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MESSAGE FOR STAFF & STUDENTS

Dear Colleagues and my dear Students,

Greetings in these uncertain times!

The whole world is battling against COVID-19, an unprecedented pandemic that has created havoc externally and has exposed the frailty of mankind the world across. In India we have been under a lockdown since the midnight of 24th March, 2020 and we are all trying individually and collectively to survive under these very trying and restrictive circumstances.

As per government guidelines and advice and as a precautionary measure to check the spread of COVID-19 all classes and campus activities in colleges in Bengal, and all ongoing university examinations were suspended w. e. f. 16th March, 2020. This was followed by a nationwide lockdown. We are in this state of lockdown ever since, with the initial period being extended in phases across the country.

Our hostels were closed proactively effective 16th March and all our students reached the safety of their homes in time. Hope you are all taking precautionary measures to stay safe and to keep in good health and following the guidelines broadcasted periodically by the government. We, at Scottish, are concerned about your health and safety and also of your families and friends. Stay secure.

In this period of social distancing and isolation dear students, you have been attending online classes conducted by the teachers of your respective departments. The teachers have been working from home preparing notes and conducting classes online for the benefit of the students. The teachers are making every effort to cover the existing syllabus. Once we return to some form of normality you will certainly get your opportunity for face to face discussions



and clarifications. Till then, we have to completely rely on this alternative method of teaching and learning. I take this opportunity to thank all the teachers for their commitment to academics and their dedicated care and concern for the College and students.

The teachers' initiative to help the community of our adopted slum at Bagmari is really commendable. With the generous contributions received from many of our teachers the college has distributed groceries and other food items to the children of this slum. Both teachers and non-teaching staff were involved in the distribution logistics. We hope to continue with this activity till the situation improves considerably.

Undaunted by the limiting spirit of the lockdown, and the pressures of preparing lecture notes and video clippings, for the online classes, guiding projects and responding to their students' online queries, our teachers have observed Rabindra Jayanti on 8th May with their performances of Tagore's music and poetry, recorded at home and shared among all the teachers of Scottish.

Some of our non-teaching staff members have been silently giving their service to help in administrative matters beyond the call of duty and this has helped us to meet statutory deadlines. Others are working hard to keep the college and hostel premises and the playground at Bagmari secure, clean and green. I take this opportunity to appreciate their dedication and commitment to the institution.

It is uncertain whether the lockdown will be lifted after the 17th May but we must be prepared for all University examinations. Calcutta University has informed all its affiliated colleges that the Part III/Final Semester UG examinations and the Final Semester PG Examinations will be held **one month** after the University reopens. We will keep all students, parents and guardians informed about classes and examinations and other related dates, in the College website. However, you may also check the University website www.caluniv.ac.in

for details of examination dates, time etc. Hostel boarders will be intimated about relevant schedules in the college website.

You are **all** requested to please check the college website regularly for academic and administrative updates.

This lockdown has given us an opportunity to deeply introspect and listen to ourselves attentively and with a quieter mind. It has also taught us the enormity of patience, of a simpler lifestyle, of a cohesive family relationship and the enormous value of life itself. Let us pray for all those who have been affected by the virus and let us also remember in our prayers all those doctors, nurses and health workers and volunteers across the world who are risking their lives every day to selflessly and tirelessly serve those affected.

Stay well and stay safe.



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