

# National e-Conference on SDG-4 COVID - 19: Re-calibrating Indian Education System

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020 | Time: 11 am to 3 pm



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## Introduction

The United Nations accorded 2030 Agenda (a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity) entitled "Transforming Our World" with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) encompassing economic, social and environmental dimensions which were adopted by 193 member countries in September 2015 and officially came into force on January 2016. Out of those 17 goals, Sustainable Development Goal No. 4 is the education goal which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education andpromote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

With all the challenges around this goal, India was striving to achieve it when it was hit by an unforeseeable pandemic of Covid-19, resulting in a complete transformation of the whole education system into virtual learning. The nation's disparity on various grounds has increased with digital divide in students. Sudden inadequate and inequitable access in the country has also broadened the gaps in education and therefore, making it important to create awareness and inform learners of varied socio-economic status and geographies about the ways to turn this lockdown into a blessing in disguise.

Connecting students to diverse credible sources of information, helping learners to explore through all possible learning opportunities at various levels and motivating them to bridge the learning gap during the time of pandemic are few initiatives to increase efficiency and potential of the education system of India and reach the ultimate sustainable development goal number 4 - Quality Education.

## **Objectives of the e-Conference**

- To deliberate on critical issues of education and digital learning during the Pandemic and the way forward
- To brainstorm the underlying causes of digital divide and urban-rural divide with informative and exploratory vision of learning
- To create awareness in learners about varied and credible sources of learning materials and platforms accessible to them

## **Delegate Profile**

- Government officials/ Policy makers
- Academicians/ Chairpersons/Experts
- Principals/ Higher education institution (public and private), Educational psychologists
- Corporate representatives/NGOs
- Students/ Researchers/ Ph.D scholars
- Online content creators

## Last date of Registration: 20th July 2020

**REGISTRATION FEE:** CONFERENCE - Rs 300 + GST

## **REGISTER ME**

This is to participate in the Conference, kindly do a separate registration for CALL FOR PAPER

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## **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

## Covid-19: A catalyst of Change

Points of Discussion:

- a. Indian Education system and challenges before the pandemic
- b. E-learning (market and scope) in India pre lockdown
- c. Current position of education system, ground reality checks of digitalisation
- d. Glimpse of digitalisation helping identify the loopholes, areas to work on- accessibility, networking, equity etc.
- e. Challenges of teachers and learners with virtual mode of education and its suitability in primary and higher education
- f. Two sides of the Pandemic Transforming challenges of digital India into strength; and cyber security

#### Parallel world or sustainable co-existence

Points of Discussion:

- a. Classroom teaching Vs online teaching (significance of both and limitations)
- b. Effects of pandemic on (students, teacher, quality of education, sources for accessing reading materials)
- c. What will be the future of India's education sector A setback of classroom teaching; emergence of the new era of digitalization or a comprehensive approach with a sustainable co-existence of both?
- d. Ways to combat gaps in education of marginalized
- e. Other Virtual learning Opportunities by Private sectors (Coursera, Khan Academy, Open Culture Online Classes, Udemy, Academic Earth, edX, Alison, Stanford Online, Harvard Extension etc.)
- f. Role of grassroot organizations to bridge rural-urban divide and challenges to varied socio-economic status

## We are in this together (Government's initiatives in Education)

Points of Discussion:

- a. Differen<mark>t policies of State and Central governm</mark>ent to bridge gaps in education of marginalized
- b. Loss associated with postponing of exams, cancellation, virtual exams and internship experiences (UGC guidelines), measures of assessments.
- c. Policies on educational fee hike, waive and delay
- d. How is the system working towards engaging learners, addressing their challenges and solutions?
- e. How remote areas can have access to all benefits of the government?
- f. India's National MOOC System -
- Online courses by Government of India Swayam (catalog of courses, affiliations, benefits, significance role in past, present and future, exam pattern)

## **Paper Presentations**

Titles of the Papers along with the details of the presenters and Jury will be shared, at the earliest possible.

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To be published in UGC Care Listed Journal

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Presenters will present their papers through screen sharing and the best papers will be felicitated by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. All the papers submitted will go through a preliminary review by the Editor and those shortlisted Will be sent to the selection panel. On the recommendation of the selection panel a paper may be rejected or assigned to two reviewers

#### Themes

- a. Digital learning platforms in the times of Covid-19 exacerbate existing gender inequalities in education
- b. Uniformity in school learning for children with Covid -19 Vs School uniformity before Covid-19
- c. Closure of school and universities, cancellation and going online for exams: What are the measures of assessment and how are they justified?
- d. The cost of education in times of Covid-19
- e. Internship opportunities of students vs medical students
- f. Covid effect on Elementary education
- g. Disparity that speaks in itself those who lack access to digital means are losing access to education
- h. The challenged digital capacity of India is now a state of living in lockdown
- i. From ambiguous food security to unreliable learning apps, effects on cognitive development and growth of learners with dispersal of schools
- j. Challenges in recalibrating classroom Education post covid-19
- k. Informal education structures and its students in Lockdown
- I. Making the online journey of learning a participatory communication between teachers and students, and the challenges associated with it
- m. Measures that can bridge the learning gaps of digital divide in students with poor literacy levels of their households and in students of varied social status; urban-rural and gender divide in lockdown and post lockdown

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## **About Psalm Educational Trust**

Psalm Education Trust was instituted in 2015 by Dr. Namita Rajput (Managing Trustee and Co-founder), a renowned academician who believes in imparting education and knowledge coupled with a broader understanding of societal issues.

Registered with Niti Aayog, Psalm Educational Trust is designed to promote the culture of learning, awareness and to facilitate 'education for all.' it strives to cultivate educational needs of the helpless, neglected sections of the society, especially children living on streets; is instrumental in the implementation of schemes for development for women and children and people living on the fringes of society irrespective of creed, caste, language and religion and helps them with issues concerning de-addiction, adult education, family planning, vaccination and other social welfare schemes thus providing them an opportunity for a better, healthier life.

Moreover, it also functions to create rehabilitation centers for people in distress and provide legal, medical and socioeconomic aid especially to homeless children, widows, aged people, beggars, orphans, handicapped people, etc.

Apart from the abovementioned, the trust also promotes new concepts and technologies which are emerging in India and abroad for better development of rural areas and also contributes to research and organizing of projects, programmes and events that help raise funds channeled towards Chief Minister/Prime Minister Relief Funds.



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