It is a matter of immense pleasure for me to be a part of the Pondicherry University (a Central University) family as its Vice Chancellor. I take this opportunity of welcoming students coming from all parts of the world, joining the University in Post-Graduate and Doctoral programmes for the academic year 2021-22.

As a Vice-Chancellor of this prestigious University, my focus will be on refining our strategic direction and identifying opportunities for growth. We are constantly responding to the challenges of the changing academia by defining our strengths and building our distinctive character and identity. We are committed to recruiting staff who can assist us in transforming these challenges into opportunities, and who are also willing to walk with us in the constant search for quality, efficiency and new opportunities which are indeed our highest ideals.

We keep our motto “vers la lumiere” (From Darkness, towards the Light!) at the heart of everything we do. I can imagine that many of you are feeling both excited and perhaps a little anxious about starting your journey as a University student. Let me assure you that you have chosen to study at a prestigious institution where "noble thoughts come from everywhere”. The University takes great pride in having established strong, industry-focused teaching programmes and cutting-edge research. We offer our students a research-enriched education that is complemented by work-integrated learning opportunity. In addition to the courses offered, the University would be launching General MBA Programmes in Karaikal and Port Blair Campuses.
In terms of credentials, Pondicherry University has been placed among the top 1000 in the QS World University Rankings (WUR), 2022. It is a proud moment for the University as it appears in the top 20 among Indian institutions. It is a significant achievement that Pondicherry University has been placed between 301 and 350 in the QS Asia Rankings in the last four years and between 211 and 220 positons among Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Universities.

The University has highly qualified faculty in their respective fields of expertise. A large number of National and International Conferences, Seminars and Workshops are organized by the University. Such events provide a variety of experiences to the students and inculcate skills such as leadership and team spirit which are helpful in their career. Our faculty members have been able to publish good quality research work in high impact factor journals of repute. There is an active interaction between faculty and students in the campus. The learning experiences in the campus pave a strong path for enhancement of overall development of the learners.

Further, the campuses of the University are ICT enabled and the colleges provide an e-learning and e-connect environment, alongwith class coordination system, document management system as well as virtual class rooms. The University is situated in a serene environment. The serenity alongwith a complex structure of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities will shape your physical, mental and intellectual growth. As an International student of the University, you are the torch bearers of the different nations; you come from, in order to bring in positive change, towards a direction that will develop overall sustainability for better future.

I, wish and assure you, on behalf of the University family, that we will help you pursue your objectives of life under the varied social, cultural and economic environment and make the University family proud of your attainments.

Prof. GURMEET SINGH
VICE-CHANCELLOR