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"Being rooted in local language is key - The Education Ministry will make efforts to preserve and promote all Indian languages, including classical, tribal and endangered" - Union Cabinet Minister for Education, Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'



The National Education Policy 2020, brought out by the Government of India in August 2020 has paved the way for large scale, transformational reforms in both school and higher education sectors. **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has emphasized

on 'jad and jag' analogy, reiterating the role of education in making children grounded in one's culture to make a mark in the world. The national policy has made an attempt to make all the different languages of India get equal footing. The policy leaves it to the States to decide which three languages they must offer to their students.

Two of the three languages must be native languages of India. There is the scope for learning native languages of India, including Sanskrit. The New Education Policy has provision for Sanskrit to be offered at all

levels. Sanskrit is not only the carrier of Indian culture but is a scientific language which hammers at the importance of sound, the base of all kinds of verbal communication. The sound of the alphabets, the connection of alphabets to structure words and the grammar are all methodically arranged in Sanskrit language. The study of Sanskrit will not only give a grip on all other languages in terms of oral communication but the rule-based grammar will promote logical thinking in young children.

"India will be promoted as a global study destination providing premium education at affordable costs. High performing Indian universities will be encouraged to set up campuses in other countries, and similarly, select universities will be facilitated to operate in India"



The 74th Independence Day Celebrations were a solemn affair across all states as the country grapples with the COVID 19 pandemic and the aftermath. **Chairman MGNCRE Dr W G Prasanna Kumar** in his

virtual address on the occasion called for nation building with emphasis on Swachhta, Rural Community Engagement and Nai Talim activities. "The National Education Policy will bring in a new quality education system that can transform the future challenges into opportunities, paving the way for a New India. Entrepreneurship will gain impetus as students get encouraged to freely choose their subjects according to their

interests and talents and delve in vocational subjects. They would have an opportunity to realise their potential. The future generations will not only be able to get employment on the strength of such abilities but will also create employment opportunities for others. As Mother tongue gets recognition, it will help strengthen young minds and make them progress rapidly.

Editor's Note

I extend warm wishes to my fellow countrymen on the occasion of India's 74th Independence Day! The current COVID 19 pandemic has curtailed all our celebrations but it has not dampened our spirit of endurance and perseverance. As we offer our gratitude to the numerous personalities who have made this day possible for us, we also look forward to the enormous nation building tasks ahead. **Resilience** is the word synonymous with MGNCRE. Amid the Corona Crisis, we also had to face several natural disasters which have rampaged some states. Amid such onslaughts of disasters, it is gratifying to see all sections of society coming together to help those in distress. We have learnt many lessons and are resurrecting ourselves. We have a lot to offer to the community and amid these scary times, our contribution to Community Engagement, Swachhta, Rural Management, Nai Talim, and Social Entrepreneurship assume all the more credence.

I am proud that we have achieved our mid year goals virtually. We have completed 300 Swachhta Action Plan

Workshops along with Faculty Development Programmes and Workshops on Vocational Education Nai Talim Experiential Learning (VENTEL), Social Entrepreneurship and Rural Community Engagement, and Rural Management.

As per the New Education Policy 2020, there is a need of faculty who can adapt to the rapidly evolving learning environment. MGNCRE is the forerunner for various path breaking activities including propelling Vocational Education (Productive Work with Economic Value) Nai Talim, and Experiential Learning (VENTEL) activities.

Gandhiji's Nai Talim Curriculum focuses on understanding the vision and philosophy of Experiential Learning through the skills and knowledge gained and impact on three Hs (Head, Heart and Hand) by participating in Vocational & Experiential Learning activities. The methodology helps in devising contextually suitable engagement activities for the student teacher; identifying aspects relevant to local community engagement in teacher education; and exploring models of art, craft for entrepreneurship and for self-reliance. Participants can reflect critically, modify perspectives on how experiential learning/work education will help make students lifelong learners. The

purpose of education is well realized through experiential learning. The guiding principle of Nai Talim is ***"Education and work cannot be separated and without work, research, contribution, creative and critical thinking skills, we cannot create new knowledge."***

Dr. W G Prasanna Kumar
Chairman MGNCRE

I wish my country warmly on the occasion of India's 74th Independence Day! MGNCRE has given the call to form Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta and Rural Engagement Cell Action Plan (SES REC) in Swachh Ranked Higher Educational Institutions.

The National Education Policy's emphasis on the Mother Tongue is a proud moment for all. We may learn any language or any number of languages. But the language of life, language of work and language of livelihood of millions is mother tongue. For the first time, since independence, India gets into respecting work and making work also as education. It has made people's language of work as the language of education. This is a hundred percent student oriented and student centric integrational National Policy on Education and is by far the most India focused and rural focused policy. It provides opportunities to learn work from class 6 and vocationalises education making our citizens job providers. It makes us march towards **Atmanirbhar Bharat** with great pride.

Dr. Bharat Pathak
Vice Chairman MGNCRE

"Relevance of Gandhian Thought in Modern India" covering Nai Talim, Swachhta, Dignity of Labour, Sarvodaya Samaj

Chairman MGNCRE delivering a talk on the occasion of Independence Day



Kaleidoscope of Activities – August 2020



A **One week Faculty Development Program** on Sustainable Village Development and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Aug 24 to Aug 28, 2020 was organised by MGNCRE in association with **Sardar Vallabhai Patel National Institute of Technology (SVNIT), Surat**. The FDP addressed lectures on Implementation of Government Schemes, Institutional Social Responsibility and Community Engagement, Swachhta Action Plan (SAP), Jal Shakti and Waste Management, Community–University Engagement, Mentoring, Irrigation Efficiency Improvement, Facilitation Skills, Information About MSME, Rural Immersion and Community Engagement, Various aspects of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, vision of the initiative Community Engagement Case studies Role Facilitator, Phases of Facilitation, Group Dynamics, Fostering Social Responsibility COVID 19 and beyond, and Individual Solid waste management by recycle, recover and composting methods.



"Tomorrow will not be a competitive world, it will be a collaborative world" said Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University (TNTEU) Prof. N Panchanatham as he delivered the felicitation address in an Online Workshop on VENTEL (Vocational Education Nai Talim Experiential Learning) Action Plan for over 100 Principals of Affiliated Colleges of Education on 28 Aug. He stressed on the need for alternate livelihood skills and vocational training to overcome unforeseen crisis situations like the current pandemic. Chairman MGNCRE delivered the inaugural address and Prof. V. Balakrishnan Registrar i/c, TNTEU delivered the Presidential address. Prof. M. Govindan, Dean of Faculty, TNTEU; Dr. S. Mani, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Ednl. Planning & Administration, TNTEU and Dr. P. C. Naga Subramani, VENTEL-Convenor, TNTEU also spoke on the occasion.

Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Karnataka, Prof. Siddu P. Algur delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of Affiliated Colleges with Business Management Departments on 28th August. He emphasised on self-sustainability.



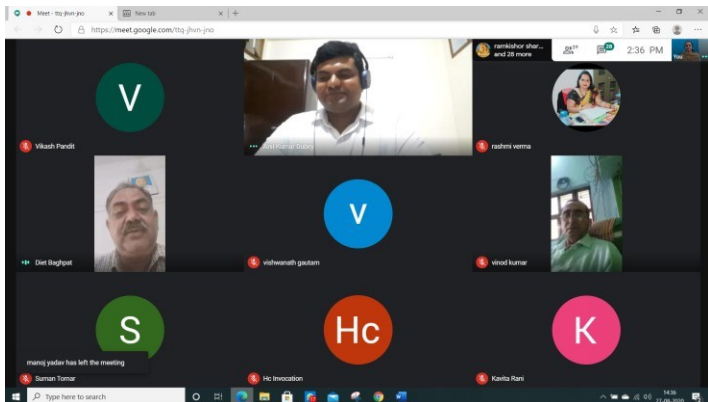
Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, Prof. R. A. Gupta delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals and Faculty of affiliated colleges of Rajasthan Technical University on 25th August 2020.



Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development for the Principals of affiliated colleges of Karnatak University, Dharwad on 27th August 2020.



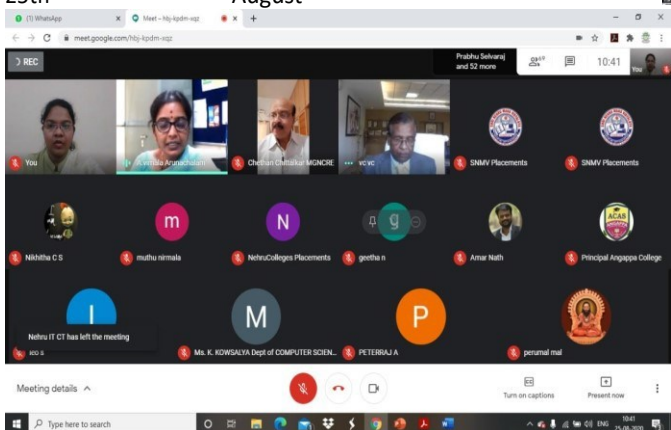
Workshop at DIET Bagpat (Uttar Pradesh) on 27th August



Honorable Vice-Chancellor of University of Kerala, Dr. V. P. Mahadevan Pillai delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals and Faculty of affiliated colleges of University of Kerala on 26th August

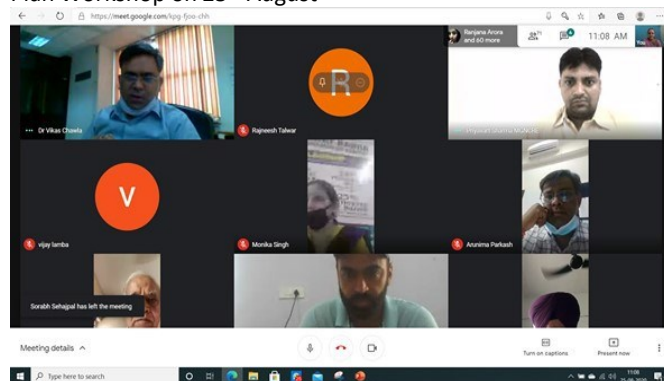


Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, Prof. Dr. P Kaliraj delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of affiliated colleges of Bharathiar University on 25th August



Dean, Academics & College Development, Prof.(Dr.) Vikas Chawla of I K Gujral Punjab Technical University addressed the

Principals of affiliated Colleges in an Online Swachhta Action Plan Workshop on 25th August



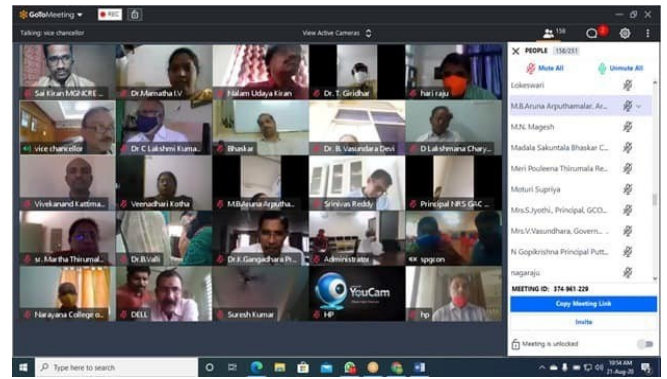
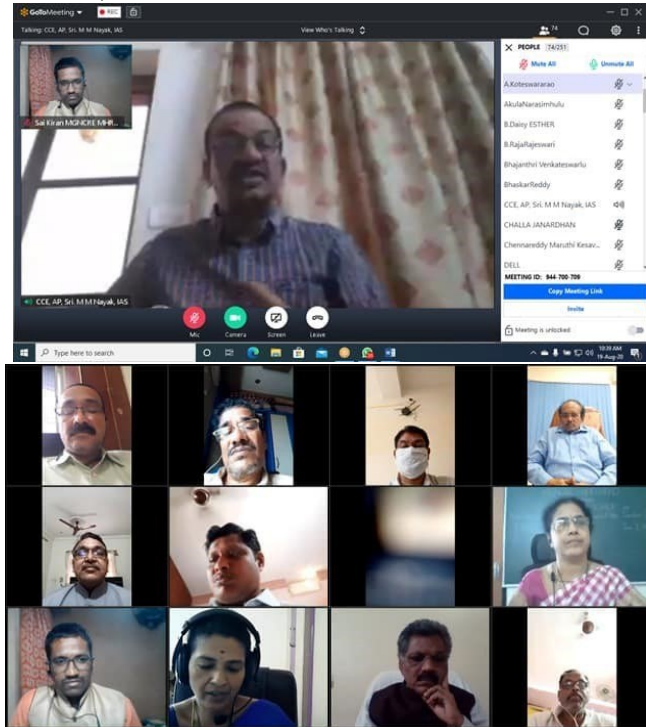
Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat Technological University (GTU), Gujarat, Dr. Navin Sheth delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of affiliated colleges of Gujarat Technological University on 25th August 2020.



Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University (DBAMU), Maharashtra, Dr. Pramod G. Yeole delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of affiliated colleges of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University on 24th August



Simhapuri University delivered inaugural address to Principals and Faculty members of affiliated colleges in an online workshop on Swachhta Action Plan Aug 19. Special address by Sri.M.M. Nayak- IAS- Special Commissioner of Collegiate Education, A.P



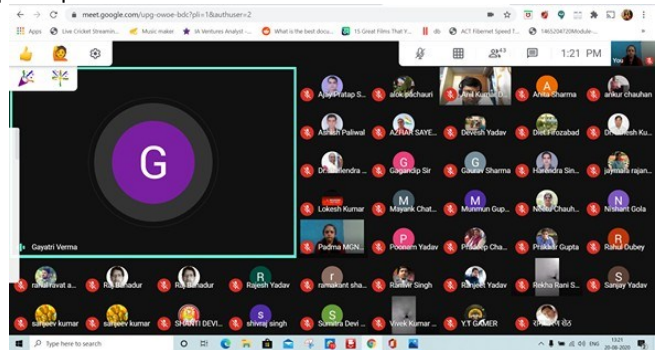
Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Maharashtra, Dr. Nitin R. Karmalkar delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of affiliated colleges of Savitribai Phule Pune University on 21st August



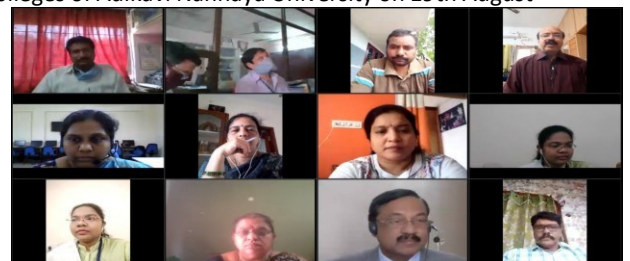
Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof Koona Ramji of Dr B R Ambedkar University delivered inaugural address to Principals and Faculty members of affiliated colleges in an online workshop on Swachhta Action Plan Aug 19



DIET Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh) organised a workshop on VENTEL (Professional Education-New Training-Experience Education) in which 45 participants from various educational institutions participated



Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Adikavi Nannaya University, Andhra Pradesh, Prof. M. Jagannadha Rao delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of affiliated colleges of Adikavi Nannaya University on 19th August



Honourable Vice Chancellor Dr P Syama Prasad Dr NTR University of Health Sciences delivered inaugural address to Principals and Faculty members of affiliated colleges of Dr NTR University of Health Sciences in an online workshop on Swachhta Action Plan Aug 21. Dr K Sankar Registrar encouraged the Principals of affiliated colleges to carry out Swachta Action Plan activities and also specified that Dr NTR University will emerge as the best University in India for implementing SAP in all affiliated colleges.

Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University (DDUGU), Prof. Vijai Krishna Singh delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of affiliated colleges of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University 19th August



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Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Agra (DBRAU), Prof. Ashok Mittal delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of Business Management Institutions affiliated to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University on 19th August

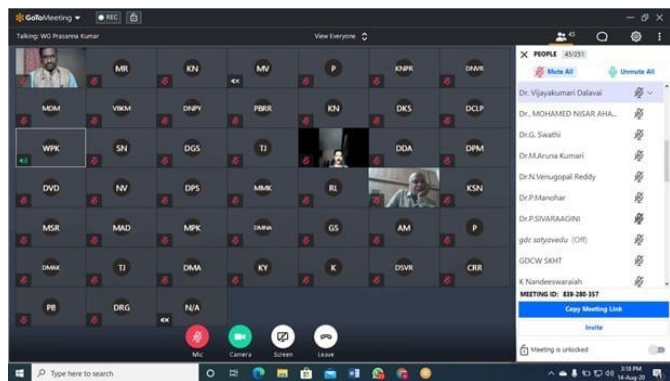


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Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore University, Karnataka, Dr. Palale Subrahmanya Yadapadithaya delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of affiliated colleges of Mangalore University on 17th August. He emphasised on unleashing the potential of rural areas and having competencybased education for generating employment.



Prof. B. Ramachandra Reddy, Dean, College Development Council, Sri Venkateswara University delivered inaugural address to the Principals of affiliated colleges in an online workshop on Swachhta Action Plan Aug 14



Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. M. Surya Kalavathi of Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa , AP delivered inaugural address to 73 Principals of affiliated colleges in an online workshop on Swachta Action Plan on Aug 14. Chairman, MGNCRE and Prof. D. Vijaya Raghava Prasad, Registrar, Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh also addressed the participants on importance of Swachh activities. Prof. Chandramati Shankar, Dean, College Development Council, Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh facilitated the workshop.



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Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. M. Jagannadha Rao Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamahendravaram delivered inaugural speech to Principals of affiliated colleges in an online workshop on Swachta Action Plan Aug 14, 2020. Chairman, MGNCRE and Prof. B Ganga Rao, Registrar, Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamahendravaram addressed the participants on importance of Swachh activities in campus.



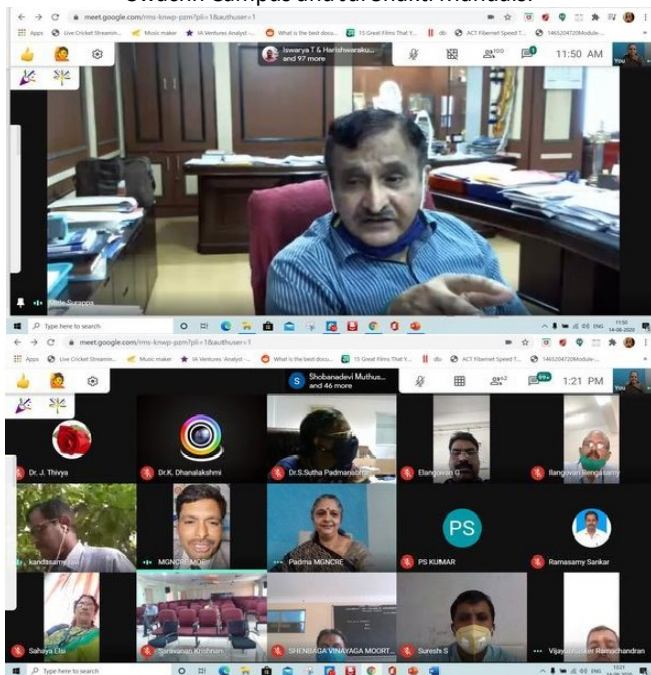
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Prof. Dr. P. Kolandaival, Vice-Chancellor of Periyar University Salem Tamil Nadu delivered the inaugural address to the Principals of Affiliated Colleges in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development on 14th August. Local rural entrepreneurs shared their experience and challenges of

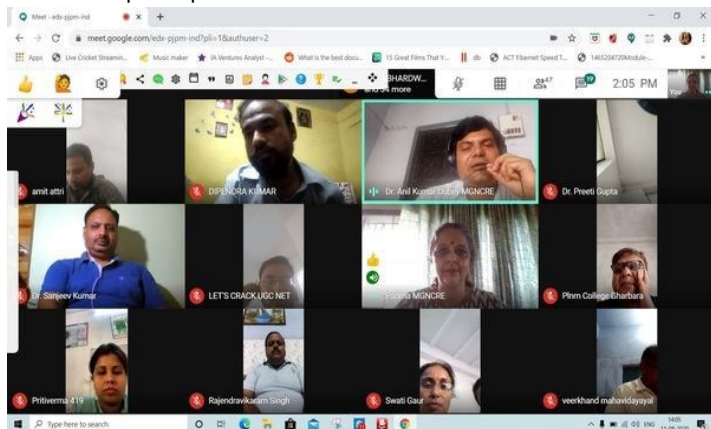
running their businesses.



Prof. M. K. Surappa, Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai, delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Swachhta Action Plan to the Principals of Constituent Colleges on 14th August. He urged them to take up activities under various areas of the Swachhta Action Plan as suggested in the Swachh Campus and Jal Shakti Manuals.



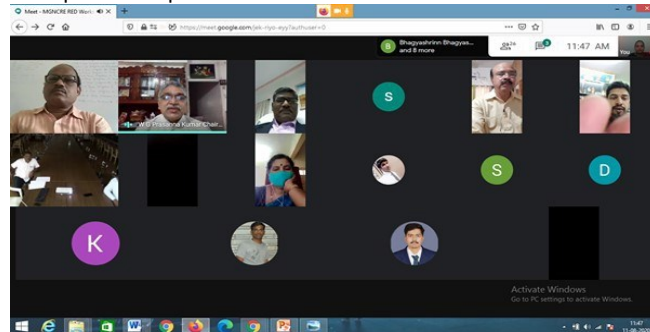
DIET Aligarh (UP) organised a workshop on 11th August on VENTEL (Vocational Education-New Training-Experienced Education) in which 50 participants from different educational institutions participated each educational institution



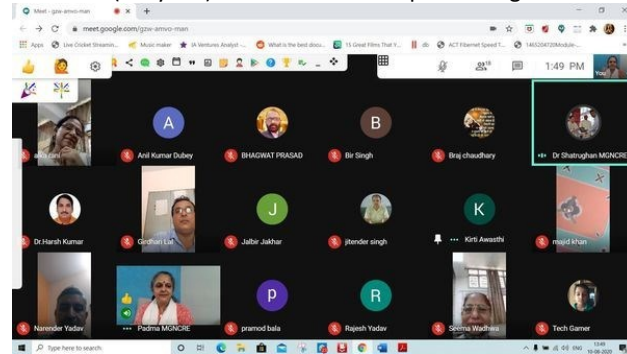
Honourable Vice-Chancellor University of Kota, Prof. Neelima Singh delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of affiliated colleges of University of Kota on 11th August. University Registrar Dr. R. K. Upadhyay rendered vote of thanks on making the programme successful.



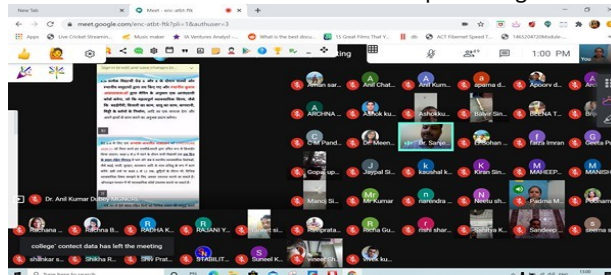
Dr. Chandrakant M. Yatanoor, Vice-Chancellor of Gulbarga University, Karnataka delivered the inaugural address in the Online Workshop on Rural Entrepreneurship Development to the Principals of Affiliated Colleges with Business Management Departments on 11th August. The workshop emphasised on promoting the National Policy on Education by throwing light on entrepreneurship in the rural sector.



DIETs Palwal & Malab Mewat, GETTI FP Namak & BITEs Nagina & Jakhandadi (Haryana) – VENTEL Workshops 10th Aug



DIET Mathura VENTEL Workshop 10th Aug



Vocational Education-New Training-Experienced Education (VENTEL) Workshops August 2020

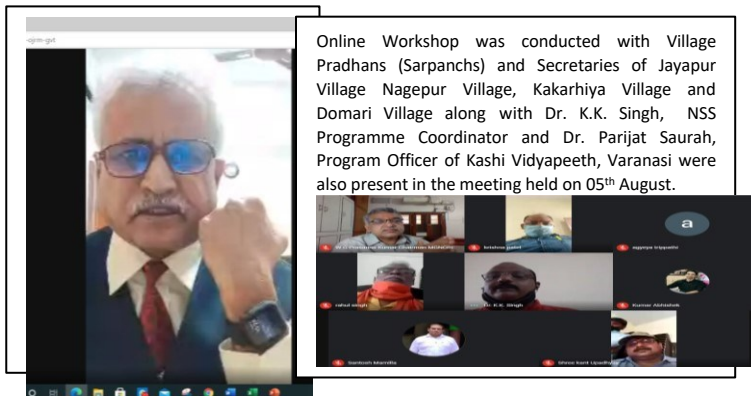
S No.	State	District-wise Workshops	Date	Participants	VENTEL Cells
1.	Haryana	Sonipat	2/8/2020	20	1
2.	Haryana	Yamuna Nagar	4/8/2020	22	1
3.	Haryana	Jhajjar	6/8/2020	20	1
4.	Haryana	Fatehabad	8/8/2020	30	1
5.	Haryana	DIET Palwal	10/8/2020	20	5
		DIET Malab Mewat			
		GETTI F P Namak			
		BITE Nagina			
		BITE Jakhandadi			
6.	UP	Etawah	4/8/2020	43	10
7.	UP	Jalaun	5/8/2020	30	21
8.	UP	Meerut	6/8/2020	87	24
9.	UP	Hathras	7/8/2020	50	29
10.	UP	Mathura	8/8/2020	69	49
11.	UP	Aligarh	11/8/2020	54	40
12.	UP	Firozabad	20/08/2020	56	69
13.	UP	Baghpat	27/08/2020	45	20
14.	TN	TNTEU	24/08/2020	110	75
15.	TN	TNTEU	28/08/2020	110	75
16.	Chhattisgarh	Durg University	25/08/2020	95	59
17.	Chhattisgarh	SCERT	26/08/2020	100	38
	Total			961	518

Rural Entrepreneurship Development (RED)/Rural Management (RM) Workshops – August 2020				
S No	Date	University	Participants	RED RM Cells
1	13-Aug-20	Periyar University, TN	120	25
2	19-Aug-20	Adikavi Nannaya University, AP	70	25
3	25-Aug-20	Bharathiar University, TN	75	23
4	11-Aug-20	Gulbarga University, Kar	26	14
5	17-Aug-20	Mangalore University, Kar	45	30
6	27-Aug-20	Karnatak University, Kar	43	20
7	28-Aug-20	Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya Univ., Kar	46	19
8	5-Aug-20	Raffles University, Odisha	5	1
9	11-Aug-20	University of Kota, Rajasthan	66	32
10	18-Aug-20	University of Lucknow, UP	26	6
11	19-Aug-20	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Agra	22	7
12	19-Aug-20	Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur Univ	129	54
13	25-Aug-20	Rajasthan Technical University	120	26
14	26-Aug-20	Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, UP	89	80
15	8-Aug-20	Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), Odisha	6	1
16	18-Aug-20	Mahatma Gandhi University, Ker	148	66
17	19-Aug-20	University of Calicut. Ker.	112	35
18	21-Aug-20	Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Maharashtra	180	40
19	24-Aug-20	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University (DBAMU), Maharashtra	22	5
20	25-Aug-20	Gujarat Technological University (GTU), Gujarat	52	14
21	26-Aug-20	University of Kerala (UoK), Kerala	130	80
	Total		1532	603

Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta and Rural Engagement Cell Action Plan (SES REC) Workshops August 2020

S No	Date	University	Participants	SES REC Cells
1	29-Aug-20	Punjab University	52	47
2	31-Aug-20	Sarguja University, Chhattisgarh	32	28
3	31-Aug-20	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	68	66
4	25-Aug-20	H E Institutions	180	180
5	25-Aug-20	Maharashtra	35	30
6	25-Aug-20	Maharashtra	20	10
7	25-Aug-20	Maharashtra	20	15
8	25-Aug-20	Maharashtra	20	18
9	25-Aug-20	Maharashtra	20	10
10	25-Aug-20	Maharashtra	20	17
11	25-Aug-20	Maharashtra	20	17
12	25-Aug-20	Maharashtra	20	15
13	28-Aug-20	Karnataka	264	71
		Total	771	524

Prof Amarika Singh, Hon'ble VC Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur sharing how Artificial Intelligence can help in the five areas of Swachhta



Online Workshop was conducted with Village Pradhans (Sarpanchs) and Secretaries of Jayapur Village Nagepur Village, Kakarhiya Village and Domari Village along with Dr. K.K. Singh, NSS Programme Coordinator and Dr. Parijat Saurah, Program Officer of Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi were also present in the meeting held on 05th August.



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