

Academic activities during COVID-19

Even Semester of 2019-20 academic year

2019-20 academic year for Even semester started on 13/1/2020 for UG and 10 /2/2020 for PG programs. About 60% syllabus for UG and 20% syllabus of PG programs were completed before the announcement of COVID-19 lockdown by the Central Government on 23rd March 2020. First IA test was conducted for UG in the month of February, 2020.

During the lock down period the college was able to manage its academic activities through dedicated ERP software provided by Campus Technology, the ERP software provider. Weekly meetings were arranged for teachers to orient about the use of online teaching platform.

Students were also oriented on using the POSTONEW mobile app for their daily online classes, attendance, study material, feedback provisions were also made available in the app for better understanding of the requirements and shortfalls during online interaction between teacher and student.

The 40% and 80% (remaining) syllabus for UG and PG classes were completed through online class mode with the help of ERP software that had provisions for recording attendance, giving assignments, and scheduling tests. Study materials were made available for students in their mobile app synchronised with ERP software.

Second IA test for UG students and First and Second IA test for PG students were conducted through ERP. Evaluation of these answer scripts was done with the help of ERP. Assignments were given and evaluated, for finalizing the marks, to send to Bangalore Central University.

Departments have conducted National Level and International Webinars, keeping the tradition of academic and intellectual knowledge sharing. Online FDPs were organised during the lockdown to keep the morale of the faculty high.

Based on the instructions from UGC and Government, Bangalore Central University promoted first and second year UG students & First year PG students, to the next academic year without Term End Exam. Final year UG & PG term end exams were conducted in September, 2020. University announced results by second week of November, 2020. The college has recorded the overall pass percentage in UG 88% and PG 96%, 10 University Rank holders.

The students as well as their parents were satisfied with the online mode. Neither did the students miss their lessons, nor did they have to leave the safe confines of their homes.

The advantage of online mode of teaching and learning are many. Students could play and replay the video lessons uploaded by teachers and learn from it at their own pace. It was very advantageous, that the students could explore new avenues and learn from the ocean

of resources available online. The added advantage was that the students could enrol themselves for value added programs, career guidance, fitness classes etc in the available app.

The main disadvantage with online teaching was the unavailability of internet for some students who lived in remote areas of the country.

Odd Semester of Academic year 2020-21

Odd semester commenced from first week of September, 2020 for second and final year students in online mode. First year classes were inaugurated virtually on 14th September, 2020. Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Executive Chairperson – Biocon and Prof S Japhet, Vice Chancellor of BCU were the chief guests for the day. Online classes for first year UG started from 15/09/2020 officially.

The college has taken initiative to find the willingness of students along with the parents consent to attend offline classes, through sending a Google form. Based on the response the college has made the efforts to sanitise and maintain hygiene conditions for safe and healthy stay of students and teachers. The college has instructed students to follow SOP issued by Government for offline classes.

The college has conducted online classes for all first year, second year and final year UG students, and Second year PG students, with completion of 50% of syllabus in online mode.

On 20th January, 2021 the college has officially inaugurated First year PG students and commenced offline classes, for both UG and PG.