

## **A message from the Vice Chancellor**

### **Preparedness of Gauhati University for reopening**

We all happened to face a very difficult time since 16 March 2020 due to the worldwide spreading of COVID-19 caused by the virus "SARS-CoV-2". Classes have been suspended from 16 March which was followed by countrywide lockdown since 24 March 2020. Recently several hostels of GU are also being used as the quarantine centers by the Government of Assam. Meanwhile, it also becomes very urgent to resume regular academic activities for the benefit of the student community. I have expectation that the government will take a decision to reopen the educational institutions very soon. In anticipation of a cordial order of the Government, we at GU are planning to execute the following procedures and services in the G.U. Campus before resuming the teaching, learning and evaluation activities.

1. Sanitization of the campus including all hostels, office buildings, department buildings, auditorium and all other common premises.
2. Painting of all the hostels and repairing of structural damages of the hostel buildings including cleaning and beautification of the hostel premises.
3. Providing of new furniture in the hostels wherever necessary.
4. Health-Screening of all the boarders before entry to the hostels.
5. Face-to-face class for all the students at least for one month before Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate examinations.

G.U. and its affiliated colleges have already been executing the following work-plan to maintain continuity of the teaching-learning processes.

1. Online classes using various online platforms in UG and PG programs.
2. Webinars, online meetings etc., among faculty members, and interactive online meetings of the fraternity of affiliated colleges with the Vice Chancellor.
3. Cancellation of Summer Vacation in the year 2020.

We have also taken-up several major projects to reinforce and augment the physical infrastructure in the GU Campus. Some of them are mentioned below.

1. Widening of road from Biodiversity Park to RRC-2 Boys Hall.
2. High-pole streetlights in selected areas.
3. Construction and improvement of old playground.
4. Construction of one multipurpose hall and a convention center.
5. Construction of a new building for the Commerce Department.

I request the support and participation of all the stakeholders in the reopening process of Gauhati University. In the post COVID-19 situation, we have to develop and maintain the following qualities to build resilience at individual level-

- Remain calm in real time situation.
- Use your body as feedback system.
- Accept the change.
- Nourish yourself.
- Build positive social relationship.
- Find your purpose of life and Practice your skills.

**With best wishes**

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