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Director's Message to Students

My Dear Students,

I hope you and your family members are in good health and following all safety guidelines issued by the authorities from time to time during this difficult period. Many of you are already at home with parents and the other students may be reaching home soon or after the examinations. This message is mainly to ensure you all that Institute has been working hard to keep all the academic related activities going without major inconvenience to the students.

As you would have noticed, the minutes of 47th Senate meeting is uploaded on Institute website. The Senate members clearly ensured that the final year students complete all academic formalities in time which will enable them to join a new job or proceed for higher studies elsewhere.

In order to ensure safety of all of you, we have decided to avoid unnecessary travel by you to the Institute to write the end-semester examination. All theory, practical, tutorial, seminars and final project viva for the final year students shall be held in online mode only. Keeping in view various hardship you may have to write the exam online either at home or in hostel, we have made it open book exam and also reduced the weightage of end semester exam to 30 marks (instead of 50 marks). The internal evaluation is proportionally increased to 70 marks (20 for internal assessment + 50 for the mid-semester). For other details about exam procedure and evaluation as approved by the Senate meeting held on 19th May, please refer to the minutes of the 47th (Special) Senate Meeting, which is placed on our website.

You are aware that the Student community across the globe is facing the same crisis and being student of SVNIT, be rest assured that the COVID-19 pandemic will not affect your future plans. We received several request from students to avoid any exam and give a mass promotion with grades of last semester. We could not agree to this as being an Institute of National Importance, it will reflect bad on our part and also leave a permanent record in your grade card that you were exempted from the examination during this semester. I am sure you will agree to this.

Finally, I would like to request you to ensure the following:

- Make the best use of the time to attend the online classes, self study on the course content, refresh your fundamentals for better performance in exam as well as placement interviews
- Learn beyond syllabus about some foreign language, music, software in relevant area, etc.

- Improve the connectivity at your place by having a dongle from a cell operator effective in your area for effective participation in online classes and downloading the material sent by your teacher.
- Spend some spare time before/after exam to carry out some social work of helping the needy in your area by whatever means possible.
- Spend enough time with your parents and elders at home and cheer them in whatever way you can make them comfortable. This is an unique opportunity which you do not get often among your tight academic schedule.
- Stay healthy and make sure that your activity does not reduce your immunity.

On behalf of all faculty and staff of SVNIT and on my own behalf, I wish you all the best in your examinations and to come out of this difficult time. We look forward to see you back on Campus soon.

Prof. S. R. Gandhi
Director