In view of the outbreak of COVID19 and National lockdown since March 25th, some students have been facing difficulties due to closure of colleges and hostels. Hence in order to provide help and support to such students, AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) has come out with a unique website and address the issues.

The website with an URL <u>https://helpline.aicte-india.org</u> was launched by the Honorable Minister for Human Resource development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank" today in the presence of Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman AICTE, MP Poonia, Vice chairman AICTE, Shri Buddha Chandrashekhar, Chief Coordinating Officer, AICTE and student interns Shivanshu and Akash of Graphic Era University who developed this portal in record time of one day and Secretary Dr Rajive and other AICTE officers on videoconferencing.

This portal is essentially to connect those who are willing to provide help with those who need help. The nature of support includes Accommodation, Food, on line Classes, Attendance, Examinations, Scholarships, Health, Transport, Harassment etc.

As many as 6500 colleges have already come forward to provide support at such a crucial juncture. Students in difficulty are encouraged to directly get connected with them through this portal. Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman AICTE also appealed to voluntary organizations, NGOs. Social organizations, philanthropists to come forward and render similar their support to the 6500 colleges. organizations. philanthropists Interested social NGOs. please contact us at: cconeat@aicte-india.org