



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

From the Director's Desk - III

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Dear Students and Parents,

Greetings and congratulations in helping us to improve the rank in NIRF 2020 to 9th in Engineering!

During these testing times, I understand the stress our parents and students are undergoing. At the Institute, we are working hard to ensure that our students are well cared for in all aspects. We want, particularly, to ensure that their subsequent semesters are not deferred and that they are able to have the regular inputs from teachers.

The Senate of NIT Trichy has decided to conduct assessments like other NITs, many of whom, have already completed their examinations. The final assessment is only of 30% weightage for 2-hour duration; it will be, largely, an open book test. For internal assessment of 70% weightage, we have allowed for flexibility by giving credit for group work, group projects, seminars, quizzes as suggested by some of you.

Please be informed that the Institute closed on 15th March 2020, after 10 weeks of teaching, when 65-75% of the curriculum was completed. We created an online portal for study materials, as early as March 20th where all the lessons were uploaded to facilitate online classes and the period from 1st June to 19th June 2020 was meant for online doubt clearing.

As decided by our Senate, we have completed the online assessments for our final year students. The attendance at the assessments was almost 100% and the results are encouraging. We are publishing them this week. Even those students who only had 2G connection could submit their answer sheets, as they needed connectivity to download the question paper initially and then upload the answer sheets after 2 hours for which an additional 30-45 minutes was given.

Following the experience with the Final Years, we are planning to conduct End Semester assessments for the junior batches online so that the current semester is over for everyone (Students and Faculty), before the next semester begins. We hope that the COVID spread will slow down by then. We are allowing students to collect the study materials that they have left behind in their hostels: many have done so. You may contact the concerned HoDs for any clarifications.

If your wards have any issues with the online assessments, they will get a chance to write it on campus whenever the college reopens, as mentioned in our announcement. So they don't have to worry if they miss this chance.

The online classes for next semester will start from 25th August 2020, as per the time-table. Please prepare your wards to attend the classes regularly, with connectivity and gadgets.

I hope this clarifies our actions. We are there for the welfare of the students, working harder than earlier and we need parents and students to cooperate. The online campaign planned by some students for cancellation of assessments is not advisable under the present circumstances as it jeopardizes their future plans.

Kindly take your wards back home to be with you (especially parents abroad), as we may not reopen until November/December/ January by the way things are moving.

Be safe wherever you are !

Best wishes Mini Shaji Thomas