

KINNAIRD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN



My dear students

I take this time to reach out to you to send you my prayers and best wishes in these unusual times we face. We are all aware that the human race is facing an extremely unprecedented situation! The coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic is affecting our institutions, our communities and the very fabric of our life.

Looking at the future, the optimistic view is that everything will be fine by 15 July, the extended date given for opening of educational institutions and that life and classes will resume as usual at the campus. However looking at the present state of affairs we have no idea how long this deadlock will or might last.

By end of March we found ourselves in a situation where we were closed down abruptly with no planning of how to cope with this situation.

We needed to learn very swiftly on how to adapt to this new way of life and go onto a systematic online teaching and learning, so you, as students, do not miss out on your year. Schedules will be delayed somewhat, as exams have to be planned for an online system and assessments worked accordingly. For students in programs that have practicals to be conducted and research to be done in labs will have to wait for further instructions as physical presence in labs is strictly forbidden at the moment.

The Higher Education Commission expects all universities and higher education institutions to follow a structured online teaching process which would be open to monitoring and assessment, hence guaranteeing quality. Therefore all courses had to be adapted for online teaching, scrutinized by the Heads and the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) and formally approved and certified by the Head of the institution. The teachers were required to prepare all courses for online readiness and also undergo some training.

We are now ready to formally launch online teaching on June 1, 2020. We will be using Microsoft Teams as LMS system, so it is advisable you view the following tutorial. I am sure there are many others like it online.

Video tutorial for MS Teams – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SemjM2fHV2Q>

You will be required an official email ID to use Microsoft Teams that has already been updated on the home page of your CMS portal. Your teachers will begin registering you for your courses shortly.

We will begin with post midterm courses from where we left off. The timeline and all relevant queries that you might have will be addressed by a designated team.

We all look forward to working and helping each other in this time of trial.

I am sure together we can navigate these uncertain times with courage and positivity.

Stay positive, Stay home, Stay Safe!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rukhsana David', with a horizontal line underneath.

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