

Dear Principals and Directors.

As you aware, the outbreak of corona epidemics worldwide has thrown a challenge to the entire globe, particularly in India with a huge population, high density and this necessitates innovative solutions. Most of the State Governments and the Central Government have asked the colleges and institutes to be closed till 31st March 2020. Hence when the institutes are closed, students are not on campuses, faculty can work from home. It's much easier to work from home for faculty than many other professions. The essential duty of a faculty is to do teaching and research and a bit of administrative role.

So faculty can do following from their homes:

1. Read new books on the topics of their discipline.
2. Prepare lesson plans for the courses to be offered during the next semester. Also prepare a new course.
3. Prepare innovative question papers and question bank based on Bloom's taxonomy moving away from routine memory based questions.
4. Prepare innovative project problems for offering to students which are socially relevant.
5. Carry on theoretical research, computational research.
6. Read new research articles from journals and prepare for new areas of research.
7. Write research papers.
8. Those who know programming, they may create new apps to help teaching learning, social connect etc.
9. Write articles for newspapers and magazines, create awareness about different issues facing the nation, education etc
10. Write blogs empowering young students. Keep them engaged. Be an offline counselor, mentor to students .
11. Watch SWAYAM and other MOOC courses of your interest.
12. Prepare material for possible new MOOC courses.
13. Any other useful innovative activity.

Please also see the circular issued by Secretary Higher education which is enclosed and also can be accessed @https://www.aicte-india.org/sites/default/files/COVID_19_STAY_SAFE.pdf for your reference.

Best wishes to fight Covid 19. Together, we can.

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