



## MESSAGE FROM VC DESK

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I am communicating to you all in this extraordinary trying times. Humanity has seen several emergencies and war-like situations, man-made or otherwise. After the Spanish flu in 1920s, we are facing another viral onslaught of a zoonotic disease called 'Covid-19' or corona virus pandemic. Corona virus (Cov) is a pleomorphic RNA virus with high mutation rate, belonging to genus coronaviridae. It has crown-shaped peplomers and measures 80 to 160 nM in size. The first case was reported officially from Wuhan city wet market of China on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

The Covid-19 pandemic is unique for few reasons; it has affected all humans irrespective of geographical background, race, religion and now also has crossed all age bars. The easiest way to save oneself from it is to maintain social distancing and hygiene. It is going to take time to develop a vaccine or anti-retro-viral drug to control the disease. It can remain asymptomatic or affect respiratory, gastrointestinal, hepatic, neurologic systems and even kidneys. Our national ethos teach us:

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः । सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चित् दुःखभाक् भवेत् ॥ ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः !!

May all attain peace, may all be healthy - may all enjoy good fortune, may none suffer misery and sorrow. OM !! Peace Peace Peace

It is time that we humans unite to win over this onslaught by following the simple rules of social distancing, washing our hands frequently, cover our hair, wear masks and learn and lean towards simple living. This is the first time that those not involved in treating patients or involved in essential services can help the society by staying home, maintaining self-discipline, hygiene and self-dependence, the Gandhian principles eschewed from our age-old culture.

Since the lock-down started on the night of 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 with the visionary decision of our honorable P.M. Shree Narendra Modiji, our formal education of universities has come to a stand-still only to open the gateways of universal education for all without any boundaries. No one knows how long will the situation be grim, but I urge one and all to maintain peace and equanimity, for nothing is permanent on the earth, this too shall pass. I urge all students who are not able to attend the classes either personally or by webinars or social media, to continue revision at home and ruminate on what all they have learnt so far. The educators can also introspect and ruminate to improve upon and innovate the teaching technologies to come to service of the society.

We at the university are hoping that with the kind support of the government we shall be back on wheels and start functioning with new zest and gusto at the earliest! Till then I wish and prey that all stay safe and healthy.

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