

JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA

1st April, 2020

JMI-Online Faculty Development Programme for Sharing the Best Practices and Capacity Building of Faculty Members for Online Teaching-Learning

Dear Colleagues,

The Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) Pandemic has necessitated the complete lockdown in the country and social distancing as the best mode for preventing the disease from further spreading, the colleges and universities are compelled to discontinue face-to-face teaching-learning. Under these circumstances, the university may have to think, evolve and facilitate alternative ways of engaging with the students through online teaching-learning. Such an engagement is desirable for academic continuity but more so for the social and emotional health of our students.

I am aware that a large number of you are already doing your bit to engage your students in an online mode using a wide variety of tools and technologies available. Some of you are using WhatsApp group/broad caste, instagrams and other social media platforms for lecturing and delivering the online contents; many of you are emailing the links of the learning materials in the forms of videos/lectures/slides identified and selected from a wide variety of open source resources, learning portals, YouTube etc; quite a few of you are using Google Classroom for the purpose. I am also aware that many of you are also using interactive tools like Skype, Zoom, Cisco Webcast, Google Hangouts, Google Meets and Google Chat etc to engage students on regular basis during the usual time-table hours.

At the institutional level, Jamia Millia Islamia has activated online learning facilitation tools through Google Suit and it is now possible that faculty members can open accounts on Google Hangouts, Google Meets and Google Classroom. They can do so either by using their official Jamia e-mail accounts and in that case each faculty member would be able to register and interact with students through video-conferencing. Additionally, the university library has enabled remote access to a wide variety of subscribed and Open Educational Resources (OERs).

In order to (1) share experiences of faculty members for identifying the best practices for online teaching-learning process; and (2) capacity building of a large number of faculty members of the university, I have decided to organize a seven-session **JMI-Online Faculty Development (JMI-OFDP)** for the benefit of all faculty members of the university as under.

JMI-OFDP - 1

Date & Time of Commencement: Monday, 6th April, 2020 at 2 PM

Day 1

Session 1: 30 Minutes: Opening Remarks and Address by the Vice Chancellor

Session 2: 60 Minutes: Experience Sharing and Best Practices

Session 3: 90 Minutes: Using Google Hangouts and Google Meet for Online Education:

Day 2

Session 4: 90 Minutes: Using Google Classroom for Online Education:

Session 5: 90 Minutes: Using Open Educational Resources:

Session 6: 60 Minutes: Leveraging the full potential of the Google Suit:

According, the Director FTK-CIT has been asked to initiate a Google Hangouts/Meet titled “JMI-OFDP -1” and you shall soon receive from him the e-invite to join/register. The invite shall also explain the procedure for opening the Google Hangout/Meet account using the official email id to facilitate the faculty members. In JMI-OFDP-1, the registration shall be on FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE Basis to the first 250 participants. But others would be able to join in the next group which shall be notified separately.

Those faculty members who complete the JMI-OFDP-1 shall be awarded a Certificate of Participation from the University.

I urge you to please join the JMI-OFDP-1 in large number to become a certified Online Education Provider to your students under this time of distress. Your experience shall, however, continue to be useful as you may like to blend online teaching-learning with your face-face teaching.

Looking forward to your whole-hearted participation.

(Prof. Najma Akhtar)
Vice Chancellor