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Subject: Use of ICT initiatives to continue Teaching-Learning while you stay at Home during the National Lock down.

Dear Students/ Teachers.

We are amid a national medical emergency combating the COVID-19. While it is pertinent to maintain social distancing and remain in the confines of our home during the national Lockdown and follow the advisory given by the central and the state governments. Albeit Teaching and Learning is a continuous process and the current situation should not deter us from the pursuit of gaining knowledge.

While we are in the comfort of our dwellings it is the most appropriate time to prepare ourselves to become an important instrument for national development in times to come. In the words of Swami Vivekananda, *“A nation is advanced in proportion to education and intelligence spread among the masses”*.

There are many ICT initiatives available through MHRD to quench our inquisitiveness on topics of our interest and we can enrich our domain knowledge utilizing these tools. *Swayam on-line courses, UG/ PG MOOCs, e-PG Pathshala, e-content courseware in UG subjects, Swayamphrabha, CEC-UGC Youtube channels, National Digital Library, Sodhganga, e-Sodh Shindhu, Vidwan* are a few recommended by the regulatory bodies.

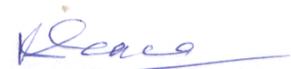
I urge all the faculty members to prepare online course content and make them available to the students registered for the course using various ICT tools. It's worth mentioning that some of the departments in **Sir J. C. Bose Technical Campus, Bhimtal** has utilized Whatsapp application as a medium to disseminate course content and interacting with students to clear their doubts related to the various topics. Such practices deserve appreciation and could be replicated by other departments too, where student strength is manageable on such platforms.

The teachers should also engage themselves meaningfully by contributing in the initiatives recommended for ‘Quality mandate for Higher education’ by University Grants Commission. Deeksharambh, LOCF, Jeevan Kaushal, Socila and Industry Connect, CARE, STRIDE, SATAT, MULYA PRAVAH, GURUDAKSHTA, PARAMARSH are a few such initiatives available in the UGC website.

At this juncture we need to be prepared for on-line education, time has come where we need to be running virtual classes and libraries. COVID-19 has necessitated adopting on-line platforms as an important tool for Teaching-Learning practices. This would also be an important parameter for NAAC accreditation in times to come to evaluate the “Best Practices adopted in Teaching – Learning” by the institutions.

I hope that collectively we would overcome COVID-19 and again be able to contribute towards national development. Meanwhile we need to take all precautions, maintain social distancing and obeying the advisories being given by the government from time to time.

Stay Home, Stay Healthy and continue the Teaching and Learning process through ICT initiatives.



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