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An idea of keeping semester teaching in abeyance concerning 'the semester in progress case' is contrary to the semester requirement.

Concerning the above-mentioned, the following are academically very noteworthy:

- (1) The rationale for the seventeen-week semester length or equivalently minimum eighty-five working days hinges on the guiding principles of solid, comprehensive, complete and forward-looking academic preparedness of the students to learn, apply and circumvent the future challenges. Downsizing the semester length is contrary to the academic relevance in all senses.

Reference: Section 3, regulations for the B Tech programmes for the semester length

- (2) Furthermore, the Academic regulations has the provision of the semester withdrawal on the medical reason. The reference pertaining to the procedural part is as follows:

Reference: Section 7.5, regulations for the B Tech programmes

The above two do not suggest an agreement with the idea of keeping semester teaching in abeyance during the ongoing semester. That is beyond 'the academic regulations, teaching productiveness.

- (3) It may be noted that the Institute has already provided relaxations in view of prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation.
 - (i) Relaxations in the XX grades.
 - (ii) Six-month PhD thesis submission extension beyond the seven-year duration.
 - (iii) The Institute contemplates and adopts steps as they deem fit regarding the semesters of the academic programmes.

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