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Dear students and teachers

Greetings from the Convener, DOST!

I wish you all a good healthy life!

We are all jointly combating COVID 19, by taking preventive and precautionary measures given by the government. Our government also has been issuing relevant guidelines and G.O.s from time to time and has declared lock-down.

As we are now confined to staying at home, we can utilize this time productively by engaging in Online Learning. In this connection I would like to advice the teachers and students on a few things.

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the WHO website and through your national and local public health authority. Take care of your health and protect others by staying at home, maintaining cleanliness, maintaining physical distancing, wearing masks.

With the rising number of COVID-19 cases in India, all educational institutions are closed. But we all know that time is precious and if we lag in knowledge, we cannot compete with the pace of the world, once lockdown is lifted. Hence, let us begin our work. We are fortunate to have online and internet facilities. So, start your learning.

Here are a few ways for you to utilize your time productively.

➤ **General Practices**

- Practice any form of Physical Exercise/ yoga.
- Build your family relationships and social relations using ICT.
- Entertain your friends. Ask your friends to suggest some good films to watch, books to read, podcasts to listen to, hobbies and games to try out.
- Do something to help your community. Educate them on precautions to be taken to protect themselves from COVID 19, advise them on healthy diet and hygiene.

➤ **Academic Practices**

- Develop a habit of reading books. There are many good books available online. You can download them free of cost.
- Enroll into online courses. Many institutions in India and abroad provide courses, tutorials and videos on a wide range of subjects online. You can use this time to take up online courses and enhance your existing knowledge.
- The teachers can explore ways to engage the students using suitable online teaching methods and complete the ongoing courses.
- The teachers can make use of recorded video lectures; use mobile phone or laptop to record lectures and share it through google drive, e-mail, and WhatsApp or upload on the website. They can also create email groups, WhatsApp discussion groups that can be used to share reading material, answer queries from students and discuss course work among them. Skype can also be used for live lectures. Advise students to take part in interactions.
- The online video conferencing secured soft wares / applications that give provision for recording, screen sharing, and group messaging may also be used. Lectures can be delivered using PPT or handouts. Question and Answer sessions can be conducted by using Piazza (<https://piazza.com>).

Note: TCS iON: info.tcsionhub@tcsion.com

This link provides access to the TCS iON Digital Glass Room (Virtual Classroom for Educational Institutions). TCS iON Digital Glass Room integrates all the essential tools to manage education beyond the campus boundaries.

➤ **List of ICT initiatives with their access links**

- Swayam Online Courses:

<https://storage.googleapis.com/uniquecourses/online.html>

This link provides access to best teaching and learning resources. It is free of cost.

- UG/PG MOOCS:

http://ugcmoocs.inflibnet.ac.in/ugcmoocs/moocs_courses.php

This link provides access to the learning material of the SWAYAM UG/PG archived courses.

- e-Content courseware in UG subjects: <http://cec.nic.in>

This link provides access to e-content in 87 undergraduate courses with about 24,110 e-content modules available on the CEC website.

- CEC-UGC You Tube Channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/cecedusat>

This link provides access to unlimited educational curriculum-based lectures.

- National Digital Library: <https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in>

This link is a digital repository and provides access to academic content in different formats and in leading Indian languages.

- e-PG Pathshala <http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/> hosts high quality, curriculum-based, interactive e-content containing 23,000 modules (e-text and video) in 70 Post Graduate disciplines of social sciences, arts, fine arts and humanities, natural & mathematical sciences.,

- Swayamprabha: <https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/> is a group of 32 DTH channels providing high quality educational curriculum based course contents covering diverse disciplines such as arts, science, commerce, performing arts, social sciences and humanities subjects, engineering, technology, law, medicine, agriculture.
- Shodhganga: <https://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/> is a digital repository platform of 2,60,000 Indian Electronic Thesis and Dissertations for Research students.
- e-Shodh Sindhu : <https://ess.inflibnet.ac.in/> provides current as well as archival access to more than 15,000 core and peer reviewed journals.
- Vidwan : <https://vidwan.inflibnet.ac.in/> is a database of experts which provides information about experts to peers, prospective collaborators and research scholars in the country.
- Dr.BRAOU: to access the video and audio content of Dr. BRAOU visit <https://www.braouonline.in> or <https://www.braou.ac.in> or <https://braou.ac.in/web-radio/>
- T-SAT (SoFTNet, Telangana): through <https://www.youtube.com/tsatnetwork>, <http://tsat.tv/> and <https://it.telangana.gov.in/sectors/softnet/> provides video classes for academic and competitive examinations. The content of T-SAT may also be accessed by installing T.SAP App in the Android mobile phone from Google AppStore

We are here to help you during this challenging time! Feel free to contact us.

Stay safe and healthy

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