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**Sub.: Instructions to institutes/colleges during lockdown 2.0- regarding.**

As we all are aware, our Country is going through a National Emergency that has arisen due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and hence is currently observing a lockdown till 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs vide order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15.04.2020 has issued consolidated revised guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/Departments of Government of India and other establishments, for containment of COVID-19 in the Country.

Ensuring safety precautions during the threat posed by COVID-19, would be fundamental responsibility of all citizens of India, during this hour of crisis. Likewise, Heads of Institutions have the onerous responsibility of safeguarding the health and associated interests of all stakeholders of their respective colleges/ institutions. In view of the above, the following guidelines are issued for strict compliance by all Colleges/ Institutions:

**1. Payment of Fees:** It has come to knowledge of AICTE, that certain standalone institutions are insisting that students should pay the fees, including admission fees, during the lockdown. It is clarified that colleges/institutions should not insist on payment of fees till the ongoing lockdown is lifted and normalcy is restored. Further guidelines in this regard communicating the revised timelines will be issued by AICTE in due course. Accordingly, all colleges/institutions are directed to display this information on their website and also communicate the same to the students through e-mail.

**2. Payment of salary to faculty members:** It has been learnt that various institutions have not paid salary to their faculty and staff members, for the duration of the lockdown. Also certain institutions have terminated the services of certain faculty/staff members. It is clarified that salary and other dues to the faculty/staff members will be released for the duration of lockdown and also terminations, if any, made during the lockdown will be withdrawn. Hence, the same may be strictly complied with. A letter in this regard has also been issued to the respective Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs including reimbursement of fees to colleges/institutions.



**3. Discouraging fake news:** Various interest groups / individuals are circulating fake news on social media platforms thereby creating misinformation and rumours. Discouraging any such fake news and reporting the matter to concerned authorities would be prime responsibility of all stakeholders. It is also advised that any information published on the official website of MHRD/UGC/AICTE only may be relied upon. Hence, these websites may be regularly perused for any updates. Similarly, for other government circulars, official websites of the concerned Ministries /Departments may be referred to.

**4. Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS):** Due to ongoing lockdown and restricted access to internet, the activities pertaining to PMSSS for the academic year 2020-2021 have been delayed. However, it is clarified that the scheme will be continued as in the past, once the lockdown is lifted. A calendar of events, laying down fresh timelines will be published in AICTE website in due course.

**5. Online classes and semester examination:** It is clarified that online classes for the current semester will be continued during the extended lockdown. A revised academic calendar will be issued by UGC/AICTE subsequently. Regarding the conduct of semester examinations, it is clarified that UGC has constituted a committee for recommending the modalities of conduct of examinations, award of marks and passing criteria in examinations. Directions in this regard will be issued separately. Websites of UGC/AICTE may be perused regularly.

**6. Internships:** It is clarified that some students would not be able to pursue their summer internship due to the ongoing lockdown. Hence, they are advised to pursue internships from home. In case the same is not feasible, this requirement may be fulfilled in December 2020.

**7. Sharing of internet bandwidth with other Colleges/Institutions:** Due to the inability of certain students to access internet services, colleges/ institutions are advised to allow students of other colleges/ institutions in their vicinity to access the internet facility at their colleges/ institutions. Hence, colleges/ institutions may accordingly permit students of other colleges/ institutions to share their campus internet facility. Attendance rule may be relaxed in the light of lockdown and unavailability of good bandwidth in certain rural areas.

All Colleges/Institutions must strictly adhere to these instructions, failing which action will be taken as per the prevailing rules.

  
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### **PRESS RELEASE**


#### **ELIS PORTAL OFFERING FREE COURSES INAUGURATED BY CHAIRMAN AICTE**

The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in India has caused extreme distress to the students and is a setback to academic activity. Fortunately, many companies have now come forward and offered their e-learning contents FREE OF COST to learners. In order to foster digital learning and support the student community across the country, Enhancement in Learning with Improvement In Skills (ELIS) portal (<http://free.aicte-india.org/>) has been designed by AICTE. It was formally launched on 12 Apr 2020 by Prof Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman AICTE along with Prof. M.P Poonia, Vice chairman AICTE and Prof Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE. The development team was led by Shri Buddha Chandrashekhar, Chief Coordinating Officer, NEAT and NEAT cell team members Dr. Elangovan, Debanshu Srivastava and Baljeet Singh.

ELIS portal has been created to provide all students with contents that not only enhances learning for regular subjects but also aims to build up valuable skill sets as required in the actual work environment. The e-learning contents on the portal has been sourced from 18 leading Ed-tech companies with 26 different courses. Under normal circumstances these are selectively available at prices ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 20,000. However, all participating companies have offered to enrol students in the present lockdown period without any cost till 15 May 2020. All companies have also gracefully agreed to keep the course free. In effect, there shall be no charges whatsoever to be paid by learners who enrol now till the course is completed.

Prof Sahasrabudhe expressed his deep gratitude to all the companies for rising to the occasion and offering the contents free of cost for benefit of the student community. He expressed his satisfaction that the nation as a Whole has come together to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. He went on to add that such offerings by the corporate world will help maintain social distancing with constructive & positive engagements and it should be the endeavour of all students to stay home and make the best use of opportunity to improve their skills by enrolling in the courses.

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