



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, our University, the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), has witnessed several major milestones in the recent past. In August 2019, the University Grants Commission exempted IGNOU from the application of UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations 2017. Subsequently, in March 2020, UGC exempted IGNOU from the application of UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018. Taking the resolve forward, the Academic Council of the University recommended conduct of academic counselling in respect of programmes having low enrolment, using Gyan Darshan, Gyan Vani, Gyan Dhara and Online platforms. All these and many more such development encouraged us to redefine our strategies to achieve our goals of reaching the unreached and providing quality education to every section of the society.

The recent challenges posed by lockdown and working from our homes, gave us an opportunity to utilize digital and multimedia resources and online methods of teaching-learning process to continue the studies of more than 30 lacs learners enrolled with us without any impediment. I am happy to share that our academic fraternity including Teachers and Academics at the Headquarters and Regional Centres spread across the country, are addressing the teaching-learning process differently and trying to reach the learners effectively using varied technology enabled means. Development of CBCS based programmes and revision of courses; conduct of academic counselling online using digital means; online submission and marking of assignments; development of virtual labs; using Web Enabled Academic Support system like Facebook live, WhatsApp, emails, chatgroups etc. for interacting with learners; online induction of learners; using Cloud platforms like Zoom for conducting online meetings with students and other colleagues; live IRCs sessions through GyanVani and regular broadcast of academic content through GyanDarsan, GyanDhara and SwayamPrabha channels are many such heartwarming and commendable Information & Communication Technology based interventions used by our Teachers and Academics making our University a 'Truly World Class' and 'The Peoples University'. Similarly, our other colleagues working in Administrative and other Service Divisions and Units have been working hard, and it is because of their efforts that salaries have been released in time, infrastructure is being adequately maintained and necessary services are being provided. Let us continue to work with same zest.

Our University has had a Glorious Past, and with your Untiring Efforts, Constant Support and Continued Resolve, I am sure, our University has a Very Bright Future ahead.

Jai Hind !

**Nageshwar Rao
Vice Chancellor**

All Colleagues at HQRs/RCs/RECs of IGNOU