

Advisory from Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to all Faculty members, officers and Staff.

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Dear colleagues, friends and students,

As we face this testing time and grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have taken all measures possible at the university to respond to the developments as they unfold. The University campus is empty, except for the Fathers and some essential services. We are concerned that no one is put to risk. We advise you to stay home, take all precautionary measures and stay safe and blessed.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 24th announced a three-week complete lockdown across the country. "To save India and every Indian, there will be a total ban on venturing out of your homes," he said in a national address.

"If the situation is not handled in these 21 days, the country and your family could go back by 21 years", he said underlining the massive danger the coronavirus poses. "Jaan hai toh jahan hai (the world exists only when we live)," he said.

The HCM of West Bengal has advised all of us that social distancing is the only way out for the country to fight a decisive battle against coronavirus outbreak. Her government is taking all measures to maintain law and order and to ensure sufficient supply of all essential items smoothly.

As of today, the tally of positive cases has jumped to 574 and death toll at 11. Let us, as good citizens, abide by the directives of the Governments and cooperate with all measures taken to fight the epidemic.

It may be a blessing in disguise. Let us spend "Family Time" with our near and dear ones. As the Governments and other agencies are taking all measures to combat the virus, let us do our best by responding to the clarion call and spread our healing vibes all over. Let us remember the dead, may they rest in peace, and the suffering, for strength and solace.

We encourage you to work from home and be in touch with our students and with one another to maintain academic continuity. We shall keep you informed of further developments at the university. You are welcome to contact us anytime for any assistance.

May God continue to bless you and your family. Be reassured of my prayers as we move forward.

Father Felix Raj, SJ

Vice-Chancellor