

## **MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

### **Message from Principal**

Dear Students,

As you are aware we are under lock down due to COVID-19. Trust you are staying at home and keeping safe. Please wear mask in case you have to go out for essentials. Keep safe physical distance from others when you venture out and wash your hands thoroughly once you come back. In case you have any concerns or worries, please feel free to call any of our Counsellors listed on MSSW website. You may also refer the numbers to persons who need online counselling.

Kindly reach out to needy persons in your area and help them if possible. You may be aware that lakhs of people are struggling without any income due to lack of access to their regular livelihood. We have formed MSSW COVID Mission and are trying to do whatever possible to help such persons and families. We appreciate those of you who have volunteered for the Corporation corona monitoring work. We are waiting for further communication from them.

Make use of the time available to prepare for your end-semester examinations and to browse a variety of online materials available for your respective disciplines. You may also attempt to complete some certificate courses. We are trying to complete all ICA components and Viva examinations online as per the advice of UGC and University of Madras. Components not conducted during the lock down period will be completed along with the end-semester examinations.

You may have heard from the media that end-semester examinations will be held only when College reopens for the next academic year. Be prepared to travel for the same and appear for the exams as soon as the exam schedule is announced. In the interest of publishing results at the earliest, as per Govt advice, exams will be held without any break in-between. There will be no time to prepare in-between exams. Hence, we urge you to make use of the lock down days and prepare well for your exams. Feel free to contact your faculty for any subject related clarifications.

We will shortly advise you on summer internship modalities. We are in touch with organizations which have placed our students to rework the joining schedules. The placement coordinator will update you on this. We could not conduct College Day during which we usually give away the various prizes and awards. Once college reopens we will designate a day and award the medals and certificates.

Once college reopens for end-semester examinations, Hostel students can come one day prior to the reopening and stay till the end of the examinations.

Take care and keep safe.

Dr. S. Raja Samuel

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