and S-3 student visa as well as registered on SII portal. MHA has also introduced e-student X visa facility to the dependents of those coming under the aforesaid e-Student visas.

4. In this context, I seek your personal intervention to ensure that the student registration link on the SII portal (<https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/admission/registrations>) is placed prominently on the institution's website and information on e-Student visa facility may also be mentioned on the institute's website. It is also requested that institutions offering admission to foreign students may kindly register on the portal at the earliest. Education Consultants India Limited (EdCIL), a CPSE under Ministry of Education (MoE) is the executing arm of SII and also looking after the overall coordination of the SII portal. For further assistance/clarification regarding the portal kindly contact Mr. Ashutosh Kumar, Deputy Manager SII at ashutoshkumar@edcil.co.in or via Mobile: +91 9874991900.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To all HEIs