

Report on the activities done during the lock down period from March 16, 2020

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore campus was proactive in taking various measures to ensure the safety of students, staff and campus inmates in the event of the pandemic Covid 19. The situation was unprecedented and many initiatives taken by the university did not have any previous case study.

Academics

Meanwhile online classes started for the Second semester students from May 1st week using MS Teams.

Masks were made available in the campus and social distancing norms imposed on all residing inside the campus. Utmost care was taken by the inmates to check the spread of the virus.

The academic Council decided to Conduct the End semester examination for all the courses from June 1st onwards. The portions covered after the second periodical test were included in the End semester examination and the weight for the two periodicals were raised from 15 to 25. The Weight for the End semester was plugged at 30, out of which 15 was apportioned for a Mandatory Viva.

A faculty development program was conducted to help faculty to use MS Teams and AUMS to conduct online classes and evaluation.

Online classes were conducted for almost 50 courses for a period of 30 days using in-house Amrita University Management System (AUMS) and MS Teams

Examination began on July 2nd and Exams were conducted for around 200 courses for a period of one month. There were initial hiccups due to connectivity issues, but on July 4, 2020 all the examinations were completed successfully. Results of the Final year Students were published by Fourth week of June 2020.

Decided to start the ODD semester of AY 2020-21 from July 15, 2020 in a phased manner. Decided to use another in-house Learning management system (LMS) –AMPLE– for delivery of online classes.

Two Faculty development program (FDP) the first one on 22 June and second on 3rd and 4th of July were conducted to familiarize the faculty about the use of AMPLE

Safety measures:

First week of March 2020: All toilets in Academic Blocks and Hostel buildings were provided with Soap based hand sanitizers. The sanitizers were made in house.

On March 16, based on Govt Order College were closed till March 31, 2020. All hostel students were asked to vacate the hostel. Except three students all Hostellers left the campus by 17.3.2020

The campus was completely closed from March 25th, 2020. Except for Medical emergency, none of the campus resident were moving out. Essential commodities including medicines were made available in the campus. Food packets were made available for sale in the canteen. Medical aid was available in the campus 24 x 7.

Closure of the college were extended upto April 14 and then upto May 4.

Based on relaxation from TN Govt, Staff engaged in essential services like Admin office, Controller of Examination office, ICTS, Accounts, Research staff were allowed inside following social distancing protocol.

Alcohol based foot operated sanitizer was installed in 50+ locations in the campus. The sanitizer was manufactured in house.

Acovid cell was constituted (see annexure 1) which made detailed protocol for entry of staff and campus inmates.

All two wheelers entering the campus was sanitized at the security.

The cell made a detailed study of the protocol made available by the Uty Vice Chancellor for student entry into the campus once students start coming to the campus- See Annexure 2

Information portal

A COVID update tab was created in the campus intranet page to share updates to student and parent about the activities in the campus.

Decided to refund the mess fee to students for the period of lock down, For final years this will be refunded along with the caution deposit, for all lower semesters, this will be adjusted with the next years fees.

Issue of bonafide certificates for loan applications, Transfer certificates, consolidated grade sheets, Provisional certificate made online. Instructions for obtaining this was posted in intranet page.

Email ids and Phone numbers of various functionaries taking care of for various services like academics, fee payment, administration, stress management were made available in the intranet page to help parent and students

Students from non-containment zones were allowed to take teaching materials, important documents like passport etc from the hostels. Precautionary measure as per guidance from Covid cell was strictly followed.

The Covid cell reviews situation in an around Coimbatore and decides on the various updates. This will shared in the Covid Cell Tab in the Uty intranet for the benefit of Students, staff of Amrita University, Coimbatore campus.