**International Students facing issues regarding Summer Internship/ Industrial Training 2020 (CSA: CAP 300)**

On 24.04.2020 a message on USM said to register for a summer internship /training to be completed during Summer 2020 (CAP300). The dead line for said registration is set as 29.04.2020. The choices, either to find an internship (work from home), or to follow a MOOC online training. A duration of 5 total days were given to make the said decision and submit to LPU. The current living situation of us three students makes it impossible to make such arrangements and, this is an attempt to get your attention and possibly find a feasible solution to our problem.

On 23.04.2020 we were evacuated from LPU and placed in mandatory quarantine camp (at Punanai, Sri Lanka) where we may be held between 14 - 21 days. We do not have access to sufficient wi-fi on the camp and we depend on very unreliable mobile network connections due to this being an extremely rural area. Whenever it maybe that we leave the quarantine camp, we will then be placed in mandatory house arrest and be asked to self-quarantine at our own home for an additional 2 weeks to minimize the spread of Covid-19 virus.

Given the timeframe it is impossible for us to secure an internship (work from home). So, the only option we are left with is to find a MOOC online training. We have been given a list of possible (suggested) courses from university which range from Rs 8,000 to Rs. 75,000 (INR). The instructions state that we must make the choice before 29th April, expect approval by 3rd May 2020 and prepare to make payment for chosen course within a week of registration. This time frame is extremely unfortunate for us students stuck in quarantine camp.

We still have no clue to when we will reach home. Say we do register for a course next week and make the payment. If such unforeseen circumstances arise that our stay in quarantine camp gets extended, we will be forced to drop out of the online course we register for. As you can imagine, it is hard times for our parents. Sri Lanka is currently on lock down and only Essential Services are in service. The price tag on most courses are extremely high and given the circumstances we are uncertain if it will be safe to make such commitment.

What we are asking for is a possible solution, may it be   
1. An extension to the deadline to find a work from home internship  
2. An extension to the deadline to submit payment and proof of chosen MOOC online training course (at least until we finish quarantine procedure)   
3. The option to prepare project on “challenging problems allocated by school” as it is made available to other departments.   
4. Any other option that will allow us to collect the required credits during summer vacation or once teaching commence in next semester.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to help us figure a way out of this problem.