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## Message from Convener

Dear Students,

India has been suffering through Covid-19 since Feb'20. We have been observing the situation and it is still fluid. Even though lockdown is opening up, it would need more time to normalize the society gatherings and also will take time in travelling unrestricted. Many national and international events of high repute have been called off due to the ongoing crisis. We know that our participants have already started working on design and some are near to finish it. Considering the efforts put by our participants till date and giving importance to safety of all, we have decided this year to host Efficycle virtually.

Everyone may have the big question, "Why Virtual Efficycle?". *If things are not going well as per plan, then we don't give up, instead we change the plan!* The world is going towards virtual mode and in some time everyone has to adopt this changed philosophy. Hence, organizing committee has brainstormed on the current situation and come up with the Virtual Round for the benefit of all. It will allow students to present their work remotely and avoid travel. It will reduce the chance of mass gathering and align to the government of India directions of Social Distancing, with # **Stay Home, Stay Safe** Approach.

Virtual round will be held from 21<sup>st</sup> Sept to 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2020 for different awards as per category and formats. There will be evaluations for Design, Cost and Business Plan in the form of detailed presentations, report submissions & phase manner progress evaluation. Teams would be continuously evaluated throughout the season and this progress would be part of final evaluation and carry weightage in final score. Details about the rounds, evaluation criteria, marking system, etc. will be released soon by the technical committee. Post virtual round, observing the situation, organizing committee will decide about the main physical event where actual efficycles can compete on test tracks.

To participate in the Virtual Efficycle, registration fees have been finalized as ₹5000 per team. Teams who have already registered for Efficycle 2020 need not to register again. They will be directly considered for the virtual event, once the payment is made. Moreover, new teams are also invited to register for the Virtual Efficycle Event. There are total 23 different awards worth ₹1.8L which can be won by participating teams in virtual round.

We hope that this virtual round will encourage our participants to work in this current situation, nurture the skills and achieve success in the event!

Regards,

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