National Level E-Quiz on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Awareness and Readiness

The recent outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a Novel Coronavirus (named "COVID-2019") has gained wide attention globally. It has been recognized as a serious public health threat. Therefore, to assess the level of awareness regarding COVID-2019 all over the world and their readiness to deal with the outbreak, National Level E-Quiz on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Awareness and Readiness, was organized by Prof. Pradip Lingfa, Regional Coordinator and Dr. T. Patel, Coordinator of Regional Coordinating Institute (RCI), Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh from 10th -15th July 2020.

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NIRJULI, Jul 21: A national level e-quiz themed 'Novel coronavirus (Covid-19): Awareness and readiness' was organized by the NERIST's Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) regional coordinator Prof Pradip Lingfa and Dr T Patel, coordinator of the UBA's regional coordinating institute, from 10-15 July.

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Cancellation of school admission sought

DAPORIJO, Jul 21: The All Tagin Students' Union has expressed discontentment over the decision of the government higher secondary school (GHSS) here and its alumni association to start the school admission process in the first week of August.

In a representation to the Upper Subansiri DC, the union on Tuesday said "thousands of students are studying in the GHSS, which is vulnerable area for Covid-19 and there is high risk of spreading of pandemic in such crowded

"Such important decision should be taken with due consultation with the other stakeholders," it said, and requested the DC to cancel the decision without delay.

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the theme 'Evolving administrative paradigms in post-Covid India', which was conducted by RGU's Institute of Distance Education [IDE] and Women Studies Research Centre (WS&RC).

Six eminent vice chancellors [VC] from six universities, who were invited to speak on the topic, shared their administrative experiences in dealing with the pandemic.

RGU VC Prof Saket Kushwaha, who chaired the inaugural session, said: "Everywhere there is a problem and every problem has its solution. As an administrator, we should find a permanent solution for a pandemic like Covid-19 situa-

Prof Kushwaha highlighted the problems regarding examination during the pandemic situation.

IDE faculty member Moyir Riba conducted the session

RGU Pro-VC, Prof A Mitra highlighted the importance of administrators during and after pandemic sit-

Speaking about how lack of connectivity has paralyzed the education sector in the state, Education Secretary Niharika Rai expressed hope that the panellists would at the end of during the pandemic situa-

The first panel discussion was moderated by WS&RC Director, Prof Elizabeth Hangsing.

VC of APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, Prof Rajasree MS stated that digitalization of institutions is of utmost necessity.

"As we have a digitalized university, we have not faced many problems in governance during Covid-19," she said.

She also said that colleges which are not fully digitalized should develop contents to mitigate the needs of the students.

Prof Sushma Yadav, VC of Bhagat Phool Sing Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Haryana, focused on the problems faced by the state govemment-run universities.

She opined that switching directly from the traditional method of teaching to online "is not conducive, as we are still facing issues related to connectivity, internet access, electricity and devices."

Prof Sonajharia Minz, VC of Sido Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka, Jharkhand, said that the university should follow the HRD guidelines while ensuring equity, justice and dignity

raj University, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, shared her views on the leadership roles of women.

She shared data regarding distribution of professors by gender at universities in European countries, and the percentage of women professors and VCs in the Commonwealth countries.

"Whether it is European or the Commonwealth countries, the ratio of women is less, except in Australia," she said.

"Though the ratio of women leaders is very low, they are playing the role of game-changers in combating Covid-19," she said, citing the names of a few prominent woman leaders of the world.

Prof Shashikala Vanjari, VC. Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women University, Mumbai, Maharashtra, said she did not believe in regionalism but in the region.

"Trust and collective sense are important to achieve a common goal," she said.

Prof Vaniari stated that digitalization is important "but there should be scope for one-to-one and personto-person interaction platform. That is the traditional way of teaching."

Prof Ami Upadhyay, VC, Babasaheb Ambedkar administrators need extra attention to deliver their duty efficiently. However, they forget that a woman has a multitasking personality, which is indeed her

bate and discussion, the panelists vote for the techno-centric." However, she advocated a students-centric approach.

Earlier, AIU secretary-

about many programmes, such as the AIL's initiative of 'Best 5' and self-paced online course for teachers introduced in collaboration with OASPIR.



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