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Notification on curtailment of activities at the University to prevent the spread of Corona Virus

Dear Members of the University Community

Let me share with you first the good news – as of today, we do not have anyone infected with the Corona Virus at any of our campuses. We thank God and one another for that.

Now the sensitive news – as a preventive measure, and keeping to the guidelines issued by our Government, the University is suspending all academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, including concurrent field work of MSW students, for the period 16th March 2020 (Monday) to 29th March 2020 (Sunday).

This suspension includes all activities that require the presence of students on campus. As such, all University hostels will remain closed with immediate effect.

Normal academic activities will resume from 30th March 2020 (Monday). If there any further developments in the interim, changes to this schedule will be notified on our website.

Some suggestions for making good use of this unexpected number of days on our hand:

1. **For the Students:** use the time to complete your pending project reports, assignments and related reading. Make use of this opportunity to concentrate on and complete the online courses that you have signed up for (NPTEL, Swayam, CEC etc) and acquire the credits you are looking for. You can further discuss your course works and projects with the help of mobile apps like Zoom, Google Hangout etc. with your classmates and faculty.
2. **For Members of the Faculty:** The University remains open for the Faculty for personal academic and research activities. As we are intensely engaged in our preparation of the SSR for NAAC Accreditation (Cycle 2), spend the time on collecting and compiling all the data we need for this exercise. Keep in touch with the Criterion Secretaries to complete this work expeditiously and more thoroughly.

It's a good time to attend to all pending works on collection of statistics, feedback, ARIIA Reports, IIC related works, NBA Accreditation related works, AQAR reports etc.

As the students will be missing one week of class, it might be advisable to guide them through mail on e-resources that are available to get a portion of study done while they are at home.

3. **For the Administrative Staff:** The University Offices will remain open and functional, and we shall work together to maintain essential services, take care of maintenance activities, and offer whatever services we can for the benefit of our students and the larger university community.

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While there is no reason for panic, we all need to be vigilant, take proper precautionary measures and do not move around, outside campus/home, unless it is necessary.

To get knowledgeable on the Corona Virus, its pandemic nature, and on preventive measures, read the article at this link: <https://medium.com/@tomaspueyo/coronavirus-act-today-or-people-will-die-f4d3d9cd99ca> and the advisory at: http://www.mohfw.gov.in/Poster_Corona_ad_Eng.pdf

As educated persons, we have a further role to play:

- a) to understand for ourselves what is happening in our country and the rest of the world due to this pandemic caused by COVID-19; and,
- b) to become knowledgeable persons to enlighten others in our own circles and communities regarding preventive measures, good hygienic practices, and to play a proactive role in keeping with our commitment to the society around us as dependable and engaged members of the Don Bosco University Family.

Lost time never comes back – use it well! ... and keep safe!

Fr Stephen Mavely
Vice Chancellor
15th March 2020