Chairman, UGC  
Chairman, AICTE  
Chairperson, NCTE  
Chairperson, CBSE  
Director General, NTA  
Chairman, NIOS  
All Autonomous organization under MHRD

Subject:- Preventive measures to achieve “social distancing” – permission to teaching and non-teaching staff to work from home

Dear,

Kindly refer to my previous D.O. No. Secy(HR)/MHRD/2020 Dt 18.03.2020 whereby all on-going examinations and evaluation work were required to be postponed till 31.03.2020.

2. In order to ensure safety of the Faculty members/Teachers/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff of educational institutions, the following further precautions, should be taken:
   i) Faculty members/Teachers/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff under your organisation should be permitted and advised to work from home till 31.03.2020.
   ii) Faculty members/Teachers/Researchers should utilise this period for various academic activities such as:
       b. Prepare lesson plan and develop instructional material for the courses to be offered during next academic year/next semester.
       c. Carry on research.
       d. Write articles, papers etc.
       e. Prepare innovative questions for “Question Bank”.
       f. Prepare innovative projects on “Ek bharat Shrestha Bharat” and other topics.
iii) The said period shall be counted as being on duty for all Faculty members/Teachers/Researchers/Non-teaching staff including Ad-hoc and contract Teachers whose contracts are valid at least upto 31.03.2020.

iv) Students, who are still in the hostels, particularly foreign students, should be allowed to continue in their hostels and advised to take all necessary safety precaution.

3. All Faculty members/Teachers/Researchers/Non-teaching staff should provide their contact details i.e Mobile No., email id, etc to their institutions so that they may be contacted in case of emergency.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Amit Khare)

Copy to the Chief Secretary of all States and UTs with a request to consider similar guidelines for the educational institutions under their control.

(Amit Khare)
Dear Chief Secretary,

I am to request that there is a need to promote digital learning so that the students can continue their learning by making full use of the available Digital / e-Learning Platforms during the period the educational institutions are closed as a precautionary measure to fight COVID-19. A list of key Digital / e-Learning Platforms which are provided by MHRD for online education is as under:

(a) **SCHOOL EDUCATION**

**DIKSHA:**
Diksha has more than 80,000 e-Books for classes I to XII created by CBSE, NCERT and States / UT which are available in multiple languages. The contents can also be viewed through QR codes on textbooks. The app can be downloaded from IOS and Google Play Store.
Website: [https://diksha.gov.in](https://diksha.gov.in) or [https://seshagun.gov.in/shagun](https://seshagun.gov.in/shagun)

**e-PATHSHALA:**
In this web portal NCERT has deployed 1886 audios, 2000 videos, 696 e-Books (e-Pubs) and 504 Flip Books for classes I to XII in different languages. Mobile Apps is available.
Website: [http://epathshala.nic.in](http://epathshala.nic.in) or [http://epathshala.gov.in](http://epathshala.gov.in)

**National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER):**
NROER portal has a total of 14527 files including 401 collections, 2779 documents, 1345 interactive, 1664 audios, 2586 images and 6153 videos on different languages.
Website: [http://nroer.gov.in/welcome](http://nroer.gov.in/welcome)

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(b) **HIGHER EDUCATION**

**SWAYAM:**

SWAYAM is the national online education platform hosting 1900 courses covering both school (classes IX to XII) and higher education (undergraduate, post graduate programs) in all subjects including engineering, humanities and social sciences, law and management courses. A unique feature of SWAYAM is that, it is integrated with the conventional education. Credit transfers are possible for SWAYAM courses (max. 20%).

Website: swayam.gov.in

**SWAYAM PRABHA:**

SWAYAM Prabha has 32 DTH TV channels transmitting educational contents on 24 x 7 basis. These channels are available for viewing all across the country using DD Free Dish Set Top Box and Antenna. The channel schedule and other details are available in the portal. The channels cover both school education (classes IX to XII) and higher education (undergraduate, postgraduate, engineering Out-of-school children, vocational courses and teacher training) in arts, science, commerce, performing arts, social sciences and humanities subjects, engineering, technology, law, medicine, agriculture.

Website: swayamprabha.gov.in

2. Access / login to all the above platforms / facilities are free. In addition to above students can also be given projects, to be done at home, under “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”, “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan”, “Jal Shakti Abhiyan”, “Ban on Single Use Plastic” and “Fit India”.

3. I would appreciate if you could disseminate this information amongst the students and teachers to enable them to use these initiatives effectively.

   **With regards,**

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

(Amit Khare)

The Chief Secretary (All States and UTs as per list attached)
COVID-19
सतर्क रहें, सुरक्षित रहें
विद्यार्थियों, कोरोना वायरस को अपने अध्ययन में बाधा ना डालने के मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय की डिजिटल पहल

स्कूली शिक्षा

नीता (DISHA)

नीता (DISHA) नेशनल ए-पाथशाला में शामिल होने की पेशेवर तकनीकी किस्म, विद्यार्थियों के लिए प्रारंभिक शिक्षा का संदर्भ है।

पैजा (E-PATHSHALA)

ई-पाथशाला (E-Pathshala) द्वारा वेब पोर्टल और मोबाइल ऐप (ए-पाथशाला, अद्वितीय और क्षेत्रीय) द्वारा राष्ट्रीयप्रिय पाठ्य-पुस्तकों का निर्माण और पेशकश किया जा रहा है। इस पोर्टल पर 30000 अनुभवी चित्रकार, 2000 विद्वान, 695 उपभोक्ताओं और 504 लघु उद्यमों के बारे में जानकारी उपलब्ध है। कक्षा IX से XII के लिए उपलब्ध पाठ्य, सहस्त्रता (I-सागर) का उपहार प्राप्त है।

पैजा (SWAYAM)

पैजा (SWAYAM) अन्वेषण और मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय द्वारा राज्यपत्र पाठ्यक्रम में शामिल होने के लिए इ-पाथशाला और उपभोक्ता (I-सागर) का उपहार प्राप्त है।

कान्ती (-helper)

कान्ती (helper) नेशनल ए-पाथशाला में शामिल होने की पेशेवर तकनीकी किस्म, विद्यार्थियों के लिए प्रारंभिक शिक्षा का संदर्भ है।

वॉल्फर्स (SWAYAM PRABHA)

वॉल्फर्स (SWAYAM PRABHA) शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में व्यापक अधिकारिक ऐप द्वारा विद्यार्थियों के लिए प्रारंभिक शिक्षा का संदर्भ है।

स्वयं (SWAYAM)

स्वयं (SWAYAM) अन्वेषण और मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय द्वारा राज्यपत्र पाठ्यक्रम में शामिल होने के लिए इ-पाथशाला और उपभोक्ता (I-सागर) का उपहार प्राप्त है।

उच्च शिक्षा

निश्चित (NISHTHA)

निश्चित (NISHTHA) कॉमन केन्द्रीय एवं राज्यस्तरीय ग्राम-ग्रामीण ऐप (ग्राम-ग्रामीण) द्वारा विद्वानों और विद्यार्थियों के लिए स्वतंत्र स्वतंत्र विद्वान-कॉर्सों और अन्य सार्वजनिक किस्म के स्वतंत्र विद्वान-कॉर्सों की शिक्षा का शिक्षा किया जाता है।
COVID-19
STAY SAFE
Students, Don't let Coronavirus stop you from learning!

Digital Initiatives of MHRD

SCHOOL EDUCATION

DIKSHA
The DIKSHA platform offers teachers, students and parents engaging learning material relevant to the prescribed school curriculum. The app can be downloaded from iOS and google Play Store. Website: https://diksha.gov.in/.

E-PATHSHALA
A web portal and mobile app (Android, iOS and Windows) designed and deployed by NCERT. The portal has 1869 audio, 2000 videos, 560 e-books (te-puza) and 304 flip books. Don’t miss out on the interesting augmented reality e-content available for class IX – XII. Website: http://epathshala.ncert.in/

HIGHER EDUCATION

SWAYAM
Online education platform hosting of courses in graduation and post graduation to be accessed by anyone, anywhere at any time. All the courses are interactive, prepared by the best teachers in the country and are available, free of cost to any learner. Website: https://swayam.gov.in/

SWAYAM PRABHA
Channel No. 31 ‘Nishthaa Pragati’ telecasts e-contents approved by NCERT on a 24x7 for classes IX-XII in all subjects. Time-slots of 4 hours daily has been approved on SWAYAM Prabha DTH Channels for selected states where e-class, full of school education content aligned with the ongoing syllabus will be broadcasted. Website: https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/

NISHTHA
An Integrated Teacher Training Portal and Mobile App (Android, iOS). Teachers of DIET, D.Ed Institute and Teacher Educators can access all course modules, videos, audio and other material free online anytime, anywhere. Website: nishtha.ncert.gov.in