Sub: Starting online / offline classes

With reference to above subject, Bel-Air Hospital and College of Nursing has been at the fore front of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Satara district and has become a model of managing public health emergency. Right from the beginning of the pandemic the student nurses and other health workers from Bel-Air have been supplementing and assisting the Government in its COVID-19 response, in house to house survey, health screening and awareness generation.

In the second phase of the response, from 19th March 2020, 36 nurses from Bel Air Hospital were deployed in teams of three each working in 3 shifts at 4 Check points (Panchgani – Wai Nakka, Sanjeevan Nakka, Mahad Nakka and Satara Nakka) to screen all those coming from Mumbai and Pune especially foreign nationals and individuals who have returned from foreign trips. The purpose was to identify any suspected cases and send them to the nearby Primary Health Centre or to the Rural Hospital Mahabaleshwar for further screening. This is in coordination with the District Administration and the Municipal Corporation of Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar. All the vehicles entering Panchgani or Mahabaleshwar through 4 nakkas were stopped and eligible were referred to PHC Panchgani, PHC Tapola, PHC Taldev and Rural Hospital Mahabaleshwar for further screening.

From 19th March onwards 16 teams of 32 nursing students along with faculty had conducted home visits in Panchgani & surrounding villages to ensure people were home quarantined. Surveillance and health check-up of the quarantined people were carried out on a daily basis by our nursing students and faculty. This was done in coordination with Asha workers, Anganwadi teachers, Sarpanchs and Police patil of the villages.

Our fourth year B. Sc Nursing have completed all their requirements for summer examination. They are ready to appear deferred final year examination.

Our third year B. Sc Nursing students had completed their requirements for summer 2020 examination. Also they have helped in all above COVID services as CORON warriors from March to June 2020. We have not received any complaints from students as we have taken them in confidence. As the exams were deferred we have initiated their 4th year classes maintaining the COVID protocol.
First year students were admitted in the month of October 2019. We had adequate time to complete majority of their requirements both theory and practical’s till the lockdown. These students are appearing for examination only in Winter 2020 and we plan to start their online / offline classes in the month of September 2020. There will be enough time for completing their requirements before the winter examinations, even if conducted as per schedule.

Second year students are appearing for winter examination and they have competed majority of their theory and also helped in the various activities during the COVID pandemic which can be considered as their clinicals. We plan to reinitiate their online / offline classes in month of September 2020. We will be able to complete remaining requirements before their winter examinations.

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