

## BABA GHULAM SHAH BADSHAH UNIVERSITY, RAJOURI-(J&K)

## Vice Chancellor's Message

Dear Colleagues,

In view of the present circumstances and the expected future trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am deeply concerned about the academic calendar, examination schedule, competitive examinations, admission process 2020-21 and more so the safety and well being of our faculty and staff, who will be attending University offices with 30 % strength on rotation basis from today i.e. 8th May, 2020.

It is very heartening to learn that the faculty has overwhelmingly implemented online teaching by employing different online platforms and engaged students from far-flung areas. I also appreciate our students for attending the online classes with all sincerity.

Let me tell you that during the lockdown, the University functioning has not been hampered. We have been regularly interacting via Zoom meetings, WhatsApp, mobiles and consistently deliberating and resolving issues on daily basis. Our academic calendar has already been notified. The committee for developing modalities for online examinations has been constituted; transitory ordinances/ regulations for conducting online examinations have been formulated. All notifications pertaining to important decisions have already been issued. We are geared up for implementing the UGC guidelines for seamless functioning of University during lockdown period and thereafter.

My primary concerns now includes: (i) End semester examinations and results; (ii) Entrance examinations; (iii) Admissions process 20-21; and (iv) Managing hostels, mess and class rooms (post lockdown), as we are not prepared for this unprecedented situation.

In almost all Universities the existing classrooms do not meet the requirements of COVID-19 protocols. In next few days, we will be working extensively for developing COVID-19 protocols/guidelines to meet the post lockdown challenges at hostels, mess, class rooms and other public places in the campus.

Evidence from previous pandemics suggests that a second wave of infections is very likely, which may be more devastating than the situation we are passing through. Your safety and health is of prime importance. Take care of yourself and others while in offices or any place in campus.

Wish you all the best

Sd/-Javed Musarat Vice Chancellor

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