

My Dear Students,

Hope you're all safe and well. For almost 3 weeks now, we have been living in utter uncertainty. A lockdown at this time isn't ideal but is necessary for the sake of our safety and good health. We understand that the current situation has completely disrupted not just your academics but even your personal lives. It's only natural if you're feeling a bit overwhelmed. We care greatly about your wellness, and we're going to get through this together dear students.

Hope that every one of you have started using online classes through Rainbow Bubble, Google-classrooms etc., and in due course of time, everyone will be accustomed to these kinds of virtual learning. I assure you that no student is left behind by the above academic activities, though there are a few cases where the internet is bit slow. In this regard, I urge every one of you to make use of different communication modes to be in touch with the concerned faculty for clarifying the doubts and continue with on-going academic work like mini projects, assignments and assessments etc. It is collective responsibility of every faculty and student, so that no one is deprived of academic learning.

Apart from the above, students are advised to make use of NPTEL and Swayam courses , get prepared for competitive exams and placement activities, and free courses offered by reputed industries and research institutes across the globe.

I am in regular touch with Associate deans, HoDs and all faculty members through virtual platforms, in order to understand the situation, implementation of uninterrupted academic activities, and eventually make strategies to avoid disruption of academic and personal life of every student and final year students in particular. So, it's not the time to be panic, but cope with the situation, without losing mental and physical fitness.

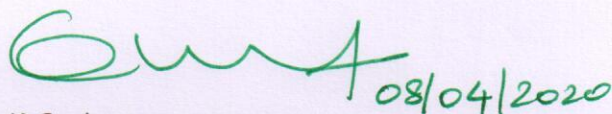
I also want to remind you that if you are indeed experiencing any kind of distress or anxiety, our friends over at YourDOST continue to be available 24x7. You can connect with their Experts at any time and receive guidance and support via these channels:

1. Online chat counselling at bit.ly/YD-NITPy-Chats
2. Book an appointment for Telephonic or Video sessions at bit.ly/YD-NITPy-Appointments

Dear Students, uncertainty is there around and this will all be over soon and we shall emerge stronger and wiser. Therefore, keep yourself updated with notifications from Govt. of India, website and social media of our institute for timely notices, and emails. At any instances, do not believe various fake news that are circulating around different sources.

Kindly consider this as my personal address. Stay at home and be healthy and responsible citizens.

Best wishes



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