

Report of Dr. Kakoli Banerjee

Webinar on 17th June, 2020

MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
&
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jointly organise a National Webinar
**'Women in Indian Higher Education:
Challenges and Opportunities'**

Chairperson
Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar

Special Guest
Prof. I. Ramabrahmam
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
Central University of Odisha, Koraput, Odisha

Special Guest
Prof. Shashikala Wanjari
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
SNDT Women's University, Mumbai (Maharashtra)

Special Guest
Prof. Sunaina Singh
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
Nalanda University, Nalanda, Bihar

Chief Guest
Dr. (Smt.) Pankaj Mittal
Secretary General
Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi

Coordinators
Prof. Rajeev Kumar
Dean, Research and Development
Dean, School of Social Sciences
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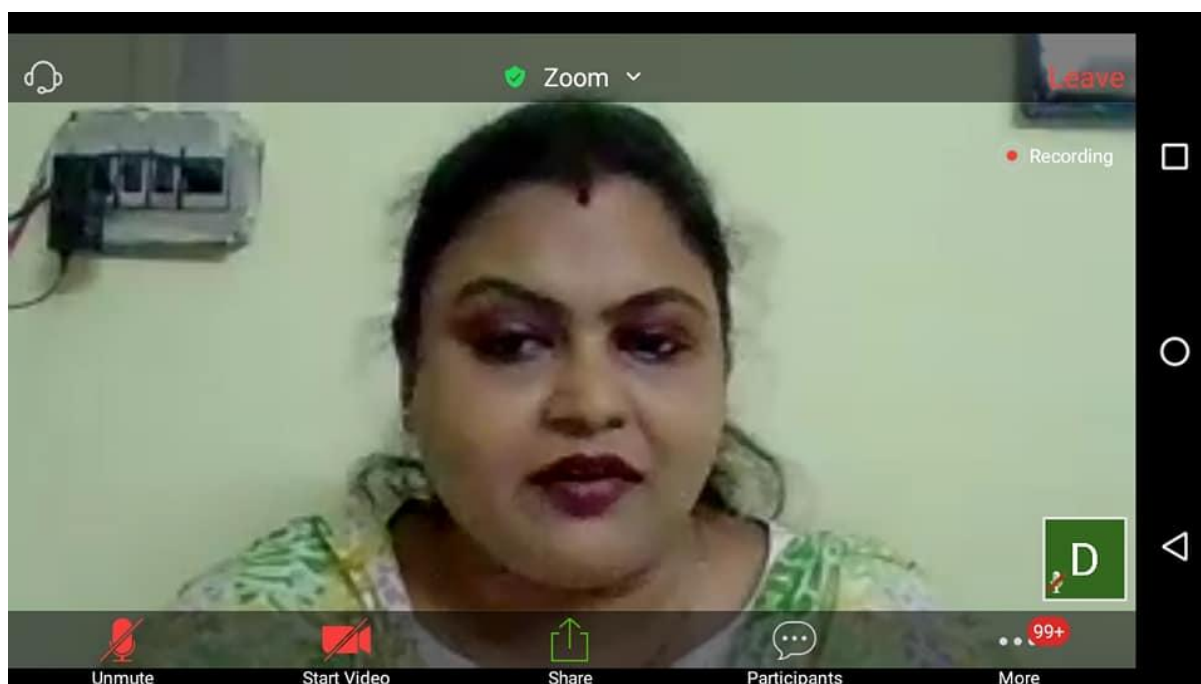
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Higher education makes a vital contribution to sustainable development through the generation and dissemination of knowledge. As the 21st century approaches, women graduates face exciting perspectives. Increasingly, they are strongly urged to assume their rightful place in the decision-making process - both in the systems and institutions of higher education and also in the various professions for which they have studied. As this dual role is of greatest importance for society, women merit, strong encouragement in these endeavours. On this background, to put our ideas together on "Women in Indian Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities", Central University of Odisha (CUO) jointly organised this webinar with Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar (MGCUB) on 17th June, 2020.

Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural Resources, CUO was the **Co-Coordinator of the programme** from our side. The programme started with **Vedic Mangalacharan** by **Dr. Vishvesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, School of Humanities and Languages, MGCUB**. **Welcome address** was delivered by **Prof. Shahna Mazumdar, Presiding Officer, Internal Complaints Cell, MGCUB**. **Subject Brief and Compiled Report** of paper presenters was presented by **Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, Presiding Officer, Internal Complaints Committee, CUO**. She started her lecture with the words of Swami Vivekananda *"To educate your women first and leave them to themselves, they will tell you what reforms are necessary"*. She

highlighted the recently released report of MHRD, stating the status of women in comparison to men in higher education. She added women empowerment, abolishing girl foeticide, abolishing women assaults, enhancing women brain and leadership are the need of the hour. Also she highlighted Marie Curie, the first women to receive Nobel Prize, Mother Teresa, Kalpana Chawla, Nati Binodini and Nandini Satpathy should be our role models who have exhibited their power and their contribution to a civilized society.



Dr. Kakoli Banerjee, Presiding Officer, Internal Complaints Committee, CUO delivering her address

Dr. Minati Sahoo, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, CUO introduced the **Special Guest Prof. Shashikala Wanjari, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SNTD Women's University, Mumbai**. In her address Dr. Wanjari gave a statistical view of the women in every sphere of profession. She added, recently released report, affirms that total enrolment of women in HE as per 2018- 19 is 1.82 crore, as compared to men 1.92 crore. This is an increase of 51.8 lakh women at an incredible 4.9% Compound Annual Growth Rate. Women are now 48.6% of enrolled students up from 44.6% in 2011-12. The Gender Part Index has reached 1.0 for the first time from 0.88 in 2011-12. Even the Female Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) has jumped for the first time from 19.4 in 2011-12 to 26.4% in 2018-19.

Ms. Sapna Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, MGCUB introduced the **Special Guest Prof. Sunaina Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University, Nalanda**. In her address she said, despite marked advances towards gender equality and women empowerment especially during the last century, progress has been slow and disparities persist around the world; with women representing only a third of researchers globally and often facing gender-based discrimination and a lack of equal opportunities. Women should be honoured for their

contribution to the society to preserve our democratic character in learning.

Dr. Preeti Bajpai, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, MGCUB introduced the **Chief Guest Dr. (Smt.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi**. She quoted the words of Dr. Banerjee of CUO and also discussed the real-world scenario of women in India and Indian Universities. She said that only 2% of women are there in Higher Education. Unfortunately, the spate of recent disturbing events in the national capital and in other parts of the country have spurred the UGC to review existing arrangements that are currently in place on the campuses of all institutions of higher learning to ensure the freedom, safety and security of girls, and women in particular, and of the entire youth in general.

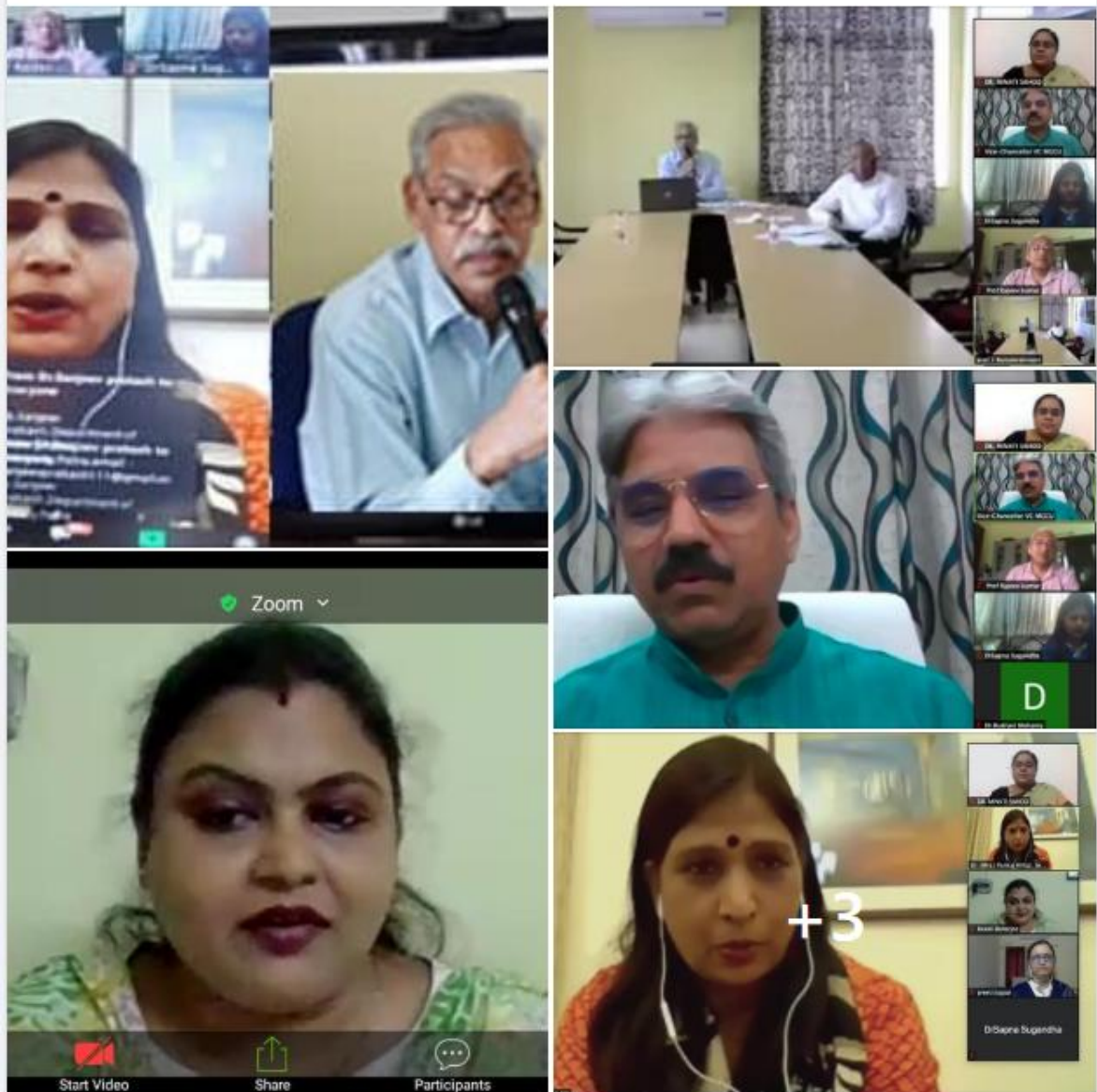


Dr. (Smt.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi delivering her address

Prof. Rajeev Kumar, Dean, School of Social Sciences, MGCUB introduced the **Special Guest Prof. I. Ramabrahmam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Odisha**. In his address, he said that he was honoured to share the platform of this forum with such personalities. He even congratulated Vice Chancellor, MGCUB for joining hands in this programme. He discussed the challenges faced by women students in Universities and colleges and to motivate girl children into higher education. He also added a note on the number of very few women in higher education.

Dr. Rudrani Mohanty, Assistant Professor, Department of Odia, CUO introduced the **Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University Bihar**. He delivered the **Presidential address** and thanked Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Odisha and all the dignitaries for sharing their knowledge on such challenging topic of the country. He insisted on the fact that women should be given priority in their achievements and they should be honoured for the same. He thanked his staffs for their support in organising this webinar.

Webinar session pics on 17th June 2020 on women in higher education



Prof. I. Ramabrahmam, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Odisha and Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University Bihar delivering their address

Concluding remarks were delivered by **Prof. P. Durga Prasad, Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, CUO**. Vote of thanks was delivered by **Dr. Sarita Tiwari, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, MGCUB**. The webinar ended with the **National Anthem** arranged by **Mr. Narendra Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, MGCUB**.

