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Sub: Appeal to all esteemed colleagues for sharing study materials

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

You all are aware that, the spectre of Novel Corona virus (COVID-19) has seriously disturbed our daily lives. India is also passing through a very troubling phase. In order to contain further spread of the virus, a total lockdown of the country has already been declared with effect from 5 PM of March 23, 2020, which is likely to continue till April 14, 2020, or even beyond. Under the circumstances, all the classes are currently suspended. We are not quite sure how long we all may have to avoid direct contacts with our students in respective classrooms. Therefore, in the interests of our students, our esteemed colleagues may kindly make suitable arrangements of sharing study materials with their students through our university website [by informing the Registrar (registrar@rbu.ac.in) and Information Scientist (info.scientist@rbu.ac.in) so that they are uploaded at the earliest] or any other non-contact online methods (including email, dedicated WhatsApp group and other techniques available to share e-contents). You will understand that, this small initiative cannot ever replace the classroom teaching. But, in these difficult times, this may engage our students in their studies at least in a minimalistic way. We all are aware of the fact that, there may be some students who may not be in a position to access these materials for paucity of necessary infrastructure at their end. All of us should, therefore, make sure that, when the university reopens and classes resume, we shall have at least brief discussions on the materials shared, if any, for the larger benefit of our students. Although the entire humanity is currently facing probably the biggest crisis since the World War II, we feel that, as teachers we may try teaching through other means as far as practicable in the interests of our students who may not have any opportunity subsequently to have ideal full-scale discussion on some topics in their curriculum. You may also kindly note that, the UGC vide its notifications [No. F. No. 1-14/2020 (website) dated 21/03/2020 and D.O. No. 1-3/2020 (CM) dated 28th March, 2020] and the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal (through its WhatsApp message) have also advised us to continue interacting with our students.

We all understand that, this is not a period of normal recess, but a period of unprecedented crisis. Therefore, we sincerely believe that, our esteemed colleagues would take at least small initiatives in this regard. However, all these intended initiatives will be on voluntary basis.

Let us all join hands to fight this threat to our common humanity. Together we shall win this battle.

Thank you very much. Stay well. Stay safe.

s/d
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