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APPEAL

Dear Learners,

As you are aware, our Country - India, is facing an unprecedented situation since past few days on account of Corona Virus outbreak. In order to combat the spread of this global COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of India has taken several safety measures and initiatives. Hon'ble Prime Minister of our Country has announced complete lockdown of 21 days from the midnight of 24th March 2020. As a National Open University spread across the length and breadth of the Country and abroad with its 56 Regional Centres and more than 1800 Learner Support Centres, we are committed to ensure your well being as well as well being of more than 30 lakh learners enrolled with IGNOU. Therefore, I earnestly request you all to:

- strictly adhere to the Government directions and guidelines of social distancing and complete lockdown and show your determination and resolve in expressing our solidarity with the initiatives taken by the Govt. of India;
- ensure proper cleaning and sanitization of frequently touched surfaces. Regularly wash your hands with soap and water or use alcohol based hand rub.
- cover your mouth while sneezing & coughing, don't spit in public, avoid close contacts. Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth;
- take care of your health and look out for any respiratory symptoms like high fever/cough/difficulty in breathing etc. In case of any health related issue, call Helpline Numbers of respective State(s) Or Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India's 24*7 Control Room No. 011-23978046.
- act as IGNOU's Ambassadors and sensitize your family, friends and society towards the need to follow government directions, social distancing, and public health measures;

You are also requested to regularly visit the University website www.ignou.ac.in and make use of digital resources, Self Instructional Material and online contents uploaded on the website for fulfilling your learning needs. You are also requested to regularly watch/listen to the electronic media content telecast/broadcast through GyanDarsan and GyanVani channels. Needless to mention, the University is committed to take every step to safeguard your learning aspirations.

I pray that you alongwith your family stay safe and healthy.

I am sure with your support and resolve we will win this war against COVID-19.

Jai Hind !

**Nageshwar Rao
Vice Chancellor, IGNOU**