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Implementation of Measures by HEIs for Mental Health, Psychosocial Concerns and well-being of students during and after COVID-19

Action Taken Report:

In the wake of pandemic COVID-19, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune has declared non-instructional days for students from 14th March 2020. Advisory for Universities and Colleges- Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) from UGC as per Department of Health and Family welfare (MHRD) regarding taking preventive measures, was circulated to all students and staff through ERP. Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, appointed Dr. H. H. Chavan (Medical Superintendent, Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Pimpri) as the Warden for COVID-19 Novel Corona Virus quarantine and to coordinate the public health activities related to this epidemic for the staff and students of Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune and its Constituent Colleges/Institutes. At Dr. D. Y. Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute, the class coordinators for each class are constantly in communication with students with regard to their mental and physical well-being and safety. Each class coordinator functions as a counselor for the students of the respective class and developed WhatsApp groups with students to monitor them.

To remain calm and stress free, students are regularly being interacted by most of the faculty members, student council, and class representatives. Entire student and staff community installed the app *Aarogya Setu* to fight against COVID-19. Most of the faculty members are conducting online classes through online video lectures (using zoom and google class room etc.) and other methods. Animations for different topics/concepts are shared with students to attract their attention and better understanding. Students are encouraged to attend different online sessions or webinar from AICTE and different other agencies.

COVID-19 help group of students has been formed, headed by hostel wardens/senior faculty who can identify friends/classmates in need of help and provide immediate necessary help. This group comprised of few faculty members and student council of the institute. Class

representatives of students are also a part of this group for any information regarding the class students' well-being. Director of the institute is constantly in touch with this group and monitoring the well-being of students and other members of the Institute.

Further, Video links of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare <https://mohfw.gov.in/> have been shared with students and faculty via WhatsApp.

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