

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S APPEAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PM CARES FUND



Dear Colleagues,

In the last week of March 2020, the University appealed to you to come forward and contribute to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to your support, we got inspired to launch 'DU Care for Neighbour' programme to feed the hungry in the neighborhoods of our North and South campuses and also contributed one day's salary to the relief efforts.

We have come to realize that we are in the midst of the biggest battle that human civilization has fought in recent centuries. Life as we know it has come to a standstill. There has been an unprecedented increase in the numbers of have-nots in every part of the world.

In these circumstances, it's incumbent upon us to raise the level of social consciousness. We can set an example of extraordinary sensitivity by contributing a percentage of our salary for a few months to The PM CARES Fund for the welfare of those affected by the pandemic.

By doing so, we can at least try to repay an unquantifiable debt to those who have nurtured us and thus become the beacon of hope in their lives. I urge you to contribute to the best of your capacity by using consent/authorization form {http://app.du.ac.in/covid19}.

You can make a positive difference in people's lives through this contribution. Don't miss to water your roots. Let the University be known not only for its academic excellence but also for its philanthropic flagrance.

May we all grow in wisdom and heart, and emerge more resilient than ever before.

Sincerely,

Yogesh Tyagi

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there any last date for submission of the consent/authorization form?

No, there is no last date. However, it is preferred that you submit the consent/authorization form by 22nd day of any month to make a contribution.

2. Can I submit the form after 22nd day of the month?

Yes, you can submit the consent form on any day after 22nd as well. However, In the case of submission after this date, the contribution for the consented month(s) will be deducted from the salary of the upcoming month in addition to the contribution, if any, consented for that month as well.

3. What should I write if I don't have Employee code?

In that case, you may write NA in the Employee code column.

4. What should I do as my Department/College/Institute/Centre/Hostel/Office name is not on the list? You may select the 'OTHER' option and fill the complete name of your Department/College/Institute/Centre/Hostel/Office name in the provided space.

5. Is there any preferred contribution that should be made?

No, there is no preferred contribution. It is absolutely voluntary and the contributor can contribute any percentage of her/his salary for any number of the month(s) in the year 2020 as per choice.

6. To deduct the consented percentage of salary, how the base salary will be computed?

The consented contribution will be deducted on the basis of salary that includes Basic Pay plus DA of the contributor.

7. Am I eligible for the Income-tax benefits?

Yes, the contributions made to The PM CARES Fund would qualify for 80G benefits for 100% exemption under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

8. Will I get a certificate from The PM CARES Fund for claiming tax deduction?

The Fund will not issue a certificate. The deduction in respect of such donations will be admissible on the basis of Form 16 issued by the college/University in this regard specifying the amount of contribution made to the PM CARES Fund. For official notification of the CBDT, please <u>click here</u>

9. Can I request for the refund of the contribution that I consented?

No request for the refund of the consented contribution will be admissible.

10. Can I revoke the consent at a later date?

Yes, you can revoke the consent but it will be effective from the next month only.

11. Can I revise my consent at a later date?

Yes, you can revise the consent but it will be effective from the next month only.

12. Do I need to submit the hard-copy of the filled form with the Finance Branch?

No, you are not required to send any hardcopy of your filled form.