# **REPORT**

# INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR

ON

## **ENDURANCE THROUGH ICT DURING PANDEMIC: PROSPECTS AND ISSUES**

June 26th, 2020 to 1st July 2020

Aligarh College of Education, June 26th, 2020 (Day-1): An "International Webinar on Endurance through ICT during Pandemic: Prospects and issues" was conducted. Vice Chancellor Pof. Ashok Kumar Mittal, DBRAU graced this event with his inaugural address. Around 205 Participants from 7 countries and 11 states of India have participated in this webinar.

#### DAY 1

Our first speaker Mr. M. Masjood Jafri (Director, Faithful & Gould, Houston, USA) discussed the 'Role of technology in the post Pandemic world'. His paper focused on the basis of the Pandemic 'Crisis', its primary solutions, secondary impacts, recovery solutions, challenges and opportunities. He defined the concept 'Crisis' with an attractive visual presentation. He talked about new strategies of maintaining social distancing without much hampering your work and relationships. He also discussed secondary impacts like economic, social, health and employment. In the end he suggested some recovery solutions. His belief is that where there exists a problem, there exists a simultaneous opportunity to solve the problem. It requires some determination, innovation, resources and timing. He pointed out some real challenges that the world is facing today. He also discussed some opportunities to overcome this crisis.

- Learn skills that can be traded online
- Remote working solutions, cyber security, Artificial intelligence.
- Education and reform- relearn and delearn.
- Be a freelancer i.e writer, developer, blogger, influencer etc.
- Create social media opportunities.
- Develop strategic partnerships.
- Start a small business or utilize e commerce platforms.
- Participate in charitable/ philanthropic/spiritual activities.

Our second speaker Prof. M.P. Singh (HOD Dept. of Computer Science) talked about the "Role of ICT in Higher Education after COVID 19 Situation". He made his session interesting and impactful through graphics. He talked about various e learning techniques that teachers can employ in teaching learning situations. He believed that Technology makes the learning process more interesting. He also suggested few online applications that can be used in higher education platforms to benefit maximum learners of different streams.

Our speakers discussed and answered all queries of Participants. Today's session was an enriching experience as the participants were appreciative of the Speakers new ideas.

#### DAY 2

Second day started with the welcome address of Dr. Sadaf Jafri. First speaker of the second day was Dr. Iram Khan, Dept of TT & FE (IASE), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Her presentation covered variety of topics including some teaching learning platforms like LOOM, SCREENCASTIFY, POWERPOINT 2016, GOOGLE MEET, GOOGLE CLASSROOMS, ZOOM, JITSI MEET, BIG BLUE BUTTON, GOOGLE JAMBOARD, GOOGLE DOCS, GOOGLE SHEETS, GOOGLE SLIDES, GOOGLE CALENDAR, GOOGLE FORM, GOOGLE EARTH, VIRTUAL LABS, BIODIGITAL 3-D RESOURCES, STELLARIUM PLANETARIUM for exploring Celestial bodies, Bhuvan portal, Swayam Platform, courses in regional languages. She also talked about ICT initiatives of MHRD. She emphasised that above all these alternatives the most important is Teachers willingness, his awareness, his interest, his resourcefulness, and his relationship with students. In the end she ended her presentation with a quote "ZEAL TO GO BEYOND JOY OF LEARNING TO JOY OF TEACHING AS WELL".

Second speaker Mr. S. Qaim M. Kamoonpuri (Apple Co., Singapore) discussed a brief history of human revolutions from cognitive revolution in 70,000 BCE to Agricultural revolution in 10,000 BCE, Scientific revolution in 18th Century and Digital Revolution in 21st Century. He talked about how ICT helped different sectors in creating value by improving their efficiency and economies of scale. He further discussed how coronavirus changed the equation and the whole world became dependent on Technology. To make the best utilization of this lockdown period he introduced our audience with a broad spectrum of online programs and courses offered by some leading universities of the world. He concluded his presentation with a positive message of Embracing change "The price of doing the same old thing is far higher than the price of change" by Bill Clinton.

#### DAY 3

First speaker of third day Ms. Maryam Zehra, of AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, primarily spoke on the topic Controlling the Unprecedented: Altering Teaching Practices to Keep-up with the Times. She cited some tips on how to overcome and gain control over the current crisis. She emphasised on the point that the current crisis is not the same for everybody and hence every individual needs their share of attention. She also mentioned that instilling self regulation in students is of key importance. She also talked about the much needed alterations in the teaching practices. She explained that the need for engaging the students by using varied techniques in order to maintain their interest throughout an online class.

Her lecture stressed on the need for faculty development programs. She also emphasised the digital divide in the country is living and that each teacher needs to develop their own pedagogy based on their skills of the internet. Her presentation concluded with the need to know about the different mobile-based audio-video recording and editing apps available on the internet.

Second presenter **Prof. Paola Martini (KOC University, Istanbul, Turkey)** talked about "Internet promoting spirituality during Pandemic: Join hands to overcross the difficulties". She beautifully described how the right use of the internet can help in promoting happiness and developing spirituality.

#### **DAY 4-**

Fourth day begins with a lot of positivity and optimistic vision of **Prof. Sufyan Beg (Principal, ZHCET, AMU, Aligarh).** He not only talked about a variety of e learning platforms but also how to prepare well to overcome the present crisis with a positive approach. His talk on Aatm Nirbhar initiatives and skill development through ICT was very impressive

Second speaker of forth day Mr. Nabeel Ahmad Muqim discussed the topic "Opportunities for education in the face of COVID-19". He talked about the google based solutions and Hologram Teaching for making teaching learning more interesting. He also introduced participants with many google apps.

#### **DAY 5-**

Fifth day started with the presentation of **Prof. (Mrs.) Nasreen on the topic "Teacher Education and ICT: Prospects and issues"**. She talked about training of pre-service teachers and inservice teachers as the country is facing shortage of qualified and motivated teachers at different levels. She focused that the world is using ICT in facilitating information dissemination and communication in all areas of education and training. Thus the integration of ICT in teaching in general and teacher education in particular is the need of the day. Further she discussed in detail the use of ICT for special needs children. She concluded by saying that ICT is one of the major factors for producing the rapid changes in our society. It can change the nature of education and roles of students and teachers in the teaching learning process.

The last speaker Mr. Aamir Qutub was very practical and impressive in his approach. He talked about making e classes more interesting by adding polls, interesting question answer sessions, involving learners in quiz etc. He also creatively explained how to use social media apps in a constructive manner to enhance learning.

Day 6 was the Valedictory ceremony which started with the welcome address of Principal Mam. Report of the webinar was presented by Dr. Sadaf Jafri (Coordinator). Prof. Nasrin, Chairperson, Dept. of Education was the Valedictory guest. She appreciated the whole organizing team and ACE for organizing such good quality webinars on a variety of topics and giving new experiences to learners who are trapped at home. She appreciated all speakers for their quality presentations and sharing new horizons of ICT which were newly introduced to learners. All participants shared very positive thanks giving feedback. Speakers appreciated the efforts of visionary Prof. Muqim sir for encouraging their staff in organizing such creative events. Efforts of Principal Dr. Rubina Shahnaz and Coordinator Dr. Sadaf Jafri were specially appreciated.

The complete journey of this one week International Webinar was full of information, ideas and creativity. Participants learned a variety of techniques in which they can best utilize ICT in their practical and academic life to make it more productive and useful.

Dr. Sadaf Jafri (Coordinator of the International Webinar)

### LINKS OF RECORDED SESSIONS

Day 1 - 26/06/2020

Topic: Endurance through ICT during Pandemic: Prospects & Issues

Date: Jun 26, 2020 08:35 AM India

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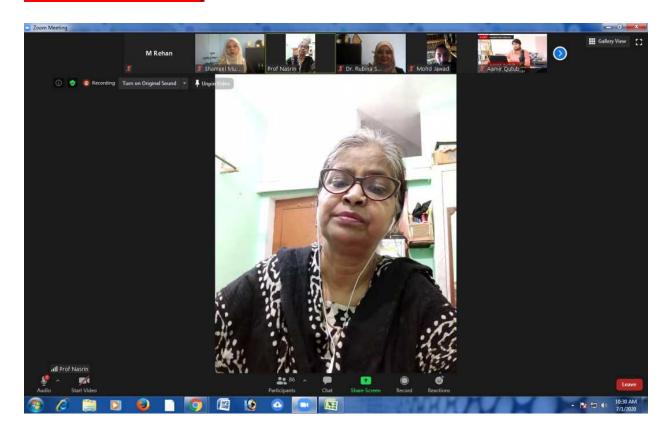
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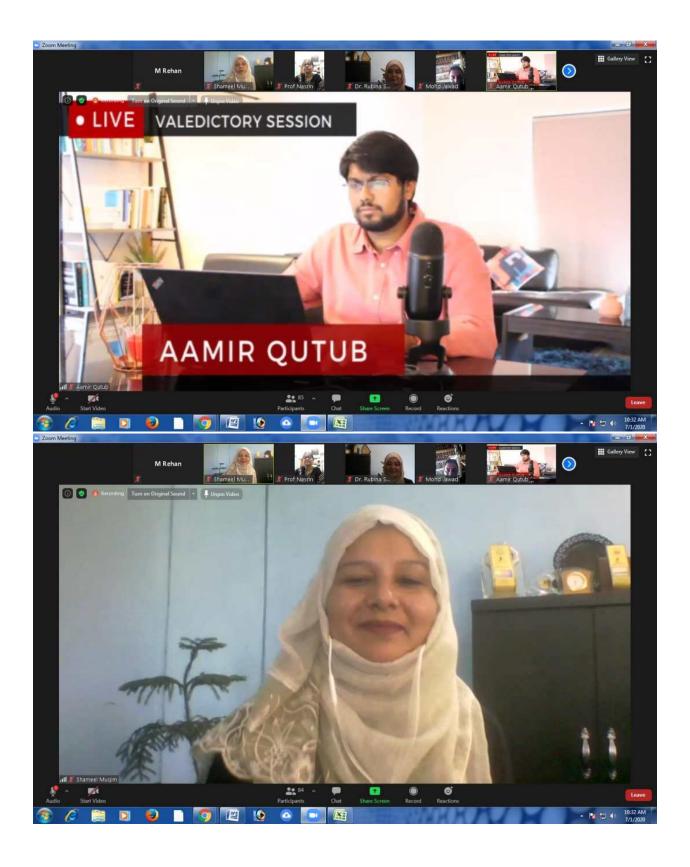
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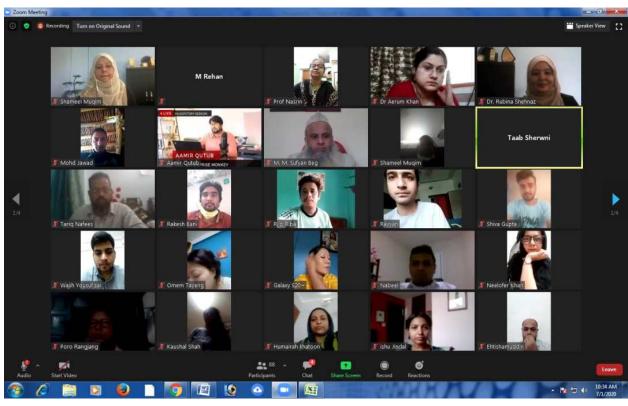


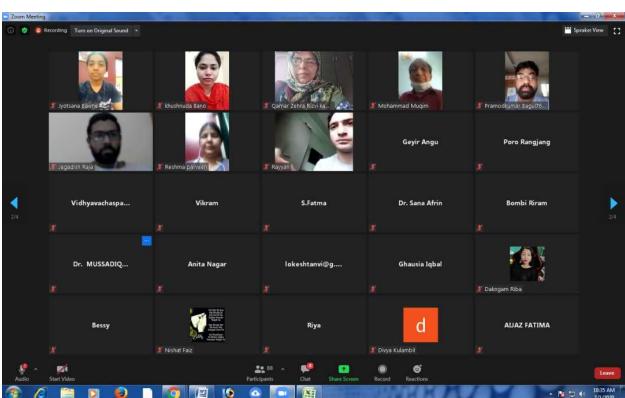


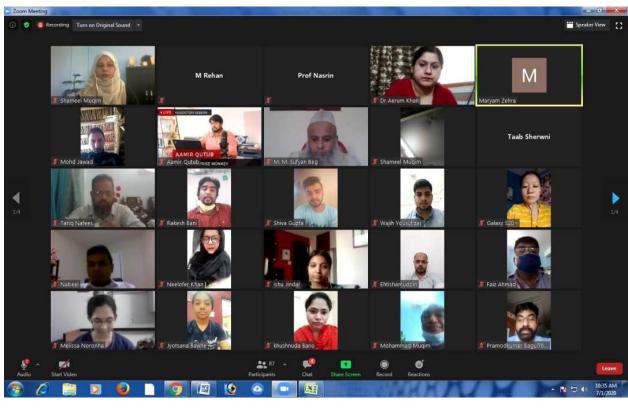


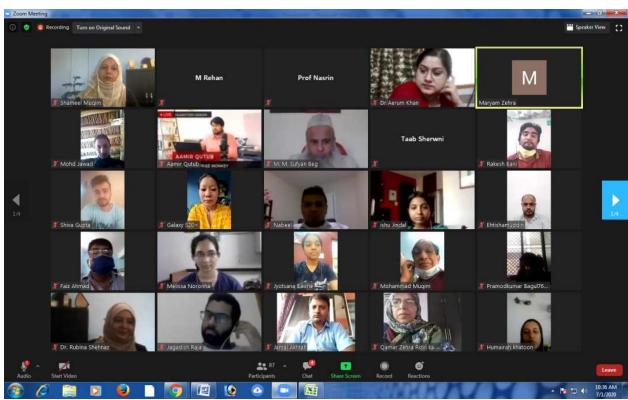


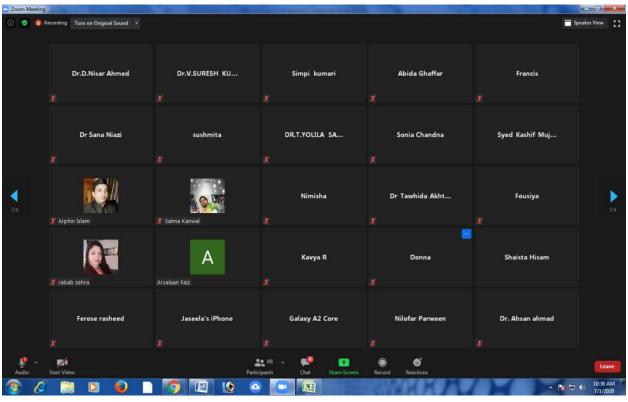


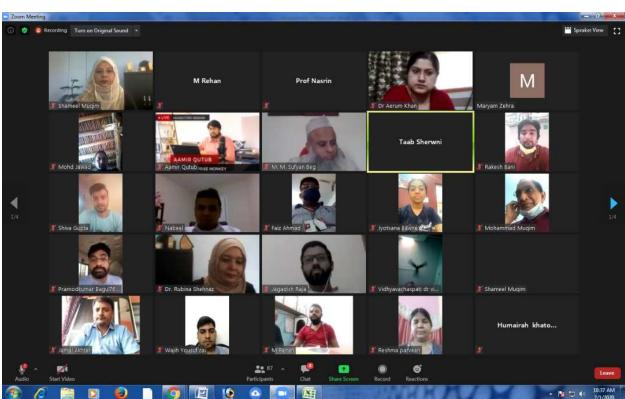




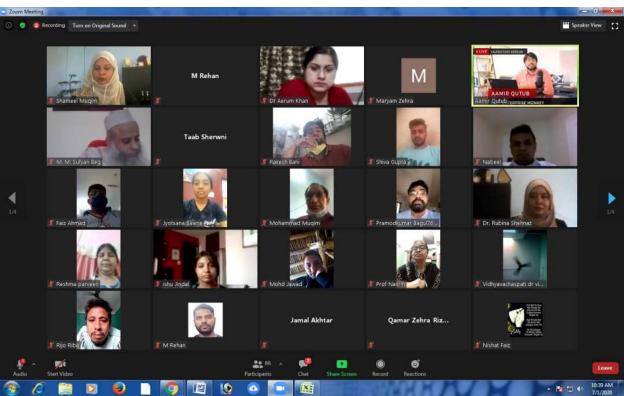






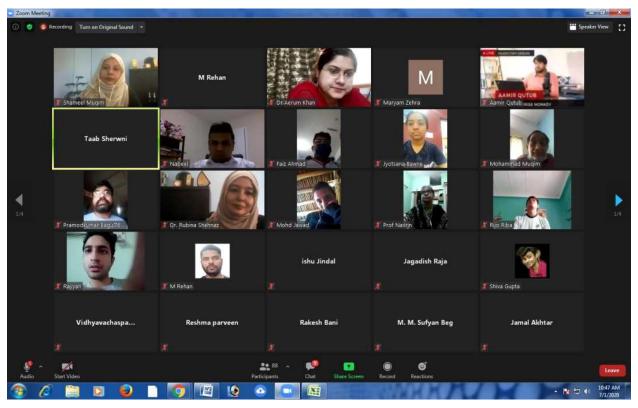
















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