

**Two-Day International Multidisciplinary Web Conference on:
COVID-19: FUTURE ROADMAP**

A Two-Day International Web conference has been organized by GES's Shri Bhausaheb Vartak College, Borivali on 21st and 22nd May, 2021. The theme of the webinar was 'COVID -19: Future Roadmap'. The webinar was streamed simultaneously on Zoom as well as on YouTube.

The conference began with the Gokhale Education Society's song.

The Inaugural session began with the conference Co-convenor, Dr.Sushila Yadav introducing the theme of the conference and welcome speech of our Principal Dr. Mrs. S.V.Sant followed by the introduction of the chief guest Dr. Krishna Vedula, Dean Emeritus, University of Massachusetts, Lowell USA, and of the Guest of Honour Dr. Rajesh Khajuria, Founding Director SMJV's CKSVIM Business School, Vadodara.

In the Inaugural Address Dr.Krishna Vedula, Dean Emeritus, University of Massachusetts, Lowell USA, focused on problem solving as an objective of education. According to him Education should be multidisciplinary and generate problem solvers, creative thinkers, future leaders. He pointed out the negative impacts of the pandemic is the digital platform making online education a challenge in rural areas, especially in developing countries like India.

The virtual release of the conference proceeding and journal was done by Dr. Krishna Vedula and Dr. Rajesh Khajuria.

Prof. Dr.S.B. Karande, the Convenor of the conference extended the vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to all for gracing the inaugural session.

Soon after the Inaugural session, the first technical session on 'Pandemic and Digital Technology' begin. It was chaired by Dr. S. Kallurkar, Principal, Atharva College of Engineering, Mumbai.

He pointed out that every generation has to face some crisis but ultimately human race triumphs over all these adversities. He rightly mentioned that the technological advancement will become part of the post pandemic world.



In this session, two papers were presented.

The first paper of the session was presented by Dr. M. Deepa from Tamil Nadu on –“Students’ perception towards online education during Pandemic with special reference to Pollachi taluka”

The second paper of the session was presented by Ms. Chetana Suri from Jammu & Kashmir on The Covid -19 Pandemic and Needs of Digitalization in Education

The Second technical session was on “Pandemic and Human Rights.” was chaired by Mrs. Evangelia Vassilakou, Academic English tutor from Greece. She highlighted the various issues that have appeared during ongoing pandemic. She stressed on about how the governments of various countries can keep the people informed about the issues concerning their health. She stressed on prevention and care to be taken during pandemic and also spoke on the need to minimize the divide that has been created during the recent pandemic

In this session, paper was presented by Prof. Aniket Salvi, Department of Political Science of Gokhale College on Covid -19: State Surveillance and Human Rights wherein he cited examples of various countries to put forth the current human rights issues during pandemic.

The third technical session was on “Pandemic and Service sector” and was chaired by Dr, Rajesh Khajuria, Founder Director, and CKSVIM Business School. He stated the three important value from BHAGAVAD GITA which are Knowledge (Gyan), Action (karma) and Devotional (Bhakti). He further emphasized on universal principles contained in BHAGAVAD GITA which can very well be applied to corporate aura by keeping an open mind and expanding the circle of excellence.

The Keynote Resource speaker for this session Dr Zdzislaw Polkowski professor of UJW from Poland. Dr Polkowski in his speech talked about the challenges faced by lecturer for teaching online during the pandemic situation. Lack of awareness and lack of knowledge was big hurdle which students as well as lecturer had come across on remote platform.

He furthered talked about the survival of SMEs due to existences of e-commerce in era of coronavirus.



In this session, paper was presented by Prof Gurprinder Kumar from Allahabad on Mahamari mi Pravasi Mahila ka Jeevan. The paper dealt with the effect of pandemic on the migrant labourers with the special references to the vulnerable group i.e female & children.

Second day of the conference started with the fourth technical session on "Road Map for Service Sector.

This session was chaired by Dr, Rajesh Khajuria, Founder Director, CKSVIM Business School, where he emphasised on the challenges faced by the Education sector in the Pandemic times

He also categories the issues into 2 types- management issues which are basically about leadership and infrastructural and the issues faced by students and teachers which are generally related to attention, excellence and performance

The Keynote Resource speaker for this session Dr Chrispoher Speicher and Dr Amy Washo from Marywood University USA, shared the road map for the future for USA's education sector where there is a lack of uniform vaccination policy by the government. They also pointed out a chaos in the coordination of vaccines, in the USA, mentioning about the aid funding provided to universities for students.

The Fifth technical session on "Pandemic & Future of Education Sector". This session was chaired by professor Lance Erickson from Austin Community College Texas USA.

He stated that the goal of education should be to acquire knowledge, develop problem solving skills, learn to communicate with others, synthesize information and later pass the test. He focused on the method of teaching, which should be student centric rather than teacher centric.

The Sixth technical session was on "Pandemic & Industrial sector".

This session was chaired by Dr Sunil Amrutkar Principal of Dr M. S. Gosavi College of Pharmaceutical Education & Research, Nashik. Dr Sunil Amrutkar talked about the challenges faced by the pharmaceutical companies during the pandemic time such as catering to the huge demand of drug molecules, anti-drug, mask, sanitizers to the people.



He also pointed out the shortage India is facing relating to API,(Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient) where the huge amount of production i.e 70 % of production of API is done in China. However, Government of India has now given a thought on giving various clearances in order to manufacture API in India.

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The first paper of the session was presented by Dr. Bhaskar Biswas from West Bengal on - Impact Of Covid -19 On World Economy: A Study On Selected Countries. The paper highlighted that most of the country will face negative growth in GDP and in order to overcome the situation govt has to increase disposable income.

The second paper of the session was presented by Dr. Rama Gandotra from Punjab on- Covid Pandemic and Rural Development The paper dealt with the impact of Covid-19 on rural area, and to deal with it government should give more power to panchayats.

The third paper of the session was presented by Mr Babasaheb Sargar from Kolhapur on "Bio Bubble:Corona Mahamari Chya Kalat Krida Shetrasathi Tarak- Ek Abhyas" . The paper focused on importance of bio bubble in the field of sports during pandemic time.

Conference concluded with the Valedictory function. The Chief Guest for this function was Dr. Deepak Waykar, Managing Partner, EduEnergy, Singapore. He in very enthusiastic manner talked about the theme of the conference and gave the suggestions for the future and he described the future scenario in education and ended in the strong spiritual note. The final vote of thanks was given by Vice- Principal C.A. R.N. Doshi.

