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### An Appeal

Dear Sir/Madam,

In the wake of Covid-19, the times have become challenging for us. We have been thrown face to face with situations that had never been heard or experienced before. The pandemic has affected all our regular activities and forced us to seek new methods and strategies for survival and continue with the onward march of progress. The mechanism for the continuity of education has been deeply impacted and we have been forced to move on to the virtual platforms for the dissemination of knowledge. Throughout these times, we have put forward our best discussions and undertaken actions that were considered best for our students and faculty members. At certain points during the pandemic, it was not always an easy task to arrive at suitable decisions considering all the issues and directives from the higher authorities of the Government.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on the great celebration that our nation is preparing for – the 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of our country. As we make preparations towards this great celebration of our freedom from foreign rule, let us remember the nation-builders and pay our due homage to them. This is the right time to remember the great nation-builders who have contributed greatly in different fields of development. We pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation and great preacher of non-violence who brought all the Indians together in the struggle for independence. We also remember Dr. B.R. Ambedkar who worked tirelessly to frame the Constitution that governs us in all our deeds and decisions. At the same time, we remember and acknowledge the contributions of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai in developing Indian Space Program; Homi J. Bhabha in the field of Atomic Research; Bharat Ratna Dr. M. Visvesvaraya in the field of Engineering; M.S. Swaminathan in Agriculture and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan in Education. It is a time for us to re-dedicate ourselves to the great task of nation-building following the footsteps of these great masters.

This time the University has decided to go on with the online mode of filling up of the examinations forms for the first time for both the UG and the PG students. The result is heartening keeping in view the fact that more than twenty-five thousand (25000) students have successfully filled the online forms for examination. This success has been made possible because of the amazing support from your esteemed colleagues and all our students. The ability to use such online applications shall definitely equip our students to harness the power of technology

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for progression in their career. Sooner or later, we have to adopt this new normal and herein we shall lay the foundation of our firm future.

We must remember that systematic change is never aimed to negatively affect the students. Our aims should be to help and support our students in enduring this change successfully. We should not leave them alone; rather we should create a support base for them through proper counseling. In this way, our student community will imbibe the good things to attain greater quality of life. Though a little discomfiture at the beginning cannot be ruled out, it shall surely pave the way for our students to sustain themselves in these competitive times. We should send the message to them that in the demanding circumstances that we are placed in, it is only the fittest that will survive and this fitness is possible only through an acceptance of the changes taking place around us and our evolution according to the needs.

As we are aware of the issues of connectivity and infrastructure bottlenecks in the State, all grievances are being addressed in the best possible way. I must congratulate all the administrative staffs who are tirelessly working to ensure that the process arrives at a positive conclusion. At the same time, I appeal to all the esteemed faculty members to counsel the students on their problems and assure them that no one shall be left out during the process. In the rare case of any issue, the door of the University administration is always open to help resolve and find a way. As and when situations return to complete normalcy, let us come together for better governance that can shape the future of our young generations.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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