



**Embassy of India
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This is in continuation of the Embassy's earlier press releases dated 17th August 2020 and 1st September 2020, addressing concerns of Indian students studying in China, essentially regarding their return to their Colleges/Universities. It is reiterated that following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic earlier this year, the Chinese government had restricted the entry of foreigners into China, permitting such entry only in specific circumstances. While some exceptions have since been made with regard to some categories of foreigners who can enter China with fresh visa, foreign students have not been included in any of these categories.

2. The Embassy has been taking up the matter with the concerned Chinese authorities requesting them to come out with their plans for the return of Indian students to China. The Ministry of Education of China has sent a reply in this regard conveying their stand on the issue as follows:

“At present, foreign students in China cannot enter the country for the time being, but the Chinese Govt attaches great importance to the protection of the legitimate rights and interests of foreign students in China. It requires relevant Universities in China to maintain close contacts with the students, immediately notify relevant information and try their best to protect students' academic progress through online courses, properly respond to students' reasonable demands and help solve their practical difficulties. In view of the fact that the epidemic situation in the world is still unclear and relevant policies on entry and exit in China are being gradually adjusted, it is suggested that Indian students should maintain close contact with relevant Chinese Colleges and Universities and arrange to study in China in strict accordance with the suggestions and guidance of the Colleges/Universities”.

3. The above quoted reply from the Ministry of Education of China in response to Embassy's follow up with them regarding concerns of Indian students studying in China is self-evident. Indian students are accordingly advised to remain in touch with their respective Universities/Colleges in this regard.

4. Meanwhile, Indian students are advised to monitor the website of the Indian Embassy/Consulates in China and our social media channels to remain updated about the evolving situation in respect of the return of foreign students to China.
