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Dearest teachers, students and parents,

At the very outset I would like to thank the frontline workers for their tireless work and dedication to our collective safety.

I offer my sincerest sympathies to those who have lost your friends and family, and I hope that those of you who have tested positive or are tending to covid19 positive persons will be granted strength and courage from the Almighty to push through. I thank the many groups and individuals who have come together to assist the Government in the effort toward containing the pandemic, the outpouring of generosity has truly affirmed my faith in our sense of community.

For the education system, these two years have been especially disruptive to routine and conventional methods of learning. We have had to shift online and to new teaching methods with no preparation and little infrastructure because our existing systems were oriented toward in-person classroom teaching. I realise that many are still struggling with the conversion and that it has been an unequal one in terms of network connectivity and access to the new tools of education. The Government and this department are committed to ensuring that our education systems are as equitable or more than before the start of the pandemic. I would like to thank the IT&C Department for its efforts in augmenting data connectivity and access in the state.

For the teachers and students who are facing the brunt of this change, I would encourage you not to be disheartened. These are extraordinary times and we are in the midst of a global pandemic that has shaken our systems and society itself to the core; we must choose to rise to this challenge. Given the circumstances of this unexpected transition, I must commend the teachers, students and their parents for adapting as well as they have. However, there is much more that can be done.



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The department has prepared lessons for all students but we are aware not all have access to smart phones or computers, directions have hence been given to teachers to stay in station to download these lessons and distribute to the students to ensure that none are left out. Provisions have been made to enable the teachers and schools to provide these to the students, all teachers should stay in station and do your best to ensure that our students' education is not compromised. If you are facing difficulty in accessing the lessons or in disseminating it to your students please inform the Department so your issues can be addressed without delay. I appreciate those who are in station and doing their duty diligently.

For the students please understand that we are doing our best in the current conditions to ensure that your education can continue with a degree of normalcy and uniformity. These months or years of self application in your education may perhaps equip you with tools that will help you in your future. Education should enable you to live a better life or to better the lives of the people around you and for the generations to come. Education is not the end in itself; it is the means to an end.

For parents, much of the responsibility of ensuring your child or wards' education in this pandemic lays on your shoulders, a fact of which I'm certain you are more than aware. I would urge you to continue to put in the extra effort till such time that we are able to resume classroom lessons again. We must all continue to work together to contain the long term effect of the pandemic on our education systems.

I would like to thank everyone who is doing their part whether it is doing your duty or staying at home and obeying the Government guidelines. Many are inconvenienced both directly and indirectly from the lockdown however we must remember that the lockdown is being enforced for our collective safety. Let us be considerate of our friends and loved ones and stay home for their safety.

May the Almighty Lord watch over you and your families during these difficult times.

(K. Tokugha Sukhalu)