

<u>महात्मा गाँधी केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय</u>

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We all are aware of the hard times our country is passing through amid surge in novel coronavirus cases nationwide and how it is reeling under this pandemic of COVID-19. The University has once again been closed due to unprecedented surge in the COVID cases nationally as well as in Bihar. This unforeseen closure of the University is posing novel challenges related to health, economy, and education. Anxiety and confusion are obvious among the stakeholders in these testing times. Mahatma Gandhi Central University is taking all essential steps to overcome any sort of anxiety and confusion among students through regular interaction and counseling and by ensuring regular quality education through all accessible platforms with safety and health of all stakeholders at highest priority. The University administration under constant directions from Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has taken the following steps in earnest to mitigate the ill-effects of COVID-19 with least impact on the teaching, learning and welfare of all its stakeholders:

- (i) Regular online classes are being held to complete the courses on time.
- (ii) Duration and schedule of classes have been finalized keeping in mind the adverse effects of screen exposure on human health.
- (iii) Internal assessments have been completed within the stipulated time limit.
- (iv) All options towards timings and modality of the examination are being discussed and will be finalized keeping the safety, welfare, and future of students in mind.
- (v) Deans of various schools and Departmental Heads have been asked to complete the remaining course work syllabus of students and research scholars in Online Mode.
- (vi) Earnest efforts are being made towards the release of the stipend of M.Phil./Ph.D. scholars during the period of closure of the University.
- (vii) Psychological help/ counseling is available for the students whenever required.
- (viii) Constructive suggestions from every stakeholder are welcome.

This is hard time for education and I still remember how we stood with each other to overcome the first phase of pandemic. I firmly believe that once again with our constant and patience efforts and intime logical decisions, we will make this challenge of resurging COVID-19 pandemic, an opportunity.

With a hope that you all must be taking good care of yourselves and strictly following the MHA guidelines to remain safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19, I personally appeal to all concerned especially our students/scholars to exercise restraint and patience in these hard times, and bear with us on any unresolved issues arising due to the pandemic. Remain assured that any issue related to student's welfare and university development will be taken up on priority basis.

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