Those that are able to continue working have mixed feelings about their employment, their duties, and their health as people around the world battle to cope with varied coronavirus lockdowns. Most people say that their employment is a responsibility, that they are happy to be able to fulfill while also helping their communities. Some people may be concerned about their health, while others may believe that continuing to work poses few hazards. Some may argue that they have no choice but to labor in order to survive.

As Department of Education employees, we have recently been forced to spend a lot more time at home as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We may have learned new skills or attended online meetings while wearing pajamas underneath our shirts during lockdown. Because of the unusual nature of COVID-19, most offices have closed, allowing for more time with family, the flexibility to easily stretch hours, and easy access to the kitchen and laundry. The novelty of this new style of working wore off quickly once the hardship of coordinating 24-hour childcare, resisting numerous distractions, and maintaining a healthy work–life balance became obvious.

However, the absence of face-to-face communication and limited access to amenities are an inconvenience. Online meetings are less efficient and communicating with colleagues via online platforms when they are only names on a screen is always a struggle.

With these, always keep in mind, though, that no matter what personal complexities, stress, or difficulties we are experiencing at the moment, our dreams must
continue. Pandemic should not prevent us from pursuing our ultimate goal in life, whether it is career or personal improvement. And whatever it is that keeps us moving, or agitated, just remember to be kind to others at all times. Be emphatic, since more of that is needed in these challenging times.

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