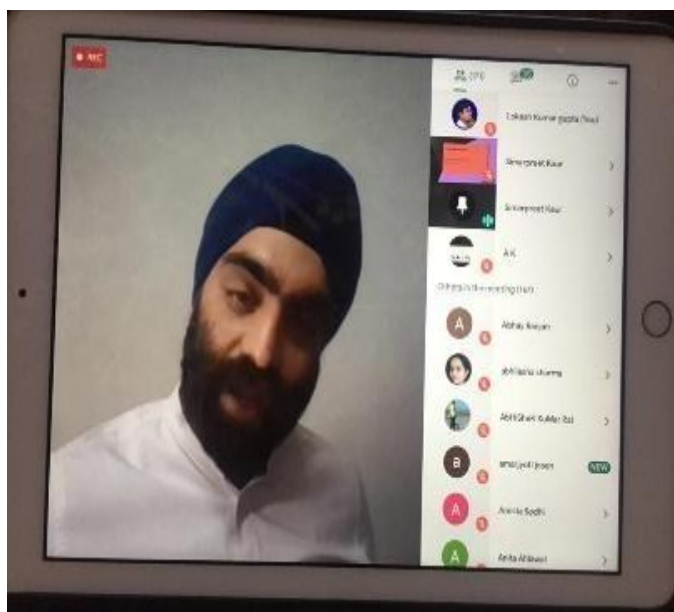


MATA SUNDRI COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
KASAK: B. A. PROGRAMME SOCIETY
**WEBINAR SERIES: COVID 19 - LOCKDOWN & POST LOCKDOWN
CONCERNS**
21ST MAY 2020 - 27TH MAY 2020

In our highly-dependent social existence, a pandemic has brought a halt with a lockdown on all exterior activities. Life during and after Covid-19 has been the focus of most discourses taking rounds on online gatherings these days. People across the nation are trying to grapple for an understanding of the ground reality and a paradigm shift is sought through academic webinars with expert speakers from various fields of knowledge. Mata Sundri College for Women, University of Delhi organized an extensive webinar program, National Webinar Series on Covid-19: Lockdown and Post-Lockdown Concerns from 21st- 27th May 2020 with the inaugural address given each morning by the principal, Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur.



The B.A. Programme Society of the college, under the convenorship of Dr. Lokesh Kumar Gupta, arranged a host of sessions on diverse issues which are, and will impact the world in myriad ways. The first day saw the speakers from the entertainment industry of cinema and theater with senior cinema critic from Mumbai, Mr. Ajay Brahmaj and Director, Asmita Theater Group, Mr. Arvind Gaur registering the economic crisis faced by thousands of people associated with these industries and how digitalization is accepted as the key to the new-normal, easy and unabashed source of engagement.



The day two opened on an analysis by Prof. Surendra Kumar from Delhi School of Economics on the impact of Covid- 19 on Indian economy and the optimum responses as an answer to this crisis. Prof. Bulbul Dhar James from Sarojini Naidu Center for Women's Studies, JMI addressed the third session on 'Understanding gender in uncertain times' and pointed at the juxtaposition of two extremist behavioral tendencies with in the households stuck in the lockdown where, on one hand, domestic violence is at its peak; and a new empathy is shared amongst the male and female members of a family at the other end of the spectrum.



'Coping with Covid behaviorally and socially proved to be a comforting and fruitful talk given on the fourth day by Dr. Harinder M. Sandhu, Associate Professor, Mata Sundri College for Women and Dr. Maninder Shah Singh from ISIC. The concern of the fifth session was on an overview of 'Labor, Education and History of Pandemics' across the globe with a special focus on the plight of Indian Laborer during this pandemic and this extensive and exhaustive day was virtually chaired by senior Historians from Delhi University, Dr. Prabhu Mohapatra, Dr. Anirudh Deshpande and Dr. Vikas Gupta. How the world of books and magazines is bracing for a newly ominous future was delved on by the Editor, National Book Trust, Mr. Pankaj Chaturvedi and Dr. Pallav, Editor, Banas Jan magazine, on day six, with the acceptance of the digitalization and adaptation of new reading trends as the solution. The webinar came to a successful closure with the analysis and suggestions given by Prof. Bupinder Zutshi, Ex-Registrar, Jawaharlal

Nehru University, on our preparedness to encounter post-lockdown reality and coming collectively to act with sanity. The seven-day long webinar series was unfailingly attended and appreciated by more than 200 enthusiastic academicians from different states of India.