



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

From the Director's Desk-II

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I hope you and your families are safe. I am sure you are spending more time together, as we are in lock down 4.0, completed two months already! At the Institute, we are working hard to keep up the momentum of academic activities and to maintain the campus, a safe zone.

I want to share with you, three recent achievements of the Institute during this period:

- a. We have been inducted into the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) with a 650 TF supercomputer being installed.
- b. We are now a Prime Ministers Research Fellowship (PMRF) granting Institution, which recognition comes with the responsibility of selecting and grooming PhD Scholars.
- c. We have been appointed the National MOOCs Coordinator for offering Engineering courses at UG and PG level.

All these achievements are the outcome of the hard work of each one of the Faculty, Staff and you, Students. Moreover, what helped us is the fact that, in the last 3 years, we did well to move from 12 to top 10 in 'Engineering' Institutions and from 34 to 24 in 'Overall' Institutions in the NIRF India rankings.

As our immediate goal is to graduate the final year UG and PG students, we started online examinations for the final year students, as we move into a new era! It is, indeed, a new challenge and I am glad we are adapting well. The theory examinations for the final year students scheduled from 26th May to 12th June 2020 is progressing well using our own portal <https://cvt.nitt.edu/cvtsem/online/>.

Once the final year examinations and project reviews are over, we are planning to start **examinations for other semesters also in online mode in July**, if the circumstances continue to remain uncertain. As you already know, your Faculty have been uploading the remaining lessons for the Jan –May 2020 semester on our portal <https://studymaterial.nitt.edu/login.php>. For all the students, other than the graduating UG and PG students, we are planning to conduct online sessions for further teaching/clearing doubts from 1-12th June 2020. This will definitely help in boosting the confidence level of the students in general, first year students in particular. The Dean Student welfare, Dean Academic, HODs, student council and their teams are in touch with all students through various means, through class committees, class representatives and your own teachers. If you are not getting regular updates, please get in touch with one of the above Faculty/students.

In view of the prevailing situation in Tamil Nadu, we do not plan to bring UG and PG students back to campus **before 1st August 2020**. There is also a distinct possibility that we may have to start online classes for the next semester. Kindly orient yourselves to make online learning/examinations/evaluations more meaningful. Accordingly, it is again advised to **equip yourself with suitable connectivity** for seamless transition to the new normal.

We will try to bring Research scholars back to campus, once situation improves, so that research is back on track. I am glad the Ph. D seminars, synopsis, final submission and Viva are being conducted online regularly.

All offices are functioning, with 30-50% staff, we are all grateful to the staff members who are taking initiatives to keep the office work flow smooth and in making the campus life safe. As the states are easing restrictions, there is increased risk of spread of infection. I appeal to all of you to observe patience and **cooperate 100%** in following the stipulated Standard Operating Procedures

Be safe and ensure others' safety.

Don't hesitate to show this letter to your parents/guardians.

Best wishes..... Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli

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