Dear Colleagues, students, staff and other campus residents,

An emergency meeting of all Heads of departments and other academic and administrative units was called on March 17, 2020 to take stock of the situation on campus, arising out of the Covid-19 outbreak in the country. This was particularly needed in view of the increasingly stringent measures being taken by MCGM and the state administration, to control the spread of the virus. The following decisions were taken in this meeting and become effective immediately.

1. All academic activities of the Institute including research will be effectively closed till March 31.

2. Since all departments will be closed, students will not be allowed to enter the departments and academic areas. All laboratories and the Central Library will remain closed.

3. In view of the above, various types of facilities in the hostel including messing are likely to be disrupted. Hence it is insisted that all students who are still remaining in the Hostels leave the campus. It is also likely that the entry to and exit from the campus will be heavily restricted after about 72 hours, so students are advised to vacate the hostels within that time, i.e., by Friday (20/3/2020) night.

4. Students in special circumstances because of which they cannot proceed home (international students and students having medical and other emergencies) must take special permission from the Dean(SA) to continue to remain in the hostel. Limited messing facilities may be available for such students whose stay is approved.

5. No visitors will be allowed in the hostels between today (March 17, 2020) and March 31.

6. The Registrar will send out a separate mail in respect of faculty, staff and contractual employees, especially those employed through the Labour contractor.

7. In the event the closure period is extended, you will be notified in due course of time.

8. Helpline for students in case of any query and emergency:

   **Institute General Secretaries:**
   - Shobhna Misra (8169818278) - GSTA (2019-20)
   - Radhik Rammohan (9712132512, 7907268355) - GSAA PG (2020-21)
   - Mohd. Zakir Hussain (9144880055) - GSHA (2020-21)
   - Akshay Nair (8291585637) - Gsec., H-13
   - Gurupreet Singh Dhillon (9464208257) - Gsec., H-16
   - Rushikesh Wankhede (9158332497) - Gsec., H-3
   - Sidhant Patil (8355925613) - ISHA

9. Details about distance mode of delivery of courses for this semester
will be given shortly.

We request you to take adequate care and stay healthy and safe.