MIT World Peace University, keeping-up with its tradition of displaying Leadership in contributing to solve the problems faced by the society; has taken a number of initiatives to fight against the current crisis situation when the entire world is fighting the mayhem of COVID-19.
Since the time of possibility of nationwide lockdown, MIT WPU geared up its administrative and IT infrastructure to work and fight the crisis on different fronts as follows:

- **Academics**: To continue with its primary aim to impart quality professional education to all the students without any break with the help of online technology so that students do not lose on education front.

- **Opportunities**: To plan internships, campus interviews and placement for passing out students.
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- **Care & Maintenance**: To protect, care and maintain its assets inside campus with the help of minimum essential security staff and their Protection as well.

- **Administration**: To continue all of its services viz, administrative functions, academic functions, meetings etc. through online systems.

- **R & D**: To promote research to fight Covid-19 in terms of development of sanitizers, PPEs, ventilators and other essentials under Engineering, Product Design as well as Pharmacy Faculty.
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- **Assistance**: Measures to assist city administration to combat the crisis.

- **Counselling**: Measures to counsel students, staff and others who are in need of it to prepare themselves for a long battle against COVID-19.

- **Sustainability**

- **Contribution to society**: Initiatives and contributions by individual staff members and students.

- **Testimonials**: From Parents and students on the steps taken by the University.
Education

Various measures taken by the University through its teaching staff are as follows:

- Meetings of all CRs and LRs of all years was conducted in different Faculty to understand the issues in conducting online lectures. Then the University, within no time changed over to virtual platforms using online software like ZOOM, YouTube Live Platforms, Impartus, Webex portal and other platforms to communicate with the students as well as their parents and started conducting regular classes on these platforms.
Students were given online assignments, Case studies, Movie reviews, MCQs and correction of the same was also ensured. The teachers regularly share feedback with students about the assessments given. The teachers have been receiving positive feedbacks from the students and parents about these online engagement by the faculty members. Even many faculty members are conducting one on one basis communication with students to clear specific doubts.
Education

- Also, notes, study material, presentations and related web links for better understanding were shared with the students to ensure their proper engagement during lockdown period. Few Faculty members also shared pre-recorded sessions, AV clips and resource material through ERP.

- Through various online platforms faculty members are constantly in touch with students for guiding and counselling them on various issues like examination, TNG Status, Internal Assessment Criterion etc. and are helping the students and parents as well to manage their anxiety under current situation.
Education

- Regular CR/LR meetings through AV call are conducted to understand student issues as well to guide students through these representatives.

- Intra-department meetings among staff members on con-call are conducted regularly to understand faculty issues and brainstorming for better academic engagement. In- house and visiting faculty members are also called by the program head at regular intervals for giving students feedback and their suggestions for ensuring better engagement.
The teaching and non-teaching staff has also been working for Admission in A.Y. 2020-21 wherein
(i) Faculty members conducted Admission Interviews for different disciplines using online platforms such as Google duo and Whatsapp Video Calling, with students all over India.
(ii) Different webinars were conducted to brief aspiring students about a number of disciplines under MIT-WPU for higher education.
(iii) Counselling sessions are being conducted for admission process.

The faculty members who have completed their syllabus, have even started conducting revision sessions.
Internships, Campus Interviews and Placement

The University placement team has been attending various webinars and online conferences in the Industry-Academia space to generate ideas on how to make the most of the current times and to look for alternate ways to find solutions, focusing on ‘Outcome Based’ efforts to make sure that University achieves its objectives.
Internships, Campus Interviews and Placement

- After having completed nearly 3/4th summer internships program (SIP) by the last week of March the team had to change track to 100% ‘work from Home’ internships which was a herculean task, but the team worked out a detailed strategy whereby all the team members supported the internships team (a small team of 3 members) to change or go for newer options for WFM internships. So far, summer internships for 350 PG management students have been finalized and the University is confident that in the next one and a half weeks it will be able to offer SIP for all the students.
Internships, Campus Interviews and Placement

- A weekly meeting is being conducted to ensure team alignment so that students don’t suffer and focus is not lost during these testing times.

- The placements team is in regular touch with all recruiters to ensure that all the offers made to the students don’t get canceled and as of now there are NIL cancelations of any of the offers made.
Internships, Campus Interviews and Placement

- University has appealed to all recruiters to fight this battle together.
- CIAP’s team has been working tirelessly for generating new leads (new companies) for both placements and internships.
- CIAP’s team has also been training the students virtually for their internships and placements through AI-based interview sessions. Close to 80 students were interviewed by the faculty while AI-based mock interviews have been rolled out for management and engineering students at present. This will be given across university for all schools at the earliest.
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Internships, Campus Interviews and Placement

- Efforts are on for R&D to get updated on the current situation, expectations of industries, usage of different technology platforms to reach industries and students (on their training & grooming part)

- The team is in touch with various School Heads, Deans & Pro VCs for conducting Webinars with various Industry Leaders as majority of them are working from home and are available to interact with students.
Protection and Care of Assets

Once the University was under lockdown along with the entire country, the security department changed over to Care and Maintenance (C & M) mode of operation where a minimum required security personnel were deployed all over the campus to keep a watch on the infrastructural assets as well as all the facilities inside the campus.
Protection and Care of Assets

- The medical facility inside the campus has been kept operational to provide required emergency medical help.

- All the security staff has been trained to handle emergency situation in case any, besides precautions to be taken in respect of corona prevention such as social distancing, washing hands frequently etc.
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Administration

The senior leadership positions like the Executive President, the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar and all the Pro VCs etc. conduct daily meetings on Zoom or whatsapp AV mode to discuss important issues and to communicate decisions or actions to be taken to remaining staff.
Essential administrative services of the University like accounts, establishment, admission related work etc. were resumed within no time in a “Work from home” mode where all the staff was functioning from home using ZOOM, email, whatsapp etc. to conduct required meetings, to communicate important decisions and most importantly to inspire and motivate each other to contribute positively.

All the planned meetings as per the annual schedule of meeting is being conducted on online platforms to ensure that there is no backlog in the planned work.
Research and Innovation

Such time of crisis provides an opportunity for the innovative and genius minds to come up with appropriate solutions which can help the society to overcome the crisis.

- The Vice Chancellor appealed to the Engineering Faculty to think of designing low cost Ventilators which is a need of the hour to protect the COVID victims in the hospitals.
Research and Innovation

- The Pharmacy Faculty was asked to look into manufacturing of low cost sanitizers for using in the campus. Pharmacy Faculty has taken up the task of providing lab made sanitizers to the Vishwaraj Hospital.

- The Design Faculty was asked to think over development of masks with required micron capacity to protect the face and they have offered their 3D printing facility to manufacture masks and shield to Vishwaraj Hospital doctors where the shield design is ready.
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Assistance to City Administration

- Various steps were taken to assist the city administration including submitting the names of students who had visited outside countries in the recent past, asking certain staff members to undergo Corona test to evaluate possibility of contracting it.

- On the request of the city administration, the University guest house was kept available as a standby location to be used as isolation wards incase required.
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Assistance to City Administration

- Providing water bottles to 100 police personnel working in lockdown situation from Deccan Gymkhana to Chandani Chowk covering a distance of 6-7 Km for 15 days where they were supplied with drinking water bottles for which fundswere raised through donations.

- Active involvement by staff members in local area committee to monitor the situation, ensure availability of health facilities and essential goods to local residents.
Counselling
By virtue of working on the concept of World Peace, the University has few expert staff members who are professional counsellors who extended the counselling services to the staff members as well as the students as and when required to keep their morale high and prepare them to fight the COVID war.
Sustainability

The experts in the field of sustainability started awareness sessions in collaboration with world experts to create awareness about the situation among the staff members as well as students through webinars.
Individual Initiatives and Contributions

There are many individual staff members as well as students who, in their own capacity, have contributed and still doing it in this fight against COVID war.

- Distribution of masks and Butter milk to the needy people and Police Officers in Rajamundri District of Andhra Pradesh.

- Distribution of over 5000 masks and donation of 5 Lakh rupees in the name of Shah Foundation to slums near the Mumbai Airport.
Donation drive started at home town in Aurangabad and distribution of food kits to 60 needy families consisting of 2.5kg Wheat, 2kg Rice, 750gms Daal, 100gms each of Haldi, Lal mirch and salt, 250gms Oil.

Donation to the PMs fund from personal savings.

Distribution of 200 masks, arranging fruits and vegetables facilities to senior citizens of Pune city in Baner and Balewadi area.
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Individual Initiatives and Contributions

- Distribution of 7000 food packets for workers in the city of Bhilwara, Rajasthan.
Individual Initiatives and Contributions

- Few Students of MBA Hospital and healthcare management have registered themselves as volunteer for COVID 19 under NITI Ayog initiative.

- Distribution of food packets to underprivileged people on streets and under Lalbaug Bridge in Manjalpur, Vadodara Gujarat where student collected food from the local families.
Individual Initiatives and Contributions

- Participation in the campaign to spread social awareness messages where the student translated the advertisement from Hindi to regional language (Tamil) and given dubbing for ‘voice over’ of the speaker. The student also helped to draft a script under her father’s guidance about the efforts taken by Tamilnadu police during this epidemic as another social message on behalf of the police force under the commissioner’s orders.
Individual Initiatives and Contributions

- Making arrangements for cars for the patients to connect to the district hospital by contributing the cost of diesel amongst the group members in Degloor Village, Nanded District. Besides providing daily essentials kit to the daily wage workers consisting of Rice: 5 Kg, Wheat: 5 Kg, Cooking oil: Half Kg, Dal: 1 Kg, Soap, Sanitary Pads, Salt, chilli powder, turmeric and some medicine. The kits were delivered to the doors of daily wage workers and to the homeless people.
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Individual Initiatives and Contributions

- Distribution of masks, food items and hand sanitizers to poor and needy people, families in Kolkata and other areas.
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Individual Initiatives and Contributions

- Donation and distribution of food, hand sanitizers and water bottles to the police and the health workers and homeless people in their vicinity and also provided food to stray dogs.

- A student has started an initiative to produce and distribute face shields for first line of defense against COVID-19.
Students have taken the initiative to spread awareness about CORONA in following innovative way. They shared this through facebook, instagram and other social media sites.

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- 15 students from Marketing, donated for PM / CM relief fund and also were the part of food distribution team.

- The HoS, School of Design has mobilized and donated INR 15000 to the Indian Medical Association, Vizag Chapter for funding the purchase of PPE wear for healthcare workers.
One of the expert professional staff member of MIT WPU has contributed as follows to counter corona and create awareness based on her core professional experience in ecology, biodiversity, plant sciences and biodiversity informatics.

(i) Engaged in social networking to correct misinformation related to certain plants being remedy for corona
(ii) Created an online quiz for children that included information about nutraceuticals at home
(iii) Participated in webinar on Biodiversity and Corona
(iv) Participated in wildlife-trade watch groups campaigning for total ban against wildlife meat trade (suspected cause of virus transfer to humans)
Individual Initiatives and Contributions

- Students of the School of Design, have created SARS-COV2 ‘spread and safety awareness Graphic slides’ in Marathi for digital circulation of all.

- Students of the School of Design, have led the making of non-critical masks at home amidst lockdown for local use and enabling people make their own. This is important to reduce the demand for critical care masks that people indistinguishably buy.
Individual Initiatives and Contributions

- Many students have developed video clips to create awareness about precautions against Corona spread,

- One of the faculty had conducted online counselling through emails and zoom to more than 300 people (including Students and parents) under stress, anxiety and depression due to present situation caused by COVID 19. Also conducted two webinars on ‘how to maintain peace of mind for self’ and How to motivate and engage small children at home’ for the people in the Sinhgad Road area.
Series of lectures web based lectures were conducted by university faculty on COVID-19, and its implications. Faculty also acted as the advisor to various agencies on their response to COVID19, including AICTE which was covered by India times. The subject include Commentary on COVID19 Preparedness, Mental Health and Psycho-social Support (MHPSS) Needs of Children During COVID-19 Pandemic, Coronavirus ‘Infodemic’ and How to Tackle It? Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh Camps are at Grave Risk of COVID-19 PandemicCOVID19, Human Security is National Security. Opinion article, COVID 19 Provided Strategic Depth to Indian foreign policy, India’s emerging health diplomacy Opinion article, COVID19: The call for Universal Health Care in More relevant than any other time, COVID 19 and its impact on SDGs.
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Individual Initiatives and Contributions

- Webinar on Global Economy post COVID 19
- Webinars conducted on various aspects related to Pandemic Outbreak of COVID 19.

SDG and COVID19 Working Group invites you to a scheduled Webinar

Coronavirus Crisis and Indian Agriculture
How the COVID-19 Pandemic may impact food security

Keynote Speaker: Prof R Ramakumar
Time: Apr 17, 2020 04:00 PM India. Join ZOOM Meeting:
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An online seminar series of the online community concerned about the interaction between SDGs and COVID19: Hosted by the Faculty of Sustainable Studies MIT World Peace University, Along with the School of Sustainable Development, School of Disaster Management, School of Public Health and School of Ecology and Environmental Management.

Keynote speaker Prof. R. Ramakumar is an economist by training and is currently NABARD Chair Professor at the School of Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India.

Moderator: Prof. Joe Thomas: Introduction to Webinar Series on Impact of COVID-19 on SDG, and invitation to join SDG and COVID19 Working Group, Prof. Thomas is the Associate Dean at MIT WPU.
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Wg Cdr Abhijit Kale has volunteered to be a special officer with Pune Police. He is working voluntarily with Chatushringi police station, as Special Police Officer, to help police in this pandemic situation for controlling people’s movements and educating them.
Testimonials from the Parents and Students

The feedback from different parents about the initiatives by different schools and Faculty of MITWPU are as follows:
Praveen Kumar Singh,
(Father of Ritwik Kumar Singh, BBA(IB) TY, Division C)

“I would like to acknowledge and appreciate the swift initiative taken by the MIT management team to switch to online classes and assignment in the interest of students, where they will not lose their curriculum and semester timeline. The one who is agile and futuristic in their thought can only survive in a challenging environment and I am proud that MIT-WPU has demonstrated that agility and sense of urgency and has taken quick action to get to on-line classes immediately after lock-down was announced.”
Testimonials from the Parents and Students

Mr Ajay Chaudhary
(Father of Ms Vaishnavi Chaudhary, TY.BBA (IB), Division C)

“Hello. Due to the initiatives taken by the college, such as informing the students with all the information they can, through the medium of Whatsapp as well as ERP to taking online lectures through Zoom, my daughter has not suffered from much academic loss. The college and the faculties have done a commendable job by taking these efforts so as to let the students learn and impart knowledge even through this tough time. My wife and I immensely appreciate these initiatives.”
Mrs Deepty Kharbanda, (Mother of Mast Lakshya Kharbanda, SY BBA IB, Division B).

“Hello. Pleasant and Warm Greetings to you. I thank the teaching and non-teaching staff of MIT-WPU who have been instrumental in providing the students with the academic support from time and again even in tough times like these. The students are able to cover their studies with ease but there are few things like the mode of delivery in which they are facing difficulty. I hope that you could provide a solution for it by adopting some other applications and methods you see fit. Further, as a parent it worries me about the uncertainty of the situation and I would urge the college to come up with online tests for the students to take.”
“Dear Faculty, At the outset let me take the opportunity to acknowledge all the efforts and hard work you have been undertaking to keep the students updated with their portions and assignments. Hats off to all the Professors who made it simple for students, despite all the challenges, to attend classes at the comfort of their homes and marking their attendance for the same... We are also really impressed by the way the University keeps us completely updated on the progress of our child. Makes us feel like we are also a part of your team. Thank you once again for everything. Hoping we all come out of this pandemic safe, sound and healthy.”
Dr. Vinay Deep (Father of Miss Yashita Rathi, BBA (CA) 1st year)

“Dear Sir, Ever since closing of educational institutions, she has been eagerly waiting for the situation to return to normalcy. However, as bad times would have it, the situation got aggravated. Nonetheless, we are indeed relieved of our anxiety to see that MIT is constantly guiding and updating students and their parents through WhatsApp messages / emails. Concern of the University towards the academic progress of students, even in these difficult times, is highly praiseworthy and we sincerely thank all staff of the University for this.”
Tejas Yeolkar  (Student, BSc (Eco) 1st year)

“Dear Shri. Apte sir, Thank you for talking to me. I feel much relaxed now. I am following up with the exercises you told me to do. I have achieved some progress I feel. I mean yes, I was getting panic attack. Now instead of panicking I started calmly focusing on studies. Sir this is the clarity and perception your audio has given to me.”