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The Governing Body of Consortium of National Law Universities considered the proposal of reopening Universities in January 2021 at its meeting held on 23rd December, 2020 and 8th January 2021.

The Consortium emphasised that National Law Universities are distinct from State Universities in several important ways and hence any decision to open up for students must be based on the following:

- i) NLUs are National Universities with students arriving from different parts of the country who have experienced varied levels of Covid Pandemic. Hence, students residing on one Campus may result in aggravating the pandemic;
- ii) NLUs are compact Universities with small Campuses, hostels and classrooms. Their infrastructure does not permit adequate physical distancing and medical sanitisation. Hence, they will be unable to control the spread of infection should this occur;
- iii) NLUs are residential Universities and hence apart from the conduct of classes, the Universities will need to maintain separate dining and toilet facilities. As these Universities are designed for a small number of students, they are unable to follow the Government of India and the State Government's Medical protocols in their residential facilities.

In these circumstances, the Consortium resolved that physical classes should commence only after universal vaccination of students, faculty and staff is completed. The residential facilities may be opened on a case by case basis after February 2021 keeping in mind local conditions.

The Consortium may review the decision at the end of February and take next steps based on the prevailing conditions.

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PRESIDENT, CNLUs

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