

BRAC Task Force on COVID-19 Pandemic Situation

Ref.: Delhi University Press Release dated 12th March & 16th March 2020, Office Memorandum dated 28.03.2020, University e-mail dated 09.04.2020; and College Notice dated 13.03.2020, e-mail dated 10.04.2020.

Esteemed Colleagues from the teaching & non-teaching staff and students,

In view of the University of Delhi letter dated 27.03.2020 and e-mail dated 09.04.2020, the College has constituted a Task Force to deal with the situation arising due to Covid-19. The Committee after threadbare discussion recommends the following measures in accordance with the advisory issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of HRD, UGC and University of Delhi, so that the academic activities can be maintained and the administrative responsibilities can be taken care of as desired in view of the constantly emerging circumstances:

1. Teaching colleagues are requested to provide reading literatures (suggested in syllabus as well as relevant materials from other sources) to the students through college website/email/whatsApp. They are also requested to be in touch with the students for continuation of teaching and clarification of their doubts using e-mail, WhatsApp and phone calls.
2. Teaching colleagues may use online teaching-learning services in order to maintain continuity during the lockdown period. Zoom App may be used to take online classes/teaching learning instructions. Delhi University Computer Centre (DUCC) has outlined various online platforms and services on the University of Delhi website and integrated Google Services with our DU domain including two of the major applications viz. Google Classroom and Google Hangout to provide learning support to the students which can be accessed with the help of SNA of the College in order to get unlimited time for the online classes/instructions. However, this shall be discretion and decision of the colleagues as it has been observed that many students are making the complaints for not getting connected with it at a given time schedule due to poor internet connectivity or other technical reasons.
3. In addition, Delhi University Library System (DULS) has also provided links to various online e-resources on the DU website that can be accessed from home by colleagues from the teaching & non-teaching staff and students.
4. During the lockdown period, the students are unable to go for their field work/internship. Therefore, written assignments (as per schedule of the semester) may be given to them as a compensatory arrangement keeping in view the health advisory in their larger interest.
5. The colleagues may complete their pending research paper(s)/article(s) or write new ones and may send for publication. Besides, they may also participate in various Webinars of their own choice.
6. In order to maintain the continuity of the College functioning, non-teaching staff shall work from home as desired by the College Administration.

7. The Task Force wishes the best health the Colleagues from the teaching & non-teaching staff and students and expects them to actively participate in indoor exercises, yoga & meditation, quality family time, hobbies, boosting immunity and taking healthy diet as the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic continues.
8. In case, the students feel boredom, anxious or depression, especially girls students; they may seek assistance and counselling & guidance from the faculties and the professional counsellors to strengthen their psycho-social wellbeing as per the schedule (for both boys & girls separately) already notified and uploaded on the College website.
9. Keeping in view the Office Memorandum of University of Delhi dated 28.03.2020 regarding payment of salary/wages to employees who are working on regular/contractual basis under the prevailing extraordinary circumstances, the College Administration shall make necessary arrangement to pay salary/wages for the month of March, 2020 to its teaching and non-teaching staff. The Office Bearers of the respective unions/associations may facilitate the College Administration in this regard.
10. The senior colleagues who are aged above 60 years and especially those with the medical condition susceptible to infections during the CODID-19 times must be looked after by the BRAC family. The College Administration may issue a separate guidelines/advisory in this regard.
11. One may be aware that the Government of India has developed a mobile application “Aarogya Setu” to connect essential health services with the people of India. The App is aimed at augmenting the initiatives of the Government of India, particularly the Department of Health, in proactively reaching out to and informing the users of the app regarding risks, best practices and relevant advisories pertaining to the containment of COVID-19. The “Arogya Setu” application is available for download at Google Play Store/App Store.
12. The College should make necessary arrangement to sanitize the premises on a regular basis before and after reopen.
13. You may also visit WHO, MoHFW & GoI, Ministry of AYUSH websites for further information COVID-19:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.epi-win.com/>

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>

<https://www.mygov.in/covid-19/?cbps=1&target=webview&type=campaign&nid=0>

<http://ayush.gov.in/>

Stay home, stay healthy & safe, stay online, do observe social distancing with solidarity and be well.

Sd/-
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