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Dear Student,

IPE Campus is reopening for teaching with Online Orientation Programme on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 as prescribed by AICTE and regular online classes will commence on 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the campus.

As you prepare to join us, many of you may be thinking about how exactly you will be taught, particularly in the light of the concerns related to Covid 19 and the social distancing measures. If you're a new student, you will be meeting the friends that will make your IPE experience memorable, and the academics are waiting to help you in every way.

It is our responsibility to provide you with the best possible opportunities to achieve your full academic potential at IPE. In doing this we recognize that safety and health is of prime importance to you. Therefore, we have made teaching arrangements to fully address this concern.

Teaching in Trimester 1.

We will be offering a blend of face-to-face and online learning. Those who wish to study entirely online in the first term will be able to do so, while those who wish to study face-to-face will be offered a mix of both, online as well offline, ensuring you get the best of both the teaching formats. The choice will be entirely yours!

We are offering a mix of both online and offline teaching and give the option to the students to choose whatever format they wish is because some students have informed us that they wish to be cautious in Term 1, and prefer to study online. But some other students have conveyed to us that they are keen on having the face-to-face learning experience, as they value the learning they get from the real-time interactions and peer learning. Our approach of offering blended learning incorporating both online and offline teaching, ensures you get the best of both the formats, with students free to choose whichever format they prefer, depending on their personal preference.

For those of you who choose to study in a classroom, social distancing measures, as prescribed by GOI and Sate Govt. from time to time, will be implemented to ensure your safety and health. Class sizes will be reduced and classroom seating will be arranged keeping in mind the social distancing requirements. Touch free Hand Sanitizers, Temperature reading and frequent cleaning of all common spaces will be undertaken.

For those of you who choose to study virtually, all classroom teaching will be recorded, and posted online. Some of the classroom teaching will also be streamed live online, so the learning process will be seamless. All study material will also be posted online. In addition, online Forums will be kept open, and you will be able to interact with your academic staff in real-time at designated times, who will also be able to address any queries you may have.

Teaching in Trimesters 2 &3.



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We will continue to monitor the Covid situation and Government guidelines issued from time to time in this regard. As and when the situation progresses, possibly we will shift to offering more offline physical and face-to-face classroom teaching, and fewer 'Online only' options. Whether we switch to more offline teaching, or continue to offer blended teaching will depend entirely on the Covid 19 situation, and equally importantly the student preferences. For this, we will be regularly assessing your preferences, and this will be reflected in the mix of offline and online teaching we offer.

Finally, the one thing we can assure you is, regardless of whether you choose to study virtually online or face-to-face in a classroom, you will always get the same high-quality teaching, incorporating the best pedagogical practices.

And you can look forward to this learning experience in a safe environment, which will remain our first priority.

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