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Dear Students

The nationwide lockdown to restrict the spread of COVID-19 has been further extended till 3rd May 2020. We are all confined to our homes for another 14 more days. It is really unprecedented and unimaginable that the entire world would be out of action fighting to contain a contagious virus. Truly, this war for saving humanity is being compared to nothing less than a world war. In this period of uncertainty and anxiety we need to be stronger and more confident with hopes of a brighter future. History is replete with instances of human societies and communities coming out of serious crisis and bouncing back with more vigour and courage. I am sure, we will outlive the current crisis and come out wiser and enlightened.

I find, information technology, a great saviour in this period of crisis. We are not only well informed about the situation but also are connected to everybody whom we need to be with. Moreover, the global information is on our fingertips and the entire world is connected to us through a single ubiquitous palm held device, the mobile. As we remain confined, to our houses, we need to use our mobiles more intelligently to advance our skill sets. One of the best ways for you all to do this is, by registering for online courses, available at various platforms both nationally and internationally. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) is one such platform offering myriad of courses covering arts, literature, business, management, basic sciences, data analytics, resource management etc. You can visit the site www.mooc.org or just browse the list of courses offered at www.mooc-list.com. Most of these courses are free and are offered by well known universities and institutes across the globe. Similarly, in India we have the SWAYAM portal that can empower you with knowledge and skills with a variety of online courses. You can visit the site at <https://swayam.gov.in/explorer> and choose a suitable course of your liking and interest. Many of these courses are self-paced but some are time bound. Self-paced courses can be completed as per your skills and convenience. The post-lockdown period will provide you with newer opportunities, newer challenges and newer horizons to seek. So, make use of this lockdown period to build in you, some additional skills that will not only enrich you but also make you more industry ready. We will also be starting webinars on interesting topics especially selected for you by our own faculty. The details will be posted regularly on our website.

I know that the uncertainty of examinations is definitely a matter of concern to all of you. Some of you have almost finished your papers while some have just begun. A few of you are yet to start. Let me assure you that your teachers, the College administration and the University administration are trying their best to salvage the situation, in a manner such that, your woes are maximally resolved. I expect that some positive decision will be made, after reviewing the situation as soon as the lockdown is eased on 4th May 2020. In the meanwhile, I request you all to actively cooperate with your teachers in the conduct of online programs as planned by your respective departments. In times of crisis like this, it is quite natural that, some of us may

find it difficult to cope with the stress and would be overwhelmed with anxiety. In such instances, rather than keeping things to yourselves, I request you to share your feelings with your teachers and get proper guidance from experts who are specially trained for such needs of emotional management. The College has arranged such experts for your assistance, and I request you to avail their services.

Once again, I urge you all to be calm, composed and remain properly informed of the prevailing situation without falling prey to rumours and fake news that are circulated on the social media. Be with your family, give them quality time and most importantly, take care of each other.

Stay safe and stay positive. This crisis will end soon, and we will start afresh with more enthusiasm.

Yours Sincerely

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