Academic activities at ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal in the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic: Actions taken since lockdown

1. Academic Management System was configured to enable faculty to instantly access the phone numbers and Email accounts of all the students registered course wise. Faculty were requested to form groups with the students registered for a particular course and start using online video conferencing/teaching platform viz Acadly/WhatsApp/Zoom/Microsoft Teams configured on their desktop, laptop and smart phone for online teaching to B.Tech., Masters and PhD students. The post graduate and Ph.D students pursuing research were advised to devote their time in compilation and analysis of their research data, preparation of drafts of thesis chapters in consultation with their respective supervisors.

2. Subsequent to extension of lockdown period beyond April 14, 2020, faculties were requested to continue online teaching. Students were advised to
regularly track the institute website for any updates on resumption of academic activities after government issues directive and guidelines for restoration of academic activities on the campuses. Students were also informed to be in ready state for joining the institute at short notice for completing the academic requirements of the continuing semester.

3. Faculty were also advised to give online practical lessons to the students so that even if classroom teaching is possible for only few weeks, more than one practical class can be conducted on one academic day by stretching working hours to complete the syllabus.

4. Students were counseled to enroll for online soft skill courses being offered by various learning platforms so that they are able to add value to their CV and properly use their spare time during lockdown.