

## **FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S DESK**

### **An Open Letter to the Students of CMRU**

My Dear Students,

Warm greetings from CMR University!!!

I extend my heartfelt wishes to all students facing examinations. I am confident that you are dedicating yourselves to achieving excellence and bringing honor to your university. Currently, placement drives are underway, and I urge you to actively engage in all the placement training activities, preparing yourselves to thrive in the corporate world.

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of an exciting initiative called the **Accelerated Credit Courses (ACC)** for the Academic Year [2023-24]! ACC courses are specially designed and offered free in online mode to all students. ACC offers students to be actively engaged; chance to delve into niche courses; receive personalized instruction from experts; acquire certifications and credits prior to the commencement of their degree program which will give them a good head start. Students can choose any ACC irrespective of the degree programme they pursue. This is open to all students aspiring to pursue any degree and free for all !! Simple registration on the CMRU portal grants them eligibility.

We were elated to see ACC receive an overwhelming response, with over 300 students enrolling for a diverse range of courses viz., Artificial Intelligence, Digital skills, Entrepreneurship and Mastering the Art of Public Speaking for the first batch which commenced on Monday, 15 May, 2023. We also see quite a good response for subsequent batches. We are committed to provide the best to our students and we have continuously evolved over the years with constructive feedback from our students. It will be great if you could suggest courses that will be of interest to you and your peers. It's a great start and we are really excited.

We are also pleased to inform you that we have now integrated the **Faculty Student Curriculum Roundtable (FSCR)** into our Curriculum Design and Development (CDD) Process. The FSCR plays a vital role in promoting collaboration and dialogue between our faculty members and students, ensuring that the curriculum remains relevant, inclusive, and responsive to your needs and expectations. By including student representation, the FSCR encourages a student-centered approach to curriculum development. This means that your valuable insights about your educational needs and aspirations will be formally gathered. The FSCR will facilitate open discussions between faculty and students, allowing for the collection of feedback to identify areas for improvement, emerging trends, and the evolving demands of the job market. Through student participation, the FSCR aims to foster a sense of ownership and responsibility in your own learning journey. We firmly believe that by involving you as partners, the FSCR will bridge the gap between faculty members and students, promoting effective communication and collaboration. It will also help our faculty members understand your perspectives, expectations, and learning preferences, while simultaneously helping you understand the academic considerations and

constraints involved in curriculum development. FSCR dates are announced and students are being sent to the students by all Schools of Studies.

We encourage all of you to make the utmost of this opportunity and partner with the institution in building enriching learning experiences. Your active involvement in the FSCR will play a crucial role in shaping the curriculum and ensuring it meets your needs. Together, we can create an educational environment that empowers you to succeed and prepares you for the future. So, participate and make it a success.

We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to your valuable contributions as we embark on this journey together.

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