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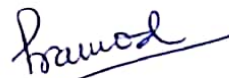
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Jawaharlal Nehru University has launched a **Covid-19 portal** on its website today to provide verified information on Covid-19, steps taken by JNU and public institutions as well as research related information. This website will collect select information from public domain, official circulars, guidelines, research milestones, challenges and opportunities for JNU students, faculty, staff and the community at large. The website can be directly reached at <http://jnu.ac.in/covid19> and any feedback and suggestions on the website can be sent to covid19@jnu.ac.in.

On the occasion of the website launch the Vice Chancellor, Prof M. Jagadesh Kumar said, "Covid-19 pandemic is a matter of great concern for all of us. As part of our commitment to the JNU community and to the Nation at large, we recognize our role in unitedly fighting this pandemic and providing academic leadership towards this objective. JNU has a large number of faculty members who are involved in information dissemination, data mining, vaccine and diagnosis research that have direct or indirect implications for effectively dealing with the disease and secondary issues arising from it. JNU has taken a number of steps towards the health and well being of its community and towards communicating effectively with our students, staff and faculty for educational, administrative and welfare purposes. As part of these efforts, we have formed a Covid-19 task force, led by **Prof Pawan Dhar**, that is looking into the possible ways of working with the National agencies so as to enable the best use of JNU resources for public welfare.

Further, together with Covid-19 task force, we appreciate that providing verified information to the community at large and timely access to the recent developments relevant for Covid-19 pandemic are very important and therefore, we have decided to create this Covid-19 portal, coordinated by **Prof Shandar Ahmad**, member Covid-19 task force with the purpose of providing a single stop source of authentic information which will help researchers, students, faculty, staff and large JNU community and making best choices during this time of grave challenge.

I also take this opportunity to reiterate our resolve to fight this worldwide calamity with courage and determination and share the optimism that we will overcome it together with everyone's cooperation."



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