Dear Student,

Greetings! The Practical Training Programme for the students of First Year M.A. Journalism and Mass Communication (All other absentees and the students who are having pending results) is scheduled to be held as follows:

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<th>Students Batch</th>
<th>Online Platform</th>
<th>Dates</th>
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<td>Absentees of the previous batches and for the students who are having pending results</td>
<td>Google meet (The online link will be sent at the time of classes and Viva - voce)</td>
<td>Online classes: 04.01.2021 to 08.01.2021</td>
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<td>Assignments submission last date: 31.01.2021</td>
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<td>Viva voce: 01.02.2021 to 15.02.2021</td>
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<td>Exam-date: 19.02.2021 (Forenoon)</td>
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Due to Covid 19 pandemic situation, the practical training and examination is to be conducted through online. Instead of the in-person training, the students should attend the online sessions on the scheduled dates and submit their assignments and projects through online and post without fail. The final valuation (Viva-voce) of the assignments and projects will be done through online with the support of the outside examiners. The practical written exam will be conducted through online. The question papers will be sent through the e-mail and the students have to upload soft copy of their answer sheets immediately after completion of the examination and the hardcopy of the papers must be sent on the day of examination itself by post or courier.

It is mandatory for the First Year M.A., JMC students to attend the practical training programme. Marks for the practical examination will be awarded to the students on the basis of their performance in the programme, assignments and the written examination.

All students (including MKU own centers, others centers of MKU from Tamil Nadu and Other states and the absentees) should pay the training programme fee of Rs.2000/- through online in favour of the Director, DDE through SBI - collect method.

Students who have paid the tuition fees will alone be permitted to attend the programme. Submission of fees paid receipts, photocopies of Admission Card and Identity Card, Hall ticket copy for verification is compulsory. All the documents including training programme fee paid challan and the assignments softcopies should be sent to Google Class Room [https://classroom.google.com/c/MjQ4OTM2MjYxMzUI?cjc=xjnng22](https://classroom.google.com/c/MjQ4OTM2MjYxMzUI?cjc=xjnng22) and the hardcopies by post or courier to the following address.

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Students are instructed to join in the Whatsapp group through this link [https://chat.whatsapp.com/GarZzTA9zASAnCWj56N3P](https://chat.whatsapp.com/GarZzTA9zASAnCWj56N3P). The willingness of the participation will be confirmed by joining in the Whatsapp group. (If you want to attend second year practicals, you have to join in the second year whatsapp group)
Important Instructions to the Students:

Students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Attendance is compulsory throughout the programme. The defaulters have to reappear in the next programme. Attendance will be taken in the forenoon and afternoon at the time of the online classes. If anyone is found absent / nuisance he/she will not be permitted to write the Practical Exam and will be marked as absent in the practical examination.

2. The programme will be held from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM with lunch break between 1.00 PM to 2.00 PM.

3. Three hours practical written examination and viva will be conducted as per the given schedule. All the related announcements will be posted in the Whatsapp Group. The students can also post their queries in the Whatsapp Group.

4. Students, who have already attended the practicals but have their results pending, need not attend the class. But they have to resubmit their assignments and project works and write their examinations without fail. If they are having their attendance certificate they need not pay the fees again. Or else they should pay the training programme fee of Rs.2000/- through online in favour of The Director, DDE through SBI - collect method.

Performance and Evaluation:
The performance of the students will be evaluated on the basis of assignment and written examination. Students are advised to submit their original work. If they are found involved in malpractices they would not be permitted to write their practical examinations and their results will be withheld.

The students must submit the following assignments and examination papers in softcopy (E-mail) and hardcopy (By post or courier) format without fail.

Mark allotment for the practical examination is as follows:

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<th>Max. Marks</th>
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<td>1. Project Report</td>
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<td>2. Newsletter</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>3. Advertising Album - Critical Review</td>
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<td>4. Written Examination (3 Hours)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Marks</strong></td>
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Instructions for Project:

1. A project report with a minimum 40 pages on any one of the topic from the area mentioned herein (either in English or Tamil)
   - The report should be neatly typed in double space on one side of the bond paper (A4 size).
   - The Project report should be in a bound volume.

Areas for the project study (minimum of 40 pages on any of the topic (Tamil/English)

1. Analyze the status of soap operas in the digital age.
2. Analyze the impact of social networks on younger generation.
3. Review the status of online marketing.
5. Evaluate the ethics and code of e-journalism.

6. Analyze the coverage of crime stories / Right to Information status of newspapers.

7. Analyze the promotion of online shopping.

8. Review the conglomeration of the media in the e-age.

9. Analyze the role of search engines in the Distance Education.

10. Illustrate the usage of Folk forms in Public Relation activities.

11. Evaluate the emergence of Private FM Radio stations.

12. Review the status of cable / Satellite TV in India.

13. Review the role of Community Radio in social development of India.

14. Evaluate the MOOCs in India.

15. Analyze the status of Political Communication in the digital age.

With best wishes

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Dept. of Journalism & Mass Communication

Dr. M. Ramaswami  
Director (i/c)  
Directorate of Distance Education

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Google Class room link for assignment submission:  
https://classroom.google.com/c/MjQ4OTM2MjYxMzU1?cjc=xjung22  
Email: mkuddejmc@mkuniversity.ac.in  
Whatsapp link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/GarZzTA9zASAnCWj56N3P1

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