

# MADHAV INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, GWALIOR

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## All Dear Students of MITS

The semester has started in online mode w.e.f 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The institute has prepared an action plan based on the guidelines received from the regulatory agencies. I am getting a feedback from the students that attending all online classes, submitting assignments and appearing for quizzes is taking too much of their time.

Due to the COVID-19 situation there is also an atmosphere of uncertainty which is causing lots of anxiety among the students about their jobs, their careers etc. My dear students, this is not a situation which you or me or the education system has ever faced in the past, so we are all constantly learning, learning to adapt, adapting to change, changing to fit in the scenario, and so on and so forth. My advice to you in this crisis is that **“Be in the present, think only about the present and do not worry about the future right now”**. The following famous lines from the Bhagwat Geeta have never been more relevant in our lives perhaps, as they are now:

**कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्तेमाफलेषुकदाचन।माकर्मफलहेतुर्भुमत्सिगोऽस्त्वकर्मणि॥**

The Digital Teaching Action Plan stresses on “Continuous Learning & Assessment”. **A student has written to me that “Education can be given via zoom or google meet but not learning”**. I will like to clarify here that **“Teaching** in this digital mode is totally student centric and **learning** for all the students will only result when the students comply with the format which caters to **“anywhere anytime learning”**. The students can now learn in their own time, at their own pace & at their own place.

As there is no place for mass absenteeism in the digital teaching model, the classes can continue irrespective of virtual absence of students; recorded lectures are available for anytime viewing and most importantly, the onus of “Learning” is now totally on the students. In this scenario, the weekly assignments & quizzes are the only ways for the teachers to ensure that the students think and apply skills to learn **after** the class.

Online lectures, labs, doubt clearing sessions, assignments & quizzes complete one learning cycle. **A weekly system has been designed so that there is no overload to students at the end of the semester**. The idea is to take short quick steps to achieve the goal.

The class coordinators are always there to help you as they act as an interface between you and the institute. Their role has become more relevant in these times. You can communicate through your whats app groups and your invaluable feedback will reach us; I assure you that necessary steps will be taken to accommodate your concerns in the best possible manner.

Take care, Be safe, Be happy, Be alert and work hard.

The institute hopes that our students will make the best use of this time and achieve their due places in the world and society once the CORONA pandemic has subsided. All the best to you all, in all your present & future endeavors, today, tomorrow and always.....

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