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This is to acknowledge all the stakeholders of Mahatma Gandhi Central University (MGCU) that in these hard times of COVID-19 pandemic the University stands firm with all its faculty, scholars and students and ready to deliberate on any issues related to academics or welfare of all concerned.

We all are aware of the situation our country is passing through and how it is reeling under the pandemic of COVID-19 and like all other sectors; education sector too has been impacted adversely by its onslaught. The pandemic has unmasked its unexpected ferocity way back in March 2020 and has forced the academic institutions to move into an enforced hibernation in terms of lockdown. This has thrown the academic calendar haywire, thus delaying the on-going programmes whether it be graduation / post-graduation/M.Phil. /Ph.D. alike.

Of late competent authority has noticed some sort of anxiety and confusion among the students, especially on the issues related to the pattern and timing of end semester examination, fee structure, start of new semester/courses, facilities such as Wi-Fi, canteen and many other concerns of the students. It is good time to share with you that Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari has a mission and vision towards the overall welfare and well-being of its student fraternity. All concerned are seamlessly working with the last reserves of its physical endurance having students' welfare paramount.

We feel privileged and proud to share with you that we are first among all the Central Universities to finish the courses in time. All our internal assessment got completed even before UGC came up with the idea of online examination. As of now the students in the **Intermediate Semester** are being promoted to next semester and their classes will start in online mode from 27-07-2020. The competent authority hereby, wishes to address all the concerned stakeholders that under no circumstances University is going to conduct examination of two consecutive semesters simultaneously nor university has ever contemplated anything as reprehensible as this. University is bound to fulfil its *raison d'etre* towards the student community who are invariably the brand ambassadors of the good deeds of the university. We have kept all our options open towards timings, modality of the examination and criteria of promotion. It will be as per the UGC guidelines issued in this regards from time to time.

As far as the exam of the **Final Semester** students is concerned the University has not yet decided categorically on the issue and will take the call in conformity with the guidelines and instructions of UGC /MHA keeping in mind the best of the interests of stakeholders.

We are also well aware of the fact that the course work examinations of M.Phil./Ph.D. scholars have to be conducted. Deans of various schools and Departmental Heads have been asked to complete the remaining course work syllabus on priority so that the examinations can be conducted at the earliest possible as may the situation allow. Committees for formulating the structure and modality of the course work exam have been constituted. University's policy and decisions are subservient to the UGC/MHA guidelines and will decide accordingly keeping in mind the welfare of the students as of utmost importance during this unprecedented time of crisis.

The matters related to admission have already been taken care of and have been disposed of amicably. However in case of any circumstantial pendency, the concerned authorities will look into it for its immediate disposal. Regarding fees for the applied courses, it is kept the same as last year and no hike whatsoever has been incorporated for the current entrance examinations towards admissions.

We should also be well aware of the fact that Central universities are supposedly the institutions of higher learning having exclusive focus on the research and innovations. The matter of running undergraduate/ post graduate/new courses are policy related decisions taken in accordance with the existing University statutes/ordinances and UGC/MHRD guidelines, which are invariably in sync with existing circumstances and demands of the regions where a University is located. However, if a Department /School of studies propose to open or continue a particular course citing adequate infrastructure and resources, it is the prerogative of the concerned Department/School to move ahead with the decision following established procedures.

Institutions like universities are no-profit organizations. The fee structure is a policy related matter and is decided by concerned statutory bodies of the university after thoughtful deliberations. As of now there has been no hike in the fee structure from the last 02 years. Likewise MGCU is strong votary of transparency in monetary transactions and has already adopted the best practice of cashless transactions. Over the time the whole process of financial transaction will be in cashless mode.

University is also working untiringly and resolutely to make all of its campus Wi-Fi enabled, mindful of its significance in the exchange and dissemination of information and its pivotal role in the career trajectory of students. Nevertheless, unprecedented crisis of pandemic resulting into lockdown and currently the natural fury as floods has stymied its fruition. However, as the situation eases, university will work for its earliest completion.

Competent authority has already notified the committee for the purpose of establishing canteens for students in all its campuses and the same has submitted its recommendation. However, the process was stalled like other activities due to the prolonged lockdown.

The struggle for acquisition of land is going on. University has already acquired 32 acres of land where the Gandhi Bhawan has been made functional, and is in the process of acquiring another 101 acres from its designated land to build its own campus. A resolution towards master plan of the University has been approved by the concerned committees and as soon as some mandatory procedures are completed, university will start its infrastructure building process on war-footing.

Hostels are most necessary element of any University. University has already taken initiatives to acquire suitable buildings in appropriate location in the city in addition to upgrading its existing hostel infrastructure matching the global standards.

University incessantly supports nurtures and facilitates the students' representation and participation in various activities following established process and norms. It has set mechanisms in place to provide bridge between students and university administrations to cater to their needs and demands for their overall development. The matters related to M.Phil. and Ph.D. scholarships have been resolved and as of now 100% of the research scholars are getting their fellowships in time. Many other issues which have come across me or competent authority have been resolved in the best possible way and time. University authorities are always ready to reach out to all our research scholars and students on all the issues related to their holistic development.

With a hope that all of you must be taking good care of yourselves and strictly following the MHA guidelines to remain safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19, it's an appeal to all the stakeholders of Mahatma Gandhi Central University especially our students/scholars to exercise restraint and patience in these hard times and testing times and bear with us on any unresolved issues arising due to the pandemic. At last I once again assure you that any pending issues related to students welfare and university development will be taken care of on priority basis.



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