



भारतीय अभियांत्रिकी विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, शिवपुर  
**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**SHIBPUR, HOWRAH-711 103, INDIA**

**An Appeal**

Dear IEST family members

The country is gearing up to face the challenge posed by the outbreak of COVID-19. The whole world is in the grip of this novel virus. COVID-19 has already caused devastations by killing thousands of people all over the world. The effect is so much so that even the public health-related infrastructure of developed nations crumbled down, and these countries helplessly witnessed their citizens succumb to this killer disease. In India, so far, the magnitude looks a little less, but it may at anytime may avalanche to an unprecedented level unless we take appropriate precautionary measures and behave like a responsible citizen. In his address to the Nation, our Hon'ble Prime Minister appealed to his countrymen to observe social distancing through a countrywide "Janata Curfew" on March 22, 2020 (Sunday) from 7 am to 9 pm to break the chain of spreading of this deadly virus. Friends, probably it is a testing time for the Nation to face a more significant catastrophe.

I would, therefore, urge all concerned connected to IEST, Shibpur directly or indirectly, to help the administration to make the Janata Curfew successful by confining yourself and your family members inside your house. We must understand that this is not the time to debate this decision but to act on it. The Institute administration has decided to keep all the gates (Gate Nos. 1, 2, and 3) closed from 7 am to 9 pm on 22.03.2020 (Sunday) for restricting unwarranted movements of the residents from and visitors into the campus. I firmly believe that all concerned will cooperate with the administration in the larger interest of the Nation.

In case of an emergency, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Stay safe and make others feel safe!

Thank you. Jai Hind!!

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Dated: March 21, 2020