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Dear Learners,

The current wave of COVID 19, undoubtedly, is more severe which, during recent times, has affected the entire humanity and in particular our country. In order to combat the spread of this global COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of India and State Governments have taken several safety measures and initiatives. As the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is spread across the length and breadth of the Country and abroad with its 56 Regional Centres and more than 1800 Learner Support Centres, we are committed to ensure your safety as well as well-being of more than 30 lakh learners enrolled with the University. Therefore, I earnestly request you all to strictly adhere to the Government directions and guidelines of Social distancing, Vaccination. Maintain Covid appropriate behaviour and show your determination and resolve to defeat this pandemic. I also urge you to act as IGNOU's Ambassadors and sensitize your family, friends and society towards the need to follow government directives of Social distancing, Vaccination, Covid appropriate behaviour and public health measures.

The University has taken adequate measures to continue your study from your homes without any impediment by adopting print, online, digital and multimedia methods of teaching-learning process. At IGNOU, education is imparted through varied means, especially with the help of Self Instructional Materials. The Self Instructional Material of the University is self contained, self directed and complete in itself, and regarded as Teacher-in-Print. In addition to providing printed Self Instructional material in physical form, the University has also provided the digitized copy of the learning material on University's dedicated web portal e-Gyankosh (<http://egyankosh.ac.in>). Therefore, you may make use of the digital copy of the learning material available on e-Gyankosh. IGNOU e content Mobile App of the University having e-content of learning material can also be downloaded from Google Play Store. Live IVR sessions through GyanVani (<http://ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/broadcast/4>) and regular broadcast of academic content through GyanDarsan (<http://gd.ignouonline.ac.in/qyandarshan/>), GyanDhara

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(<http://gd.ignouonline.ac.in/gyandhara/>) and four SwayamPrabha channels (<https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in>). The four SwayamPrabha channels are: Channel 17- Social Sciences and Humanities, Channel 18- Basic and Applied Sciences, Channel 19- Professional and Vocational Education and Channel 20- Teacher Education. These channels run programmes covering curriculum-based topics offered by the University. Channel wise monthly schedules are available on the portal and access to archived videos is also available on YouTube.

The academic fraternity including Teachers and Academics at the Headquarters and Regional Centres of the University, spread across the country, are addressing the teaching-learning process differently and trying to reach you effectively using varied technology enabled means including conduct of academic counselling online using digital means; online submission and marking of assignments; conduct of virtual labs; using Web Enabled Academic Support system (WEAS), etc. Needless to mention, the University is committed to take every step to safeguard your learning aspirations.

The University has already postponed the conduct of Term End Examinations. The University is concerned about the current situation and, after taking the stock of situation, and in line with the University Grants Commission's guidelines and Govt of India's decisions/directives/advisory, the University will come out with a plan for conduct of Term End Examination for our students and you all will be informed well in time for the same. You are requested not to fall prey to any rumours and regularly visit the University website [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) for any updates in this regard.

I pray that you alongwith your family stay safe and healthy.

I am sure with your support and resolve we will win this war against COVID-19.

Jai Hind !



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