



## **Message from the President's desk**



*In the present scenario*, most of the countries in the world being worst hit owing to the novel Corona virus, COVID-19, the cases of outbreak being increased exponentially in the last few weeks, costing significant economic loss due to lockdown situations and maintaining social distancing. During such a traumatic hour, IIM as an Institute vows for its stakeholder's safety and wellness: physical, psychological and emotional. In order to keep our employees motivated and engaged and to cater to the needs of the fraternity, IIM has incorporated 'work from home' option for its Head Office employees, with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

As the President of the Institute, I believe that the true credibility of an organisation lies in how it is able to support its stakeholders [10,000+ Members, Officials & Employees all across], at times of a crisis. This is the time to find out innovative & alternative ways to roll with the punches; by revisiting the ways to operate & function for adjusting with the pandemic. We wish to adapt to the changing environment fast & build up a robust action plan for initiating normal operations at the earliest. In the meantime, would like to draw your attention to the following:

1. **Keep in Communication** – This is necessary as we are at home safely, but communicating with each other via online resources. I am happy to inform you that the Apex Committee of IIM had a Zoom VC meeting and deliberated important Agenda on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The option for next IIM meetings including Council meeting via such online platform was deliberated. Every member/Chapter can utilise the same idea at this time to conduct Chapter EC meetings and lectures via Zoom, Skype, etc. This is necessary as the financial year is ended on March 31, 2020 and closing of accounts, general body meeting and election of new committee are to be done once the lockdown is lifted and everything is normal.
2. **Connect with your Members** - We would urge all stakeholders to adopt simple health [Primarily diet and work-outs], and sanitation measures while staying at home, during the prolonged lockdown to be physically and mentally sound. Chapter EC members may connect /touch base with the respective members, particularly senior and aged members for any help/support, if / when required towards medical support, sanitation, healthcare etc.
3. **Make your Proposals ready** - As most of our members would be aware, that much ahead of time, this year, IIM has invited applications for NMD & IIM Awards 2020, mandatorily through its Online Awards Portal, [www.nmd-iimawards.com](http://www.nmd-iimawards.com), wef last week of February 2020. However, this unprecedented pandemic outbreak has made some shifts in the process; online site is under temporary maintenance by the Service Providers during this period and would be up soon, with a subsequent notice to Members on IIM Website for the date of submission. So keep your proposals ready for submission.
4. **AMIIM is coming back** - After a halt of two years, in its last meeting in February 2020 at Vidyanagar, on the recommendation of the Competent Authority, the Council has decided resumption of fresh enrolment of AMIIM, wef 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 [For December 2020 Session]. The Associate Membership of The Indian Institute of Metals shall now be considered as an Autonomous program managed by the Institute. An announcement with all relevant details & procedures to apply online through the Institutes' website has been made available in the home page of <https://www.iim-india.net>. We hereby request all members to disseminate this information suitably, encouraging participation.
5. **Organisation & Nation are important** - During this one week, [April 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>], the fight against coronavirus will become more stringent, till 20<sup>th</sup> April'20, as announced by Govt. of India, however subsequently a conditional withdrawal of the lockdown is permitted in areas where the spread has either been contained or prevented. Please utilise the opportunity to go back to your work and utilise the stored energy within you to contribute to your organisational efforts in supporting the economic growth of our country.

We shall have a lot of things to reflect over, as we emerge from this catastrophe. Your feedback is important for us as an Organization, to chart the right course and enable us to restart our operations at the earliest. IIM stands with you during these hours of crisis; while we work remotely, let's stay connected !

**Best wishes for a Safe and Healthy stay,**

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