

Padhai 'corona'

Mounting degrees of anxiety prompt varsities to go virtual

Academic session suspended for 15 days to counter Covid-19 scare, varsities like AU, CEPT and GNLU are taking classes online for students at home to ensure that delay does not jeopardise academic calendar

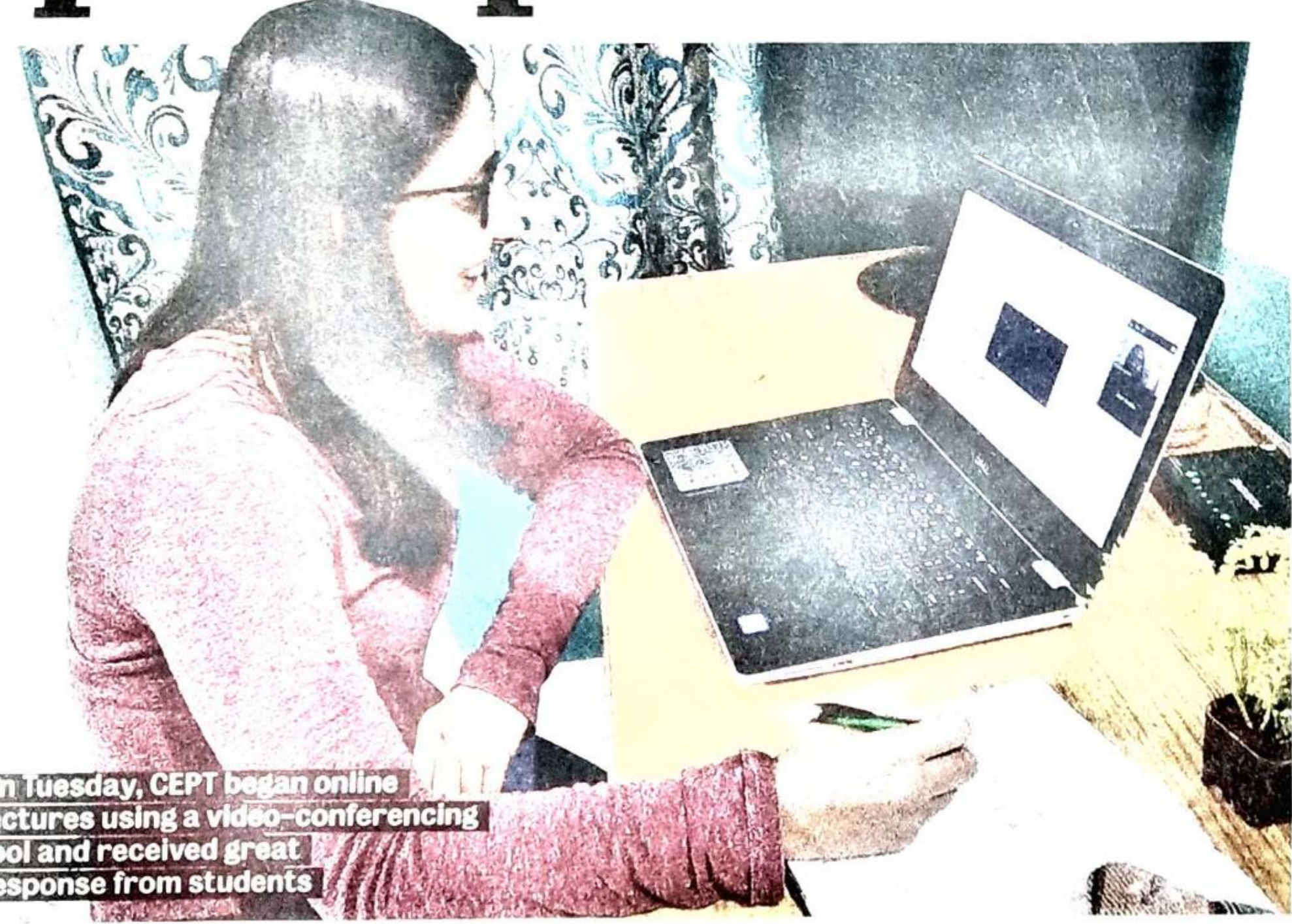
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Students are moving out. Classes are moving online. Forced to suspend academic sessions as a precautionary step to mitigate the spread of novel coronavirus, universities in the city are turning to technology to ensure that students do not lose academic hours.

The Gujarat government's diktat to keep schools and colleges shut till March 29 sent many institutes in

a tizzy as a loss of 15 days could pass a semester back, jeopardising the academic calendar. To counter this, a few universities in the city have decided to replace the traditional class-rooms with virtual ones; exchange pen-and paper exams for online tests; and even conduct interviews through tele-communication apps, replacing usual methods of interviewing candidates in person as the new admission season for 202-21 begins.

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On Tuesday, CEPT began online lectures using a video-conferencing tool and received great response from students