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To: The Director General
ICCR.

From: Satyaveer Sarvesh Koonjah
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Respected Sir/ Madam,
Kind Greetings!

I, the undersigned, am writing this mail to you as an account of my marvelous experience with ICCR from my perspective. Being in a quarantine facility in my home country at present, this gives me the impetus to reminisce about my studentship in India and thus, leads me to scribe a concise and genuine note while utilizing my leisure time. I have been an undergraduate scholar in India, under the African Scholarship Scheme, from 2018 to 2021. I have been a student of BA (Hons.) Hindi at the Faculty of Arts of Banaras Hindu University for the past three years.

I vividly remember the exact date of my arrival in Varanasi (26 July 2018), when I was warmly welcomed by ICCR at the airport and securely transported to a safe accommodation. ICCR has been extremely helpful at the level of facilitating administrative university procedures; simultaneously catering me with any support and guidance possible to ease my path as a scholar in a new place and environment. This indubitably led to a speedy adaptation process in India. Apart from timely payments of monthly stipends and contingency/stationery allowances by ICCR Headquarters, I have also been provided with the opportunity to enjoy semester vacations through excursions organized. Being part of the ICCR family, I have felt honoured and privileged to commemorate the prestigious legacy during Annual ICCR Foundation Day celebrations.

On a more serious tangent, ICCR has given all scholars including me, non-financial benefits such as moral motivation and reassurance to cope with stressful situations during the alarming covid-19 crisis since 2020. It was encouraging to have dynamic and productive regional officers in Varanasi, notably Mr. Anurag Singh and Mr. Gautam Neogi, to keep a regular tab on my well-being and perpetual progress in hostel and university campus. Both officers have highly aided in completing my procedures efficiently to wrap up my final year (BA- Year 3, Semester 6) before taking final departure from India and getting on board a repatriation flight to Mauritius scheduled on 6 May 2021. In addition, it is noteworthy that I have already received an email from ICCR Headquarters for the purpose of claiming reimbursement on my return air ticket fares. With a grateful heart, I thank them for their unflinching assistance under the aegis of ICCR.

In a nutshell, it has been an enriching experience for me over the years as a scholar in Banaras Hindu University. On the basis of my positive account, I highly recommend budding scholars to be part of ICCR and withdraw utmost advantage of the experience as a learning

platform. I look forward to staying in touch with ICCR and also, to obtain the precious chance of being part of the ICCR family again in the unforeseeable future as well.

There has always been a good entente and international partnership between India and Mauritius for several decades. In the same vein, I seize the opportunity to thank the Government of India for having supplied vaccines against Covid-19 to Mauritius. I earnestly wish for the recovery of the Indian population battling against the pandemic and also pray for a safe and healthy India.

Jai Hind!
Long live ICCR!
Long live India-Mauritius partnership!

Thanking you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,
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