

My Dear Colleagues and Students

I wish you all good health within the confines of your home. Please do maintain a clinically safe environment for yourself and family. I comprehend that you all are following the guidelines issued by the Government agencies, and concurrently fulfilling your duties from home with all solemnity. In my earlier message, I have requested all faculty members to initiate online teaching, making use of freely available IT tools, which I believe you all might be doing. I understand that the classes cannot be live streamed as many students might not have access to high speed internet. Therefore, it is desirable to look for other easily accessible platforms. Many of you are already aware of such freely available tools. For those who are not tech-savvy, I suggest them to take help from other colleagues in downloading, and learning the use of any of the available free soft-wares and Open Source Learning Platforms for conducting on-line classes, students conferencing, tutorials, designing interactive quizzes, and introducing project based learning, etc., such as Zoom (Video conferencing, Webinars, Cloud Meetings), You tube (recorded lectures), Moodle (Course Management System (CMS), e-books downloads, online exams and assessment), MS Teams (Group Chat and Collaboration software) or Google Hangouts (video conferencing to all G suite). Google has launched 'Teach from Home', an information hub on how to conduct online classes amid virus lockdown. Similarly, Coursera is giving free access to 3800 courses and 400 specializations to Universities across India till July 31, 2020.

It is earnestly desired that all concerned should take maximum advantage of available time in learning the IT based pedagogical tools, and also mastering and implementing them in teaching-learning process. I personally feel that it will be a great service, if we succeed in mentoring our remotely located students confined inside their homes, due to COVID-19 pandemic linked lockdown.

Stay Safe and Stay Home.

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