

संजय धोत्रे  
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शिक्षा, संचार एवं इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और  
सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालयों के राज्य मंत्री  
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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
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COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &  
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

To, *Dr P. S. Sathidevi*  
In-charge  
National Institute of Technology Calicut

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Dear *Director, Faculty Members and Students*

I extend my heartiest congratulations to **National Institute of Technology Calicut** and all faculty members, students on attaining **8<sup>th</sup> Rank** – under **Institute of National Importance, Central Universities & CFTIs** category in ARIIA 2020. The institute has performed exceedingly well, in Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2020.

The world, and India too, is changing at much faster pace, thanks to the innovations happening in every field of economy and life. Young innovators have changed the face of technology enabled economy, especially in the recent years. The Digital India Campaign launched by Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi ji, has unleashed a wave of innovations in technology field. The vibrant start up ecosystem is being built on solid foundation of innovation culture. The recently announced National Education Policy 2020 also acknowledges importance of innovations, as a part of our overall education system, and to make our nation "Atmanirbhar" we need to have broader and diversified innovation culture in our higher educational institutions.

Along with the traditional and New Technology, important fields like Agriculture, environment, health also require the attention of young innovative minds. I urge you to encourage them to think about the innovations that can reduce the farming costs and maximise the gains for our farmers, while protecting the quality of soil, water, air and environment. Let them think about existing problems in various fields, and also even in the nearby locality and try to develop innovative, affordable solutions, with the help of technology. Collaborate with other like minded institutions for exchange of ideas. Involve industry leaders, venture capitalists and give the students the much required insights from the experienced minds. I am sure, under able leadership and with motivated faculty members and students, your institution will surely establish itself as a model institution in the field of new innovations.

I congratulate you once again, and extend my best wishes for the bright future of the institution.

Yours sincerely,

(Sanjay Dhotre)