In view of the outbreak of COVID-19 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 [https://helpline.aicte-india.org](https://helpline.aicte-india.org) was launched by the Honourable Minister for Human Resource development Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal “Nishank” on 3rd April, 2020 in the presence of Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman AICTE, Prof. M.P 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, online 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 their support similar to the 6500 colleges.

Interested social organizations, NGOs, philanthropists please contact us at: cconeat@aicte-india.org