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Valued members and esteemed well-wishers of the Visva Bharati family,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I pen this missive--gratitude for the solidarity and fortitude we have displayed over the past couple of months as we navigate through the global crisis caused by COVID-19; gratitude for our insightful and timely response to the administrative issues raised by said crisis; and lastly, gratitude for our highly empathetic collective conscience, which has manifested itself in the 79 lakh rupees in relief money (38 lakh to the PM-CARES fund for COVID-19, and 41 lakh to the CM relief fund for Amphan victims) that we have raised thus far.

As a civic-minded educational institution, Visva Bharati has struggled to effectively address the distributive question raised by the pandemic. In other words, we have attempted to develop mechanisms and regulations that ensure that the dire economic, social, and health-related vulnerabilities caused by the pandemic are distributed more evenly than how existing socio-political hierarchies would have them. This can be seen in the ongoing relief campaign we have been running twice a week for the past two months, under which we have raised approximately 14 lakh for neighbouring villages and communities that have been disproportionately burdened by the pandemic and by Amphan--primarily the Santhals, among other vulnerable groups.

As always, I urge you to stay safe, and to stay connected amidst social distancing. Let us keep up the good work.

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