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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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**Report of the two-day International Virtual Conference on
'Innovations in Social sciences: Interventions, Challenges and Future Trends'**

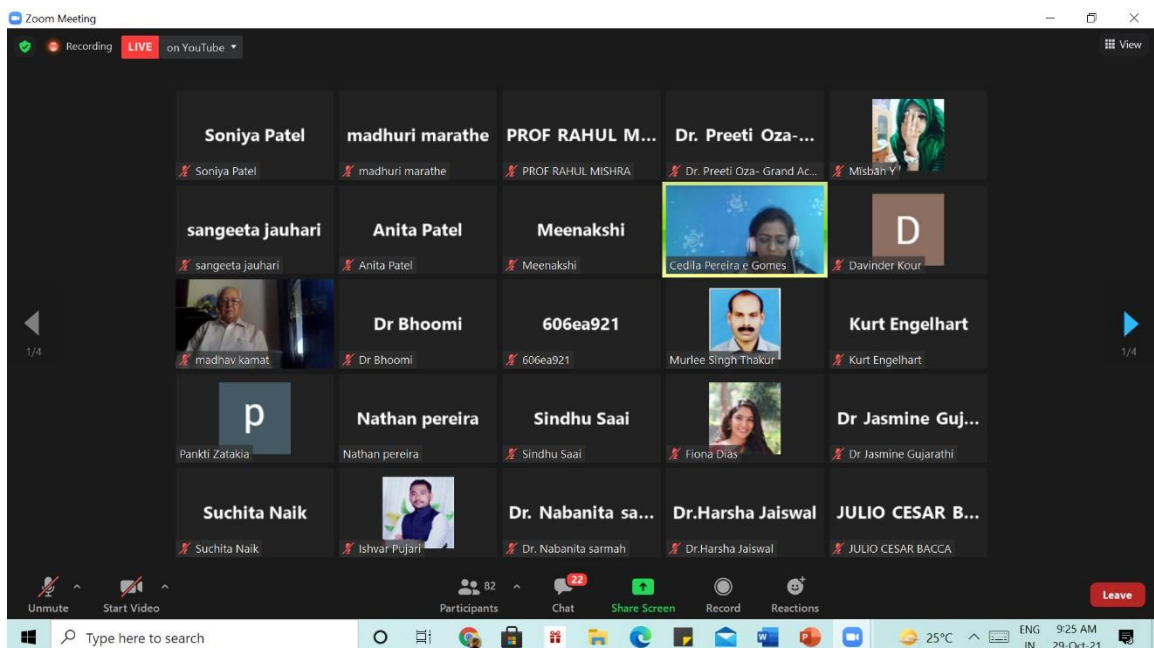
An International Virtual Conference on 'Innovations in Social sciences: Interventions, Challenges and Future Trends' was organized on 29th -30th October 2021 by the Department of Psychology, M.E.S. College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar – Goa in collaboration with Grand Academic Portal (G.A.P), an initiative started by Dr. Gurudutta P. Japee and Dr. Preeti Oza to provide a supplementary and complementary element to the existing formal higher education system in India. The founders have collectively envisioned a platform to provide an innovative, free, equal, equitable, collaborative, sustainable and all-inclusive teaching-learning pedagogy environment to all the stakeholders of the higher education in India. This Conference is an outcome of an MOU signed between M.E.S College and Grand Academic Portal (G.A.P) to strengthen academic initiatives between the two institutions. Ms. Cedila Gomes was the Convenor and Dr. Preeti Oza, the CEO of G.A.P was the Co-Convenor of this two-day Conference.

The Officiating Principal of M.E.S College, Dr. Meenakshi Bawa welcomed the participants and congratulated the initiative as the college was celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Murgaoon Education Society and it was a proud moment for the college to organize this International Conference. The Convenor of the Conference, Ms. Cedila Pereira e Gomes, faculty in the Department of Psychology, introduced the Conference while Dr. Sangeeta Jauhari, the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal and Vice President of Grand Academic Portal introduced the N.G.O, to audience.

Dr. Preeti Oza, the CEO of G.A.P introduced the theme of the conference while Dr. Freda Cota e Pereira, the Head of the Department of Psychology introduced the dignitaries. Prof. Radhika Nayak, the Officiating Registrar of Goa University and Principal of S.S Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Bambolim, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The keynote address of the Conference was delivered by Prof. Dr. L. Kurt. Engelhart, Principal, L. Kurt. Engelhart Associates, San Francisco-California, USA, who spoke on the topic, 'A Model of Human Existence'. He elaborated on the Meta-model for human systems and intellectually stimulated the audience with his address.

Shri M.S Kamat, the Founder Principal of M.E.S College and Chairman of Murgaoon Education Society delivered the Presidential address. He expressed the importance of empirical research in today's world and how it can help to alleviate the various problems faced by the mankind. Ms. Maria Fatima D'Costa, faculty in the Department of Psychology of M.E.S College proposed the vote thanks for the Inaugural Function.



Inaugural Function: Shri M.S Kamat, Founder Principal, M.E.S College, Prof. Dr. L. Kurt. Engelhart (Keynote speaker), Dr. Preeti Oza (CEO of GAP) Prof. Radhika Nayak, Chief Guest, Ms. Cedila Gomes (Convenor of the Conference)

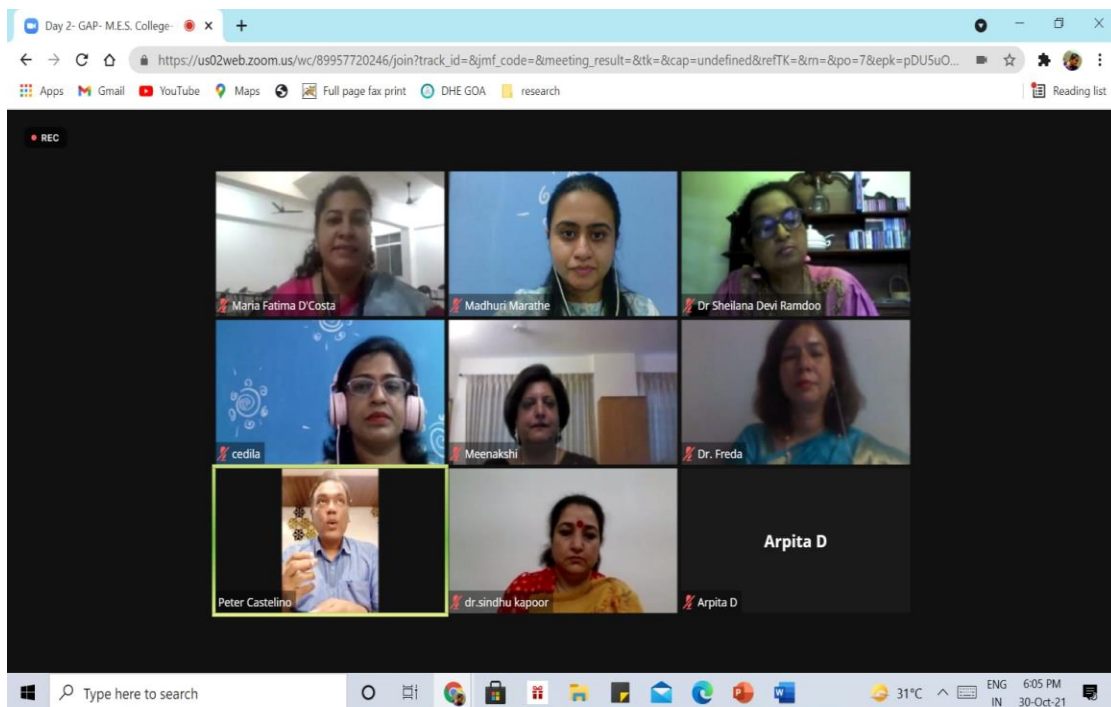
Eighty-two research papers from fourteen different states across the length and breadth of this country were deliberated in eight sessions and international affiliates also shared their expertise with the participants at the two-day International Virtual Conference. The Chairpersons for the eight technical sessions were Dr. Priti Maiyani, a Professor at the HRDC, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad; Dr. Gautam Gawali, the Officiating Dean, Professor in the Department of Psychology & Director of Amity University of Behavioural and Allied Sciences, Maharashtra; Prof. Neeraj Sharma, an Associate Professor of Govt. PG MAM College, Jammu; Dr. Vijaylaxmi Aminabhavi, Professor, Dept. of Psychology & Former Dean of Social Sciences, Academic Council & Syndicate member, Registrar, Karnatak University Dharwad; Dr. Mrunal Bhardwaj, Dean of Humanities Mahatma Gandhi Vidyamandir Nasik, Professor & Head, Post Graduate Dept. Psychology & Research Center, LVH College Nasik; Dr. Seema Hariramani – Chimanbhai Patel Institute of Management, Gujarat; Dr. G. Venkatesh Kumar, Professor & Head, Dept. of Psychology, Dean of Science & Technology, University of Mysore.

The Co-chairs for the technical sessions were Dr. Sonia Khajuria, Associate Professor, Govt. College for Women, Jammu; Dr. Shanmukh Kamble, Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Karnatak University Dharwad; Dr. Shibani Dubey, Associate Professor, Bhopal School of Social Sciences, Bhopal; Dr. Aldina Gomes, Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Carmel College Nuvem-Goa; Dr. Mahesh Pai, Associate Professor, Principal, Goa College of Home Science Panaji-Goa; Ms. Neha K. Bhatt, Advocate Faculty, M.N. Law College, Ahmedabad; Dr. Piyali Arora, Govt. College for Women, Jammu and Dr. V. R Shinde, Professor & Head, Dept. of Psychology, Savitribhai Phule University of Pune.

The sessions were moderated by, Dr. Parul Bhati, Nirma University, Ahmedabad; Dr. Ubaldinha Noronha, Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology, St. Xavier's College Mapusa-Goa; Dr. Bhoomi Vamja, Gujarat Commerce College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat; Dr. Michelle Fernandes, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Psychology, Carmel College of Arts, Science & Commerce for Women, Nuvem-Goa; Dr. Janet Fernandes, Professor, Dept. of Psychology, St.

Xavier's College Mapusa-Goa; Dr. Soniya Joshi- Shri N.S. Patel Law College, Ahmedabad; Dr. Shilaja Tiwari, Gujarat Commerce College, Ahmedabad; and Dr. Megha Deuskar, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Post Graduate in Counseling Psychology, Fergusson College, Pune.

The Valedictory session of the Conference was held on 30th October. The officiating Principal, Meenakshi Bawa delivered the welcome address. Dr. Preeti Oza and Ms. Madhuri Marathe, Assistant Professor, M.E.S. College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar introduced the dignitaries. Prof. Dr. Shailanaa Ramdoo, Matatma Gandhi Institute, Government of Mauritius presided as the Chief Guest of the function. Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Dean of School of Social Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu was the Guest of Honour. The Presidential Address was delivered by Dr. Peter Castelino, Founder and Managing Director of COOJ Mental Health Foundation. The Convenor of the Conference, Ms. Cedila Pereira e Gomes, faculty in the Department of Psychology of M.E.S. College of Arts and Commerce, delivered the vote of thanks.



Valedictory function: Dr. Meenakshi Bawa (Officiating Principal), Ms. Cedila Gomes (Conference Convenor), Prof. Dr. Shailanaa Ramdoo (Chief Guest), Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor (Guest of Honor) Dr. Peter Castelino, President of the function, Ms. Fatima D'Costa (Asst. Prof. in Psychology) and Ms. Madhuri Marathe (Asst. Prof. in Psychology)



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