

Guidelines to Teacher Education Institution (TEIs) to cope up with COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis

The COVID-19 has created an unprecedented situation and adversely affected the education sector across the country. The Ministry of Home Affairs/ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/ Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India have issued Guidelines/Advisory on regular intervals on the necessary measures to be taken for containment of COVID-19 in the country as well as to regulate the activities ensuring safety precautions.

In this situation, all the heads of Teacher Education institutions (TEIs)/Affiliating body have the onerous responsibility of safeguarding the health and associated domain of all NCTE stakeholders including student-teachers, Teacher Educators and School Teachers.

In view of the above, the following Guidelines are issued for compliance by all NCTE recognised TEIs.

- 1. Precautionary Measures:** The following precautionary measures be adopted by all recognised TEIs for protection against the Corona virus:
 - a.** Wearing of face masks/ covers is mandatory in all the institutions premises and adequate stock of such face covers should be available in all TEIs.
 - b.** Social distancing as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare must be properly maintained within the TEIs/workplace and adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of students/staff etc be ensured.
 - c.** Provision of thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer preferably with touch free mechanism will be made available at all entry /exit points and common areas.
 - d.** Frequent sanitization of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., will be ensured including between shifts/intervals.
 - e.** Older employees, Pregnant employees, the employees having underlying medical condition need to take extra precautions.
 - f.** Use of ‘**Arogya Setu**’ should be encouraged for all employees/student-teacher of Teacher Education Institutions with a view to ensured safety in office & work place.

2. Online Classes: TEIs should explore the possibility to encourage technology enabled learning as well as conducting online classes .NCTE has taken initiative for uploading Open Education Resource (OER) on its official website www.ncte.gov.in free of cost for all stakeholders and around 28 areas/themes/courses are covered under Teacher Education Courses are as under:

1. Childhood and Growing Up Course
2. Contemporary India and Education
3. Learning and Teaching
4. Language across the Curriculum
5. Understanding Disciplines and Subjects Course
6. Gender, School and Society
7. Pedagogy of English, Hindi/Sanskrit, Maths, Science, Social Science, Economics
8. Knowledge and Curriculum
9. Assessment for Learning
10. Creating an Inclusive School
11. Psychology of Learning and Development
12. History and Political Economy
13. Education Studies
14. Research Methodology
15. Philosophy and Sociology of Education
16. Curriculum Studies
17. Teacher Education
18. Early Childhood Care Education-ECCE
19. Institutional Planning & Management of Secondary & Senior Secondary Education
20. Universal Elementary Education
21. Preparation of Secondary and Higher secondary school Teachers-Pre-Service & In Service
22. Educational Technology
23. Educational Administration
24. Educational Measurement and Evaluation
25. Computer Education
26. Adult Education
27. Environmental Education & Disaster Management Education
28. Human Rights and value Education

Besides above, NCTE is in the active process of networking with **SWAYAM** and **DIKSHA** Portals to provide access by access to NCTE website in due course of time.

3. Sharing of internet bandwidth with other TEIs: All Teacher Education Institutions (TEI's) are advised to allow students of other colleges/ institutions in their vicinity to access the internet facility with appropriate precautionary measures. TEIs may accordingly permit students of other institutions to share their campus internet/other facilities.

4. Admission, Examination & Certification etc: TEIs function according to the rules statues/Norms of the Affiliating Body/University for admission, examination, certification etc, Therefore UGC/State Govt advisory/instructions with regard to Admission, Examination and Certification etc. Under COVID-19 should be adhered within the limit of NCTE regulation.

5. Internship: Internship and field engagement domain shall be as per the direction of the affiliating body/University /Institution under the prevailing situation.

6. Payment of Fees: All TEIs are advised to take lenient view on payment of fees etc.& not to insist on payment of fee considering the covid-19 crisis.

7. Payment of salary to faculty members: Payment of salary to faculty members and other benefits shall be as per the policy of the State Govt/Affiliating Body as Notified in NCTE Regulation 2014. However, all TEIs are advised to take a lenient view on payment of salary and other benefits to the employees.

8. Discouraging fake news: Various interest groups / individuals are circulating fake news on social media platforms thereby creating rumours. Discouraging any such fake news and reporting the matter to concerned authorities should be the prime responsibility of all stakeholders. It is also advised that any information published on the official website of MHRD/UGC/NCTE only may be relied upon. Hence, these websites may be regularly perused for any updates. Similarly, for other government circulars, official websites of the concerned Ministries /Departments may be referred to.

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