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The coronavirus outbreak is certainly a human tragedy affecting lakhs of people across the world and is expected to have a growing impact on the global economy and probably each one of us in some form or the other. I hope that you all are taking the proper precautions mentioned by the health organizations/Local & Central governments to stay safe and to protect yourself and others from this serious infectious disease.

As we pass through this phase, we will find government making significant interventions, businesses make rapid adjustments to the changing needs of their people, customers and suppliers, while navigating the financial and operational challenges. Education Sector is no different, the lockdown is almost certain to cause a major interruption in the students' learning capabilities, disruptions and assessments and will also have a lasting impact on the trajectory of learning, innovation and digitization. These changes have certainly caused a degree of inconvenience, but they have also prompted new examples of educational innovation.

As students some key health tips for you to follow,

- Stay indoors and stay safe
- Be compassionate towards family and self
- Maintain hygiene in your daily routine and life
- Be vigilant to exposure of media and news – validate sources
- Make It easy to reach out for support
- Stay connected to each other (Use interpersonal mediums like phone/video calls)

During this time, we (DY Patil Management & Faculties) remain as passionate as ever about helping you learn, grow, and connect with educators and bring in new ways to learn. It's important to remember that this isn't a vacation from college or a way to get out of classes.

The pandemic is an opportunity to remind oneself of the skills students need and will need in this unpredictable world be it data driven decision making or creative problem solving, and / or perhaps above all, adaptability. To ensure these skills remain a priority among all students, resilience must be built into our systems as well.

Today you will find a large number of companies and global institutions having launched new, free resources, as well as interesting courses to connect with learners around the world and share your viewpoints, ask questions, and find inspiration. This includes the Ivy League universities which are offering more than 450 free online courses and students will receive a 'verified certificate' upon completion. Considering the lockdown, these universities are now offering free online courses on a variety of subjects including computer science, data science, business, art and design, social sciences, health and medicine, education and teaching, analytics and personal development.

It is rightly said that a wise person always remains calm in various adverse situations and will always try to consume enough of the knowledge so that he/she can become an asset later.

Students, while you are at home, you need to utilize this time wisely and develop your technical/presentation/analytical skills. Spend your time learning through online journals, reading articles, newspapers like the **FREE PRESS JOURNAL** - one of the oldest and reputed newspaper.

Best Wishes and Stay Safe

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