ROADMAP TOWARDS CONTAINING COVID 19

Developed by:

 Manipur University COVID-19 Task Force Committee

The sixteen districts of Manipur having been recognised as green zones by the Ministry of Home affairs, Government of India and also having zero active cases of COVID-19 have been allowed many activities with the opening of National Lockdown in certain areas from the 4th May, 2020. But in spite of this there is fear of a second wave of infection spreading if proper care is not taken up. Further, there is belief of existence of passive carriers with no evidence of physical symptoms but capable of spreading the Viruses especially to old age persons and Children. Though day to day activities can be performed, of course with physical distancing, certain activities like travel to or from outside states and Educational Institutes are not allowed to function without special permission of the Ministry of Home affairs. Since COVID 19 shall be there for some time, it is important in the long run to have a roadmap for containing COVID 19 with a time frame. The present Roadmap has been prepared by the University with special reference to the important initiatives that can be taken up by the Manipur University and affiliated Colleges for creating wider public awareness of COVID 19 and its pandemic situation. The roadmap is framed in conformity with the prevailing guidelines of different ministries and with the knowledge that the State has lesser population of Indigenous people as compared with other bigger States and the Indigenous people are always in the receiving end during a Pandemic.

Objective:

To prepare a guideline for the smooth functioning of Education and daily life

References:

1. UGC guidelines on examinations and academic calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 and subsequent lockdown dated 29th April, 2020
2. Ministries of Personal, Ministry of Health & Ministry of Home affairs guidelines
3. Government of Manipur guidelines

Jurisdiction:

Roadmap prepared to aid the Manipur University in maintaining an Academic calendar during the pandemic. The same can be referred by the affiliated Colleges and other related Institutes if found suitable.

Focus Areas:

1. Extension Service/Public awareness
2. Sharing of Information
3. Opening of Institutes
4. Examinations
5. Sanitization of Institutes
6. Research Activities

Suggested activities with time frame in the above areas:

1. **Extension Service/Public awareness:**

   Awareness on personal hygiene & activities to be followed with reference to protection from COVID 19 remains low among the public either due to ignorance or stubbornness. The Government machinery has been put in the task to bring awareness among masses; helps of NGOs have been taken. Schools and Colleges are encouraged to perform awareness activities in the vicinity of their location.

   Besides these things, Manipur University would like to suggest the following to all educational Institutes/Colleges for the month of May 2020:

   a) To form a voluntary Corp of Teaching faculty (Students may be included if desired) and perform awareness campaigns regarding the Protocols to be followed for protection against the Pandemic.
   b) Each Institute/college can take up the campaign in 5/6 nearby localities. In this way even the remotest village can be reached.
   c) The NSS cells in Colleges should be strengthened and utilized for the said awareness campaign.
   d) All the 38 teaching Departments of Manipur University, MIT (a constituent College), the NSS Cell, and the Unat Bharat Abhiyan Cell (Manipur University) should actively engage with COVID 19 awareness campaign to the neighbouring localities and villages.

2. **Sharing of Information**:

   Since the State machinery cannot provide awareness to every nook & corner the Deputy Commissioners of every district are urged to provide a list of the Villages requiring awareness campaigns to the Colleges/ University situated in the particular district and the said Institute is urged to provide the necessary awareness.

3. **Re-opening of Institutes** (vis-a vis Online Classes in Schools/Colleges/Institutes):

   Institutes shall remain closed till the time Government declares it safe to open. Manipur University started online teaching since 31st March 2020 smoothly but many Institutes have not yet started. Though online Classes have their own limitations especially in a place like Manipur, the following is suggested to ease the problem.
The Government can entrust some selected teachers in the colleges to develop online teaching modules wherein lessons for different Classes and subjects based on priority can be developed and broadcasted in local channels for at least 4/5 hours per day. This can be applied from school to college and university levels. The same can be made available in Social media. Science practical classes can be held by making smaller shifts so that physical distancing is maintained once the Institutes are allowed to be opened.

4. Examinations:

Conduct of Examinations before the 17\textsuperscript{th} May, 2020 is not possible. However, if the situation improves Examinations can be planned with social distancing.

The Controller of Examinations is urged to collect data of the examinees and frame a suitable system wherein so called physical distancing can be followed by the Examinees during the examination. This practice may require more number of rooms, manpower and number of days. The Controller of Examinations requires contacting the Principals of the affiliated colleges for understanding the status of online classes.

5. Sanitization of Institutes:

Before University and Colleges are to be opened there is requirement for mass sanitization of the Institute building and Compound.

Institute are urged to have a mass sanitization programme using disinfectants. Setting up a Hand washing station with facility for washing hands with soap or hand wash at the entry point manned by a dedicated Staff is advised. The Staff should be wearing the basic protective gears. All Institutes/Departments can maintain a register of health records of Staffs, Students, and a Visitor’s record wherein date, time of visit, name, address, and mobile number can be noted for all visitors for future reference following the existing protocols and ground reality.

6. Research Activities:

The Scholars and teachers who can bring out good research results related to COVID 19 may be motivated and recognised by the University and State Government.

Besides the above points, people should follow the Protocol developed by the Government of India for personal hygiene and prevention from COVID 19 pandemic situation.

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