

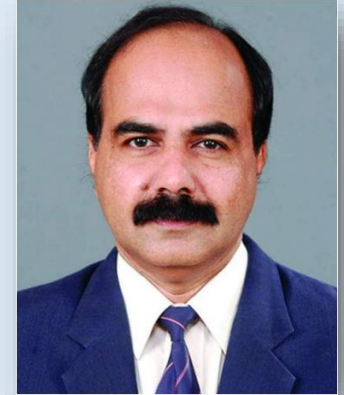


## *From the desk of the Vice Chancellor ...*

My Dear students and Faculty members,

At the outset, I greet you for bravely facing the tough times, and **wish you all a very Happy New Year!**

As you are aware, we are going through an unprecedented pandemic and have lost almost the entire year 2020. Our hope and prayer is that the year 2021 will be a very happy (better and fruitful) one.



On the First of January 2021, we are opening up all institutions under KUHS. Extreme caution is the catch-word and watch-word. This re opening will be in a stepwise manner. On 1<sup>st</sup> of January, we shall start all the final year / final semester classes. Our focus will be on intense practical training / clinical training. It will be done in small groups with sufficient social distancing, using masks and obeying all COVID-19 protocols.

Every college should form a **“Covid Jagratha Samithi”** to monitor the reopening of the college and to decide on the steps for protecting the students and staff members from COVID infection. This Samithi will be chaired by the Principal/Vice Principal. The members shall be drawn from faculty, students, and PTA. There will be a Nodal officer who is a faculty member for coordinating the activities of the committee. The Nodal officer shall interact with the local health authorities and KUHS. At the KUHS Headquarters, the Dean Student Affairs will function as the University Nodal Officer and all

colleges are requested to contact him, whenever needed. With the help of an Advisory Committee, the University Nodal officer will provide advice and help to the colleges. All colleges must also send weekly reports regarding phased opening of the colleges and COVID protocol measures taken, to the Nodal Officer.

We have lost almost ten months of academic programs in the colleges. The remaining theory classes may continue to be conducted on the on-line platform as crowding in a class room is risky. Small-group discussions may be conducted in large class rooms if required. By conducting online theory classes and by providing intense practical / clinical training to all students we may be able to reduce the loss of ten months teaching to at least five months,

Before admitting a student to the hostel, it is advisable to get RTPCR COVID Negative Certificate done within 48 hours. Hostellers are advised not to go out of the campus. Day-scholars are requested not to enter hostels

Let us all stand together, and by our collective efforts, survive this pandemic and continue the academic programs for creating world class Health Professionals.

I assure you that your University will be there with you, as always!

Together, let us make 2021 a **Happy New Year!**



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