

Activities during Covid-19 Lockdown and the Lockdown Guidelines of the University

The University was running the even semester classes, when the national lockdown due to Covid-19 outbreak happened. Many of the students returned back to the safety of their rural homes, and have remained there as the nation was continuing its fight against the disease. This has resulted in complete shutdown of the physical operations. In order to avoid major hindrances in the academic, the examination, and the administration systems a proper Lockdown Guidelines was formulated for compliance by all concerned.

The academic activities were continued on the unfamiliar digital platform by employing mobile based applications like Zoom, Google Meet and Google Classrooms for online classes.

- Students were linked with common available social media like Whatsapp and email, and provided with soft copies of reading materials, explanation notes, eBooks, e-course materials, and other online resources like lectures through voice recordings, video clips and phone calls.
- MCQ Test using Google classroom, and Open Book Exams were mostly employed for evaluation of their performances.
- Dissertations and projects which are important component for the PG courses have also been finalized.
- As on date, most of the Faculty Members have completed their syllabus or are on the verge of completion. Accordingly, most Internal Tests have also been concluded.
- All the BBA and MBA students have been guided to register for a free 15 days online course offered by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
- The final semester of BHM/BTTM (Class of 2020) that went for their Semester Internship to Goa could not complete their full internship period due to Covid-19 pandemic. They could attend it only for one month, and their final Project reports were done under the guidance of their faculty members. The final semester of BHM/BTTM (Class of 2021) and BBA H& T (Class of 2021) that had undergone their Semester (Summer Internship Project) at Mizoram in different hotels and tourist lodges could not complete their full internship period due to Covid-19 outbreak again. For those who did their internship under Tourism Department, Govt. of Mizoram at Beraw Tlang Tourist Lodge, Aizawl; Chaltlang Tourist Lodge, Aizawl; Thenzawl Tourist Lodge and Golf Course, Thenzawl. As most of the lodges all over Mizoram, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, were used by the Local Level Task Force or State Government for Quarantine centers, the students had to come back home without completing their internship; with due information/ permission of the university, and completed their final Project reports under the guidance of their faculty members. On the other side those who did their internship in different hotels had to spend additional days for their internship.
- The University witnessed sincere dedication from the Visiting Faculty during the lock down period. They painstakingly conducted online classes, Assignments and other academic disciplines.
- As the semester end approaches, Crash courses are conducted wherever possible as a means to revise the important topics of studies.

NOTE: However, it is imperative to note that, since many of the students reside in rural areas, the poor and limited digital connectivity has been the major challenge during the COVID-19 period. The University administration has been operating during the initial period of the lockdown from home. The Office continued its function with key officials executing the daily operations of the University. Even during the period where the building was utilized as a Quarantine facility, with personal protective measures, the University continued to function without much disturbances.