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Dear Readers,

It gives us immense pleasure to bring the sixth edition of monthly e- Newsletter 'e- Palaash' for the month May 2020 which is an exclusive issue highlighting multifaceted aspects of the university. This issue will highlight as to how the Corona virus crisis is helping to reintroduce a sense of belonging, and what changes in the education system the pandemic has brought at ICFAI University Jharkhand. Sudden closure of the regular working of the University due to pandemic creates a multitude of problems but under the charismatic leadership of our Vice-chancellor (Prof. O. R. S. Rao), the university is bounced back within a week in the form of digital learning platform with the support of faculty members. The great man is not a product of his circumstances but a product of his decisions. At the very beginning, he thought and decided that we had no other option but to switch to an online learning environment to stop the rapid spread of the Coronavirus in the Jharkhand state. Students will never forget how he made them feel confident. In this difficult time full of challenges, our Vice-chancellor as a leader boosted the morale of faculty members by their statement that "Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time".

In this fast-moving and unpredictable situation, the ICFAI University Jharkhand initiated an online portal "Swaadadhay" -a digital self-study portal along with online live classes, tests and doubt clearing sessions through 'Cisco Webex'. Students accessed more than 1000 plus contents just after two weeks in the form of pdf, PPTs, Bullet point notes, video lectures and assignments uploaded by faculties, doing their office work at home. "Swaadadhay" has given new hope and a way for the students to access the online content and online test which they can use at their ease.

We believe that creative expression is always important for students to trigger up their emotional development. We are delighted to apprise to our readers that our students participated very enthusiastically and come up with their creative thinking through a poster, paintings on different themes on current issues like how the corona is impacting the economy, how to take preventive measures and beautiful sketches with a message of salute and respect to corona warriors across the globe.

Our university undertook a wonderful social service initiative to reach the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in society. We congratulate our IUJ Faculty volunteers, who distributed 'BhojanPatra' (Food Kits), masks, hand soap to poor people in 15 villages in the Ranchi district and trained them on how to behave in daily routine work to avoid them from infection.

Research is an enduring field with persistent and focused efforts that lead to positive results. With this positively, the ICFAI research team, has used their innovative and creative blend of mind during this lockdown period and carried a short survey on 'the feelings of the people and also on how they are spending their time on a day-to-day basis'.

The university during this lockdown boosted the morale of the students, as we believe that to restore a healthy mind wouldn't be difficult if we move forward with positive thinking.

There is a beautiful quote "Nature moves mysteriously" but we should always hope to overcome the crisis. I wish all my readers a healthy life and message to stay at home safely with your dear ones.

Last but not the least, I wish you happy reading and give a thought that both our personal and professional value, need to be acknowledged for effective and efficient practice.

Happy Reading!!!!



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