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Dear Sir/Madam,

University Grant Commission (UGC) has been advocating value-based approach to higher education in view of the multifarious benefits it imparts to students. Value-based education creates a strong learning environment that enhances academic attainment and develops students' social and relationship skills that last throughout their lives. India has a rich tradition of education that is founded on universal values of liberty, equality and fraternity.

In this regard, I would like to draw your attention to the philosophy of celebrated Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvallur (circa 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> century BC) whose most remarkable contribution to Tamil literature is his work of ethics entitled *Thirukkural*. The text is considered one of the most revered among ancient Tamil works particularly because of its insightful commentary on human morals and betterment in life. I request you to organize in your university and affiliated colleges essay competitions, seminars, and debates based on the life and works of Shri Thiruvalluvar. I am sure Shri Thiruvalluvar's rich message will liberate teachers and students from the stress of confrontational relationships and equip them with social relationship skills and attitudes to succeed.

Accordingly, you are requested to organize above activities in your university and affiliated colleges with a vigor and send the action-taken report to UGC on email: [ugc.thiru@gmail.com](mailto:ugc.thiru@gmail.com)

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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