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Subject:

Preventive measures to achieve 'Social Distancing' - Permission to

Teaching and Non-Teaching staff to work from home

Reference:

Secy(HE)/MHRD/2020 letter dated 21/03/2020

Respected Madam/Sir.

In continuation of UGC's letter dated 19th March, 2020 whereby all the ongoing examinations and evaluation work were required to be postponed till 31.03.2020 in the light of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), a communication dated 21st March, 2020, reference above, has been received from the Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. In order to ensure safety of the Faculty members / Researchers / Non-Teaching staff of Higher Education Institutions, the following further precautions should be taken:

- Faculty members/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff under your University should be permitted and advised to work from home till 31.03.2020.
- Faculty members/Researchers should utilise this period for various academic activities such as:
 - a) Development of on-line content, on-line teaching and on-line evaluation.
 - b) Prepare lesson plan and develop instructional material for the courses to be offered during next academic year/ next semester.
 - c) Carry on Research
 - d) Write articles, papers etc.
 - e) Prepare innovative questions for "Question Bank".
 - f) Prepare innovative projects on "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" and other topics.
- The said period shall be counted as being on duty for all the Faculty members/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff including Ad-hoc and contract Teachers whose contracts are valid at least upto 31.03.2020.

4. Students, who are still in the hostels, <u>particularly foreign students</u>, should be allowed to continue in their hostels and advised to take all necessary safety precaution.

All the Faculty members/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff should provide their contact details i.e. Mobile No, e-mail id etc. to their institutions so that they may be contacted in case of emergency.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

To

The Vice Chancellors of All Universities

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION



Appeal from Prof. D.P. Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission to combat CORONA Virus

As we all are aware, the entire world is passing through a difficult phase. Several people have already lost their lives due to Corona Virus. In our country also, about 200 people have been infected with the Corona Virus.

This is an hour of crisis for our country as well as for the whole mankind. Prevention is better than cure. Therefore, necessary timely precautions observed can save the mankind from this calamity to a large extent.

At this crucial juncture, I appeal to the Honourable Vice Chancellors of all the universities, Principals of our about forty thousand colleges, fourteen lakh teachers, non-teaching staff and three crore seventy four lakh students to maintain patience and take all possible precautions to save themselves.

I also appeal to you to help your family members, relatives, friends, colleagues and all sections of the society by spreading awareness amongst them.

Teachers are nation builders and they have great responsibility towards the nation and the society. At this hour of crisis, I appeal to all the teaching fraternity to come forward and fulfil their responsibility by making the society aware of the preventive measures.

I call upon all my dear students also to take special care of themselves, the elderly and the children and also make them aware with the preventive and precautionary measures from Corona virus.

By keeping ourselves fit, we can help others to remain fit. Let all of us from the educational fraternity join hands in this mission to arrest the spread of Corona Virus.

Date: 21/03/2020