



Message from the President's desk



Dear IIM Council Members,

As our nation and the global community continue to struggle with the pandemic outbreak of the novel COVID-19, IIM as an Institute looks for the safety and wellness: physical, psychological and emotional, of all the valued members. Although we realise remote working is not possible for many organisations and businesses, where possible, we are supporting our associates/representatives/employees to work from home as much as they can in order to combat the far reaching implications of the pandemic outbreak. Following the same, IIM Head-Office employees also work from home since last week of March 2020.

We as an Organization would completely adhere to the Government of India's directives / guidelines as published yesterday, following the announcement of the Prime Minister on the extension of lockdown till 3rd May 2020. We are also holding regular online/telephonic consultations amongst the Apex Members to keep abreast with the rapidly changing situation & the subsequent course of actions in various facets.

As most of us working remotely from our respective homes, I wish to know that how have you planned to cope up with the changing times in your personal life and in business. While the pandemic has forced us to press pause on the normal operations, I would like you to take a note of the following:

1. Owing to the restrictions imposed on Travel, there may be postponement in organizing the Council Meetings/ Chapter Seminars or Symposia. We may opt for an alternative measure to organize such programmes, possibly through Video Conferencing using online platforms like Zoom etc., based on the feasibility. Indeed IIM Apex body had a review of the situation and activities on April 08, 2020 via VC using Zoom facility.
2. The Annual General Meeting of the Institute shall be postponed, owing to the late submissions of the Audited Accounts Statements for FY 2019-20 from respective Chapters. Only after the lift of lockdown, we would be in a position to advise the Chapters on the extension of the last date of submission of Financial Accounts Statements & Activity Reports for the preceding Financial Year.
3. 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, 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 new dates for online submission via IIM Website.
4. 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 1st 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.

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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