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Dear Colleagues,

You must have gone through my message dated April 4, 2020 addressed to all faculty members, BGSBU regarding proactive adoption of Online Teaching-Learning to compensate the time loss due to COVID-19 pandemic.

In a recent video conferencing of the Lt. Governor of J&K with the Vice Chancellors of the J&K government aided universities, he has categorically emphasized the inevitability of resorting to online mode teaching, as an integral supplement of our class room teaching. This has to be kept in vogue even when the normal teaching is restored. Hence, my aforesaid message dated 04.04.2020 becomes all the more relevant in the present context. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, while taking stock of the contribution made by various faculties in online teaching mode, observed that the some faculties made noteworthy contribution, a good number left much to be desired while there are SOME who have still not even opened their account. To me, for the latter two categories, the reason could be either lack of will or more likely the ignorance of the sufficient information and also the details of operation of various platforms which are used for online teaching-learning. Both the situations need to be remedied without any further time loss to save you from the indignity of being an 'Odd man' or a 'non-performer'. I imagine that nobody may like to carry this stigma. The following paras would be helpful to make you overcome this situation.

- (i) The 'will' / 'desire, if missing, has to be generated as a matter of 'Must do it now' which is mandatory and not 'optional' anymore. As on now, I would desist from adding anything more in this regard.

- (ii) Further, to acquaint you with 'how to use' the available mode of teaching-learning programmes such as Google Classroom, Zoom, Whatsapp, Facebook interaction and many other such platforms / portals, I have requested some of my colleagues to make simple SOPs of these modes and email to you all to enable you to get started. Pl keep checking your official email account for this purpose. These are all 'easy to use', 'user friendly' programmes which can be mastered with a bit of an effort even by the most intense 'net-phobic' person. However, in case of any difficulty, consult the

concerned person. I also urge all of you to kindly disseminate if you know any such platforms which are interactive and can be operated even with moderate internet speed. Learning is a life long process which is not barred by age or designation so have no inhibitions to imbibe if you are deficient.

- (iii) In my message dated April 4, 2020, I had proposed that each faculty member will update with his Online teaching-learning progress to Mr. Malik Mubashir Hassan. I am delighted to learn that faculties have overwhelmingly responded to my call. Now there is a small amendment to this. All the concerned teachers will now pass on this information to his respective Heads who, in turn will communicate the same to Mr. Malik Mubashir Hassan in a consolidated form keeping his respective Dean in the loop. Please remember this update has to be on 'daily-basis' without fail from the Heads and failure to do so will not be viewed kindly. So take information from all your faculty members in a manner as explained by me in my previous communication dated 04.04.2020 in paras (1) & (2), consolidate it and send to Mr. Malik Mubasher Hassan, as suggested.
- (iv) Further, I request all the HoDs to kindly provide me the database of the mobile nos. and the e-mail IDs of all the students of your Department within two days from the date of this mail. This information ought to have been in your records and, in any case, would also be needed by all of you while dealing with online teaching-learning mode. Put in all your efforts to gather this and pass it on to me within the above mentioned deadline.

I am sorry for making you go through this long narrative which, as may be evident, is now the need of the hour. Circumstances are challenging and precious time is swiftly running out. We cannot afford to be complacent. We have a heavy burden of accountability on our shoulders and hence every single moment counts now. We have to make the best use of the available opportunities to prove to the contemporary world that we are responsible and also the best.



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