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1. As the world grapples in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, we find ourselves trapped in an epoch making event within our lifetime. We are shrouded with new challenges and uncertainty. All our plans and designs for the future have now been put on a screeching halt as we try and react to the every changing scenario.
2. I hope all of you are safe and following the lockdown directives of the government most diligently. Please be very careful and enforce strict social distancing in letter and spirit for the Corona Virus strikes irrespective of the rich and poor, old and young. **DO NOT GO OUT OF YOUR HOMES !!!**. Safeguarding your life and other's lives by being cautious and vigilant is the need of the hour. Remember that nothing is more precious than life. Life comes first and everything else afterwards. Eat good and healthy food. Keep exercising within your house. This is a good time to practice Yoga indoors which you have been taught at school.
3. We have faced hard days and at these days of uncertainty we can only assume that harder days are still ahead of us. I know your limitations as all of you are forced to remain indoors cornered by the walls of your house. But do not succumb to stress and anxiety. As the saying goes, "Tough times don't last, tough persons do", you have the inner strength and the potential to beat the hardships of these uncertain and tough times. Remember that there is always a silver lining; there is always a light at the end of the long dark tunnel. I take the prevailing scenario as a great challenge thrown to us by Nature and the Divine, not only to test our fortitude but also to assess how resilient we are in times of abject adversities. We as human beings need to rise up to this occasion and prove to ourselves if we indeed are a species worthy of inheriting God's creation.
4. With the new academic session with tough beginning and the looming unpredictability of commencing the new academic session w.e.f 21 May 2020, I am aware that the biggest hit has been your academics. I am feeling the loss for the class XII cadets, who I know would also be facing the burden of the accumulative load of both the upcoming UPSC Written Exam and the CBSE Board Exam. However, I am confident that all of you are more than capable to make up for any academic loss that is taking place because of this emergency medical situation.

5. Notwithstanding, we at the school have developed some CBSE & NCERT based digital content and have established an online classroom facility for all of you to start off on your studies in some form. I will request you all to access the school website and use the digital classroom link to start to classes. Though almost non-existent our digital infrastructure is, efforts are on so that your teachers are available through digital apps which can be accessed from your desktop PC, laptop or mobile to interact with you directly and take on your queries and doubts. In case you face any difficulty, please call up your Housemaster/Class Teacher who will guide you on how to use the same. We shall be uploading contents regularly so that by the time you come back to the school you will have already completed a substantial portion of your syllabus.

6. I am aware that the most important question in your mind must be as to when the school will re-open. It is our endeavour to keep you updated regularly on all developments. In this regard, I would advise you all to constantly monitor the school website ssimphal.nic.in where we post all updates and developments. We will also keep sending you regular SMSs to keep you informed.

7. Finally, I reiterate the need to remain extremely careful and strictly adhere to the directives on prevention of COVID-19 as issued by the Govt from time to time. Follow the guidelines of the lockdown in letter and spirit. Stay safe, stay healthy and happy.

God bless you all.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.