

**INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON
'HUMANITY'S CALL, VACCINE FOR ALL: UNDERSTANDING
GLOBAL POLITICS'**

The IQAC of SLC, University of Delhi in collaboration with Universal Access for Vaccine and Medicine & Swadeshi Shodh Sansthan organized an International Webinar on the auspicious occasion of Yoga day, 21st June at 5.00 pm IST. The topic under deliberation was 'Humanity's Call, Vaccine For All: Understanding Global Politics'. The distinguished Speakers for the session were Prof. V.K. Kaul, Department of Finance and Business Economics, University of Delhi and Dr. Narendra K. Rustagi, Director, CGBS & Professor, Howard University, Washington, USA. The webinar witnessed the presence of over 250 participants from across the country. It was indeed an honour to have such eminent experts on panel for such an enlightening session.

The session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Kusha Tiwari, IQAC Convenor. She welcomed the esteemed guests and thanked them for having accepted our request to share their valuable knowledge with the audience. Our Principal Sir, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, then took the opportunity to welcome everyone and delivered the welcome address. Our Principal Sir, who is a firm believer of the need for vaccination of all, talked at length about the importance of answering the humanity's call and motivating people around us to get themselves vaccinated. He was of the view that on the occasion of Yoga Day, one must take the pledge to work towards not only one's own well-being but that of the society as well. He encouraged one and all to make Yoga a part of their lifestyle and take up other health-conscious measures.

Since the time Covid-19 pandemic broke, life in the world has not been same. It has drastically affected the life of uncountable people. It not only led to the loss of their loved ones for many but also affected the lives of others, financially, physically and mentally. The world has experienced many such outbreaks before also but this pandemic has been one-of-its-kind that has left no corner of the world untouched. Looking at the gravity of the situation, it had become a matter of utmost importance to chalk out a plan of action to put a stop to this outbreak. Thus, the arrival of vaccines came as a sigh of relief! But just the arrival of vaccines was not enough as a lot of challenges were lined up. Even after the vaccination process started, a lot of people were

skeptical in accepting it with open hands. The aim of the webinar was to address such issues and challenges and to deliberate upon things that could bring about a positive change in the world.

Both the eminent Speakers were generous enough to chalk out time from their busy schedule and spoke at length on the topic. Prof. V.K. Kaul started off with a brief introduction about the pandemic and talked about how the vaccination drive was making a difference. Being an economist and a Professor of finance, he talked about the economic effects of the pandemic. He talked in detail about the tarnishing effect of the pandemic on our country's GDP and of the world, as well. He was of the view that sooner the vaccination would take place, the better it would be for our country to take advantage of new opportunities in future. He apprised the audience about how the vaccination process would affect business and travel world over. He was equally concerned about pandemic's impact on low-and middle-income countries (LMIC) and how it would impact the terms of trade between countries. Dr. Narendra K. Rustagi apprised the audience about the status of the pandemic in the US. As we are already aware, the US got drastically affected by the pandemic. Sir shared about the modus-operandi of the US government in dealing with the situation and also about their vaccination status. He pressed upon the issue of a united front to tackle the situation and its repercussions in the future. He spoke about the impact of pandemic on international trade and treaties. Discussions about patents and other aspects of healthcare were also touched upon.

To conclude, the webinar turned out to be an engaging and enlightening session for one and all. Both the speakers appreciated the efforts of the College in taking up such a relevant topic for discussion. Our Principal Sir expressed his gratitude towards the Speakers for sharing their valuable inputs and acknowledged the efforts of IQAC team for touching upon an issue of utmost importance. The webinar ended with a Vote of Thanks and a virtual photograph of the participants.



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Prof. V.K. Kaul

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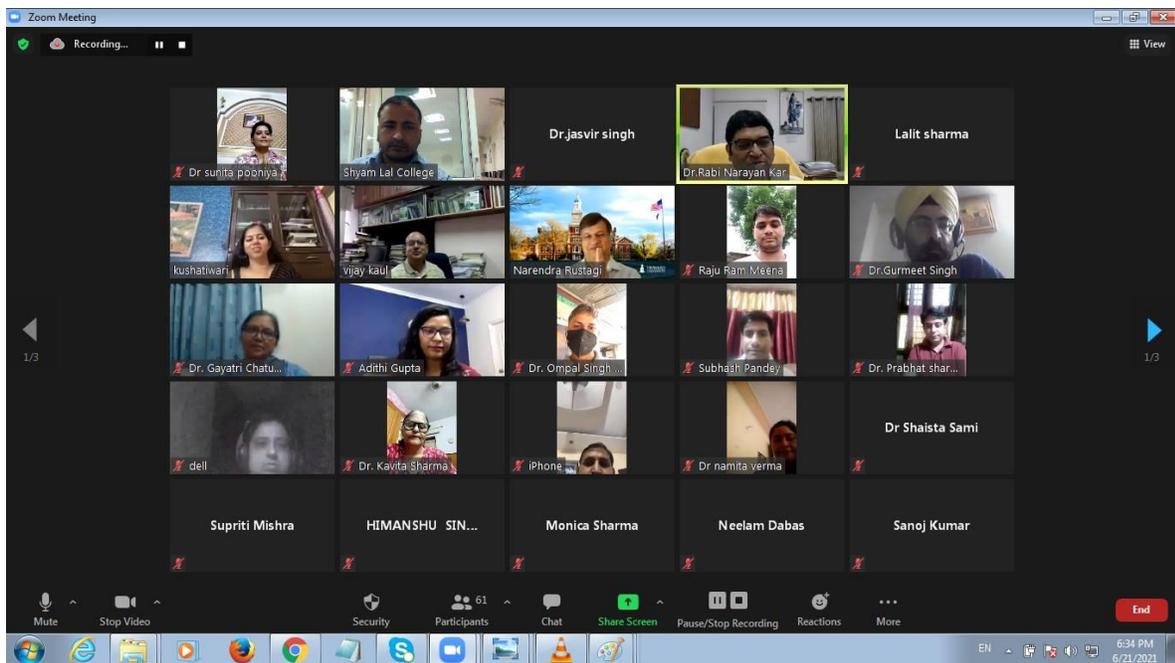
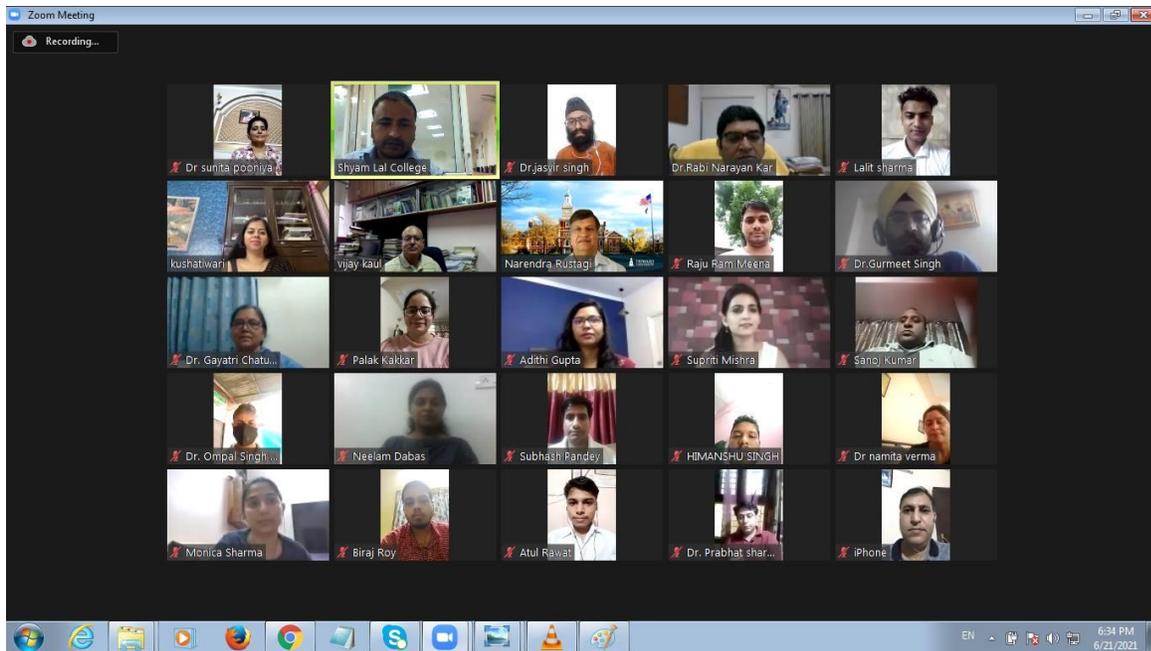
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