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MONTHLY REPORT ON AIMK ACTIVITIES / EVENTS : MAY 2020

My Dear General,

1. Please refer to HQ AWES letter No B/45840/Gen/AWES dated 22 Mar 17 and 27 Jul 18.
2. A resume of activities / events of AIMK for May 2020 is enclosed for your perusal.

Warm regards & Sai Hind !

Yours sincerely

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RESUME OF EVENTS / ACTIVITIES : MAY 2020

Overview

1. May saw the Lockdown being extended back to back (first on 03 May and then again on 17 May) and the Institute bearing the brunt of Cyclone Amphan. While limited rail services resumed on 12 May, 30+ students who were staying in the campus on their own accord, expressed a desire to continue to stay in the campus. Online classes drew to a close around mid-May. Linguistic, quants and IT skilling classes were resumed in the second half of May. Some faculty members volunteered to undergo an online Faculty Development Programme offered by a college in Maharashtra. Are certifications with NAAC expired and a conscious decision was taken not to renew it and apply for NBA certification in due course. Somewhere during the end of the month we were informed that educational institutions would now remain closed until 30 Jun and semester exams are likely to be rescheduled in July.

Academics

2. Online Classes. Online classes continued as per a schedule and with the syllabus being completed drew to a close in mid May. Generally in May internal class tests (as a part of continuous assessment (CA)) are conducted, comprehensive viva voce; as per dates promulgated by the university; takes place and the end-semester exams may too commence in end May. Continuous assessment this semester has been based on online assignments. Online comprehensive viva voce is now proposed to be scheduled in early July.

3. Skilling Classes (MBA-23). Linguistics (spoken English), quants (Quantitative, Reasoning & Logical ability) and IT (Advanced Excel) skilling classes were resumed from 13 May. The attendance in these classes has been rather low (on an average 10.7%, with the highest being 29.2%).

4. Current Affairs Quiz Test (May) . The current affairs quiz test for the month of May was conducted on 19 May in an online mode. The results of the test are as follows :-

(a) Miss Shabita Kumari (MBA 23) – 1st.

(b) Miss Riya Banerjee (MBA 22) and Miss Trishna Pal (MBA 23) – Joint 2nd.

5. Review of Book Banks. An in-house exercise was carried out to review The book-banks for various semesters and specialisations. The task was undertaken by sub-committees of empowered faculty members.

6. Certifications / Accreditations. The validity of our NAAC accreditation expired on ? . There was not much follow up on the report of the NAAC inspection team and AICTE has opined that NBA accreditation would be mandatory for management institutions. With the shifting of the campus also in the offing, it was decided to discontinue NAAC and apply for NBA in due course.

Faculty Development Programme

7. Online Course on E-content Development (21 – 30 May). Nine faculty members volunteered to undergo a 10 day online programme from 21 to 30 May 2020 on 'Effective Ways to Develop E-content for Teaching – Learning'. The programme was offered by SPP University Pune.

Admissions

8. Admission MBA 24. 103 candidates (Army : 84, General : 19) have deposited the first installment of fees by 31 May. Three candidates have withdrawn their candidature. The second online round is scheduled in June.

Placements

9. Placement Status (MBA 22). There were no placements during the month. The number of students placed remains at 108 (90.7%).

10. Summer Internship Programme (SIP). No students received internship offers during the month. The total number of students remains at 104 (87.4%).

Administration

11. Cyclone Amphan (20 May). Cyclone caused widespread damage in the institute with trees getting uprooted, some barracks damaged and services disrupted. While electricity and water supply was restored in 72hrs, restoration of internet services took almost a fortnight. A large number of computers and documents got submerged and their repair or restoration continue to pose challenges. With the shifting to the new campus in the offing only functional repairs and restoration work has been undertaken.



Cyclone Amphan Damages (20 May). Top Row L to R. 1. Maj Gen AK Sapra(Retd) Director after a round of the campus on 21 May. 2. The entire campus was inundated and around 15 trees had fallen or were uprooted. 3. State of one of the offices CPUs and documents on the lower shelves were damaged. Middle Row L to R. 1. State of one of the Boys Hostel Rooms. 2 Documents being laid out to dry on the 22nd onwards. 3. A broken branch which pierced one of the Boys Hostel Rooms. Lower Row L to R. 1. An uprooted tree in the Campus. 2. The Director and Wardens taking a round of the Boys Hostel. 3. The Team which worked tirelessly on the evening / night of the cyclone, retrieving stores and material from offices and rooms.

12. Welfare : Group Medical Insurance. Group medical insurance (sum insured Rs 1 lakh) for 48 faculty and staff (those who didn't have personal medical insurance or benefits) was taken for a period of one year, to comply with a state govt directive.

13. Incentives to Attend Office. With public transport services not having been resumed and the institute being located within a containment zone, fuel charges (@ Rs 2/- per km for 2 wheelers and Rs 5 per km for 4 wheelers) and hazard incentive (@30% of pay) for staff was instituted. A duty roll was instituted to stagger essential staff attending office. The principal requirement was that of the accounts, administration and estate office staff to attend office in light of the backlog and work related to new campus.

14. Establishment : Resignation Notice by Placement Officer (13 May). The Placement Officer, Ms Puja Singh Ghosh served a one month notice to resign with effect from 13 Jun. She had been with AIMK for almost 7 years and is reportedly expected to join Praxis Business School in Kolkata with a package which is 30 per cent higher than what AIMK was paying her, besides additional benefits. There are issues of terms of employment of the Placement Officer which perhaps merit review.

15. Establishment : Resignation by PA to Director (31 May). Sub Tushar Pattnayak (Retd) who had assumed the duties of PA to The Director on 27 Apr 20 decided to quit on grounds of lack of commensurate salary in relation to the workload.

16. Infrastructure at New Campus. The Boys Hostel remains to be handed over. The revised PDC of the Project which was earlier Apr 20 is now likely to be Aug 20 (Work was largely suspended during the period 23 Mar to 03 Jun). Formally no official communication of the revised PDC has been received.

17. Accounts / Finance. Salaries were paid to the staff on 30 May.