

It's been more than 3 weeks since we were hit with the dramatic impact of COVID-19. Sadly, since then, we are all mute witness to how this virus is impacting our families, our communities and our very way of life. What we are facing is daunting and although these are testing times for us, I am sure the world will bounce back again.

As per the latest announcement from the Government of India regarding extension of the lock down period until **May 3rd**, I want to provide an update on our approach to the 2020-21 academic year.

For Students and Parents: We remain committed to ensure that our students continue to experience continuous learning sessions and have begun transitioning to virtual instructions from 1st week of April to our 2020 batch recruits. We would be extending online sessions to our 2019 batch around mid of April 20. Fortunately, our dedicated faculty team has been working literally around the clock to respond to the challenges posed by COVID-19.

To our Faculty: I recognise that we have given a very short notice to rethink how you teach and adapt to new challenges. I am extremely happy for the support extended by each of you and no wonder we have great reviews from students and parents on the sessions.

To our Admissions & Student Services team: I understand that we are expecting you to go above and beyond your efforts to support the mission of teaching. We do this because we know we can rely on your commitment, creativity and flexibility during these challenging times.



To our Admin & Accounts team: In spite of all the current challenges, our DTP design team is working hard to ensure material preparation is readily available by the time we open for academic sessions. The Admin & Accounts team have been continuously backing up technical requirements for the team, without whose support, it would have been a major challenge executing what we are doing today.

For the Community: Gatik understands the devastating impact of COVID-19 on the daily labourers. We are doing our bit by contributing groceries and basic essentials to migrant workers around our campuses.

I am proud to be a member of Team Gatik. Thank you all for your patience & your resilience as we all learn to handle ourselves in this epidemic, time for us to be more generous to each other.

As the days unfold we will monitor the situation and adapt ourselves to new challenges to make necessary changes to the programs. Let me also assure parents and students that Team Gatik is already under preparation to run online sessions just in case the situation extends beyond May 2020.

Current situation presents to each of us the opportunity to demonstrate the best of what we are, it also exposes our limitations. It's time to overcome those limitations, overcoming them can transform us.

Thank you for being a member of Gatik, can't wait to welcome you all back to campus.

Until then, stay home & stay safe.

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