



## विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग University Grants Commission

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Subject:

Preventive measures to achieve 'Social Distancing' - Permission to

Teaching and Non-Teaching staff to work from home

Reference:

Secy(HE)/MHRD/2020 letter dated 21/03/2020

Respected Madam/Sir,

In continuation of UGC's letter dated 19th March, 2020 whereby all the ongoing examinations and evaluation work were required to be postponed till 31.03.2020 in the light of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), a communication dated 21st March, 2020, reference above, has been received from the Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development. In order to ensure safety of the Faculty members / Researchers / Non-Teaching staff of Higher Education Institutions, the following further precautions should be taken:

- 1. Faculty members/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff under your University should be permitted and advised to work from home till 31.03.2020.
- 2. Faculty members/Researchers should utilise this period for various academic activities such as:
  - a) Development of on-line content, on-line teaching and on-line evaluation.
  - b) Prepare lesson plan and develop instructional material for the courses to be offered during next academic year/ next semester.
  - c) Carry on Research
  - d) Write articles, papers etc.
  - e) Prepare innovative questions for "Question Bank".
  - f) Prepare innovative projects on "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" and other topics.
- 3. The said period shall be counted as being on duty for all the Faculty members/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff including Ad-hoc and contract Teachers whose contracts are valid at least upto 31.03.2020.

4. Students, who are still in the hostels, <u>particularly foreign students</u>, should be allowed to continue in their hostels and advised to take all necessary safety precaution.

All the Faculty members/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff should provide their contact details i.e. Mobile No, e-mail id etc. to their institutions so that they may be contacted in case of emergency.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

To

The Vice Chancellors of All Universities