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Advisory to All the Affiliated Colleges Regarding Use of DAMINI Mobile App

Subject: Promotion and Use of DAMINI Mobile App for Lightning Safety

In view of the recurring incidents of lightning and thunderstorms during the monsoon season, all Principals/Teachers-in-Charge/Officer-in-Charge of affiliated colleges of Vidyasagar University are advised to encourage students, teaching staff, non-teaching staff and other stakeholders to install and use the "*Damini : Lightning Alert*" mobile application.

The DAMINI app has been developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). The application provides real-time lightning alerts based on the user's location and issues warnings when lightning activity is detected within a specified radius, thereby helping users take timely precautionary measures.

Given that the districts of Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur and Jhargram are highly vulnerable to severe convective storms ("Kalbaisakhi" or Nor'westers), the widespread dissemination of this early warning tool is of paramount importance to ensure safety among all concerned. The app provides GPS-based lightning alerts and safety instructions advance lightning warnings and safety guidance to help reduce risks associated with thunderstorms and lightning strikes. In view of this, all the affiliated colleges are earnestly requested to:

1. Circulate this advisory among students, faculty members, and staff.
2. Display notices regarding the installation and use of the DAMINI app on college notice boards and official communication channels.
3. Encourage students and employees to keep location services enabled while using the application for receiving timely alerts.
4. Conduct awareness programmes on lightning safety and disaster preparedness wherever feasible especially amongst the farmers and other vulnerable stakeholders.

The cooperation of all the affiliated colleges is solicited in the interest of public safety.

The official & secure application can be downloaded directly from the Google Play store via the following link: *Damini Mobile App Link*:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.lightening.app.damini>

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