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To

1. The Vice Chancellors of all State and Private Universities
2. The Principals of all Government, Aided and Self Financing Colleges

Memo No 1/8-2020 Co (1)

Dated 4th March, 2020

Subject: Regarding creating awareness and taking precautionary measures for Novel Coronavirus

May kindly refer to the subject cited above and this office letter no 1/8-2020 Co (1) dated 18.2.2020. In view of the reported outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (COVID 19) across the globe, it is advised to take precautionary measures to prevent the contagious corona virus to spread. Though much is not known about the disease dynamics, it is evident that there is human to human transmission. As of now, there is no drug or vaccine available to manage this disease. Hence preventive measures become crucial to stop spread of this disease. Students may be made aware and sensitized so that they may create further awareness in their families and society at large of the disease.

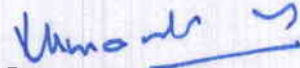
Symptoms of Novel Coronavirus:

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever and cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome and kidney failure. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), GoI and the State Government is closely monitoring the outbreak in collaboration with World Health organization (WHO). The WHO has issued the guidelines to prevent the general risk of transmission of acute respiratory infections. Below mentioned are the key preventative measures:

- Wash your hands frequently - Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with them with soap and water.
- Maintain social distancing - Maintain at least 1 meter distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Practice respiratory hygiene - Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and report the illness to the nearest health facility.

It is therefore advised to inform all students about the precautionary measures and necessary steps to prevent the virus in our surroundings. To spread awareness NSS volunteers and NCC cadets may be engaged who can be agents of change for their family, community and beyond.

Kindly take necessary steps in this regard.



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