

Message for Students From Vice Chancellor

(9 May 2020)



Dear Students,

Hope you are safe at your home, maintaining social distance and taking all necessary safety precautions to keep yourself safe from COVID-19.

The novel corona virus has been wrecking all plans of our institute, organizations, industry, state and central Government and the country is compelled to announce the Phase-III lockdown until 17 May. Nobody knows whether this is the last spell or not. Like others including me, our students and parents are stressed and worried about uncertain future. These are unforeseen and trying times, and unfortunately, it seems, we must live quite some with the monster COVID-19.

I am aware that our students are stressed and worried about their academic schedule including classes, laboratory work, internship, assignments, attendance and of course examinations and evaluation. Obviously, final semester students are particularly worried about Placement. I wish to assure you that we all are extremely careful and concerned about our students' career and wellbeing. We are working hard on above issues and trying to find out solutions for each of these issues. We are working out an alternate plan and devising mechanism for the benefit of our students.

During these difficult days, online courses have emerged as the preferred substitution of class lectures. We are also adopting this digital mode to cover unfinished portion of the syllabus dealing with theory. To make these online courses more attractive, effective, and skill-based, we have arranged Webinar for faculty members. Laboratory based courses are also conducted using Virtual experiments. Self-study using available digital platforms needs to be explored as well. Any query on this or any difficulties in attending these may be addressed to Dean (AP) (dean.ap@bitmesra.ac.in) and Dean (A&AC) (dean.aac@bitmesra.ac.in).

I would advise our students to kindly note the following:

- Online classes that started from 31 March 2020, shall continue until 31 May 2020. The laboratory classes are being arranged online using virtual experiment. I would request you to harvest the benefit of online classes.
- You are aware that, the UGC has issued Guidelines dealing with modified Academic Schedule on 29th April. As conveyed previously, our institute shall adhere to most of the recommendations. Dean (AP) has notified the modified Academic Schedule for the current semester, kindly go through the Academic Schedule.
- For the benefit of UG and PG students QUIZs, assignments, submission of internship report, presentation of projects etc shall be done online. Students shall be able to submit internship report online within stipulated date. The term paper presentation and Viva Voce examination of PhD students shall be also done online. (**Check the date of individual activity from notification of Dean (AP)**).
- Attendance shortage shall be relaxed for cases where required in the current semester.
- A committee under Dean (AP) has been working on the format of End Semester Examination. Before submitting its recommendation, the committee will give due consideration to human values. At the moment, nothing costs more than each individual's life. Therefore, please be assured that while we take a decision on the mode of examination, evaluation, and declaration of results, we will give utmost importance to the safety of each student's wellbeing. We expect your co-operation and understanding at this crucial juncture.
- We assure that results of IV Semester of all PG programs and VIII Semester B. Tech and X Semester B. Arch shall be available at the end of July, 2020.
- **The Procedure for End Semester Examination shall be announced in the First Week of June.**

Kindly visit the institute website regularly for all updates.

Prof. S. Konar
Vice Chancellor

Maintain Social Distance & Save yourself from COVID-19