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Dear Students,

It gives me immense pleasure to share with you that India and Australia have signed a historic India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA) on 2nd April 2022. With the signing of this agreement, two great nations have come together to redefine their economic relations with great opportunities and possibilities in terms of market access for goods and services, covering key areas of supply chain. Aligned with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and the Australian Prime Minister H.E. Scott Morrison's India Economic Strategy 2035, the agreement apart from boosting bilateral trade covers many areas with potential to further strengthen the relationship between the two countries.

Australia has remained a preferred destination for Indian students for several decades. More than 1,00,000 Indian students are currently studying at Australian Universities in different cities. Many among these aspire to gain professional experience at Australian workplaces after completing their education. In this regard, I am happy to inform you that one of the key highlights of the IndAus ECTA is the institutionalization of the post-study work regime for Indian students studying in Australia.

Further, the agreement will increase research collaboration for students and provide an opportunity to pursue dual degree programs thereby enhancing employability. This has been achieved through the continuous efforts of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who has always been striving for empowerment and advancement of Indian students studying abroad.

I wish you all the success in your studies and a bright future ahead.

My best regards,

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