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**Message to our students**

Namaskar.

I hope this finds you in good health and safety. You are aware that the entire world is passing through the hardship of the serious spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19) for the last many days. Although COVID 19 crossed the threshold of our country later as compared to the other countries, it cannot be denied that the disease is growing day after day inflicting increasing number of the population of our countrymen. Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Central and State Governments, Health Departments, and NGOs have created sufficient awareness among us of the COVID 19 and its prevention. At present there is no curative medicine for the disease. Social distancing is the way to check its spreading. When this is the only way, it is the shortest way. Our University administration has strictly followed the directives issued by the Central and State Governments and the UGC from time to time. The Government has declared total lockdown in the country. The University is following this in spirit and letters. It is closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. Many of you must have gone to your homes; those who could not go are staying at University hostels. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused to our stakeholders during this period.

Dear friends, we understand that these are the crucial days of your studentship. When every moment and day is valuable in pursuit of study, what of the weeks and months. It is a matter of satisfaction that the University teachers are working from home. Many of them are conducting classes through Zoom App, video conferencing and other options, they are providing you with audios of lessons, and circulating notes through email. They are doing all they can for continuing the teaching-learning activity with least interruption.

I urge upon you to be in constant contact with your HoD and teachers, participate in virtual learning, hold group discussion among your classmates through social media, search for the e-sources and make use of time for your self-study. In this time of uncertainty, we are not officially declaring the commencement of examinations, but they are likely to be conducted little later than the normal schedule. You will be given enough time for preparation, some relaxation of time limit is granted for the submission of M.A. and M. Phil. dissertations. The Examination Cell will come back to you with official announcements once the situations become normal.

I appeal to you to keep courage and concentrate on your self-study.

Let us hope that the dark clouds of COVID 19 fade away and the world returns to the normal life soon. Till then take care of yourself, stay at home and study from home.

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