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Dear Vice Chancellors,

As you are aware, the whole world is facing a difficult time due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. All Universities and colleges are closed due to the national lockdown in the country thereby affecting the teaching learning process in academic institutions including Veterinary institutions (Universities and colleges). However, it is important to continue the educational process making effective use of technology, while at the same time comply with the directions of the Government to contain the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, there is an immediate need for all the Veterinary Colleges and Veterinary/Agriculture Universities to work in constructive ways with effective use of technology so as to continue the educational process. There is a need for making suitable adjustments in their academic programmes leading to the BVSc & AH degree in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic and closure of educational institutions. This will ensure continuing education amidst the lockdown, thereby alleviating adverse effect of the lock down.

Accordingly, the universities are requested to consider the following advisory for making suitable adjustments in the BVSc & AH course in the country. However, every Veterinary / Agricultural university may chart out its own plan of action taking into consideration the academic issues in the wake of lock down under the COVID pandemic -

- a. The **last date of admission** to the BVSc & AH course in recognized veterinary colleges **is extended till 31 October** (or till such date as notified by the Government) meaning thereby that the Veterinary colleges may fill up their seats in respect of the new admission for the academic session 2020-21 till **31 October 2020**
- b. Veterinary Universities / Agricultural Universities having constituent or affiliated veterinary colleges may engage with their students through online teaching activities involving –
 - Regular online theory classes
 - Making available database of e-lectures prepared
 - Assignments given by instructors after every class
 - Seminar on subjects taught on a weekly or fortnightly basis
 - Interactive teaching and assessment for respective courses

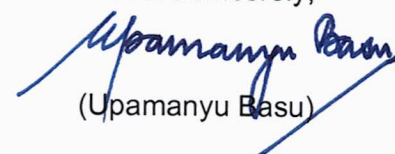
However, **emphasis on practical classes** may be given once further relaxations in the lock down are accorded by the Government. Necessary re-scheduling of the existing routine in this regard may be done by the institutions concerned to accommodate the above changes appropriately

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- c. In connection with the requirement of 75% percentage of minimum attendance of a student, the period of 'lock down' may be treated as "deemed to be attended" by all students which means that this period will be considered in working out the required percentage of attendance for the academic year.
- d. Veterinary Universities / Agricultural Universities having constituent or affiliated veterinary colleges may conduct all internal assessments (40% weightage) as per the extant MSVE regulations either through *viva voce* / assignments / seminars either online / offline prior to commencement of the annual examination
- e. Universities concerned conducting Semester / Annual examinations through offline / online mode, as per the extant MSVE regulations may do so observing strictly the guidelines for "social distancing". However, for the students who are held up in other states, the veterinary/agricultural universities may arrange to conduct the leftover examinations on the request of the university concerned where the student was studying.
- f. For students from the first to the third professional year, the universities concerned may conduct final theory and practical examinations in the offline /online mode. In case the situation does not normalize in view of COVID-19 and the University / veterinary college is unable to conduct the requisite examinations, the University / affiliated or constituent veterinary colleges may consider registering the students for the next academic session / professional year and conducting classes for the next Semester / Year, provided that the promotion should be provisional in nature and subjected to successful completion of the previous examination in theory and practical as per the MSVE Regulations.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,


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To

Vice Chancellors of Veterinary Universities /Agricultural Universities / other Universities having affiliated Veterinary Colleges (all states)

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