

# Jesus and Mary College

## IQAC in collaboration with Department of Commerce

## Webinar Report

## Topic: "Life and Careers Beyond COVID-19"

**Speaker:** Professor Dinesh Singh, (Chancellor K.R. Mangalam University and Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi)

Date: 12 May 2020

**Time:** 11:00 am to 12 noon

### Webinar platform: Google Meet

<u>Click here</u> for video on YouTube.

## Registrations: 363 (of which only 124 were from JMC)

Number of Registered Students: 188

Number of Registered Faculty: 143 (Assistant Professor: 119, Associate Professor 22, Professor: 2)

Others (including school teachers, research scholars and other professionals): 32

### Number of participants on Google Meet: 157

### Number of participants on YouTube: 499 views & counting



### **Organizing Team**

Sr. (Dr.) Rosily T.L. r.j.m. (Patron)
Dr. Sunita Kaistha (Teacher-in-Charge, Department of Commerce)
Dr. Alka Marwaha (Convener, IQAC)
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**About the speaker:** <u>Prof. Dinesh Singh</u>, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi is a distinguished mathematician and educationist. He has studied at St. Stephen's College and holds a Ph.D. from the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London, ranked amongst the top ten universities globally. He is a Distinguished Senior Fellow, Advanced Hackspace, Imperial College as also Adjunct Professor, University of Houston, Houston, U.S.A. He has been awarded the Padma Shri, one of the highest civilian awards of the Government of India-by the President of

India in 2014. He has been conferred honorary doctorates-for his work as a mathematician and an educationist-by the University of Edinburgh; the National University of Ireland, Cork; the University of Houston, Houston, USA and the National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra.

### Webinar Summary

IQAC in collaboration with the department of commerce of Jesus and Mary college, had conducted a webinar on the topic "Life and Careers beyond COVID-19" on May 12, 2020.

Opening Session: The webinar "Life and Careers beyond COVID-19", commenced with the welcome address by Dr. Alka Marwaha, convener of IQAC, followed by introduction by Dr. Sunita Kaistha, Head of the Department of Commerce, Jesus and Mary College, and the welcome address by Sr. (Dr.) Rosily, Principal of Jesus and Mary College, respectively. The reputed panel featured Professor Dinesh Singh moderated by Dr. Dinesh Adlakha (Associate Professor, Department of Spanish, Jesus and Mary College).

Dr. Adlakha initiated the dialogue by stating that Covid-19 has brought about changes in the way of life due to the needs of the ever-varying society. He initiated the discussion by pointing out the conflicting views of the Government, UGC and, Medical Fraternity, on the examination status of the students. Furthermore, he expressed his concern over admission to foreign universities, and the effect that the economic distress would have on the job sector. Voicing the concerns of the faculty, Dr. Adlakha also inquired about the online and classroom teaching methods and its effect on learning, while bringing up the current plight of the migrants, on the industries, post COVID-19. Professor Dinesh Singh responded to the various queries and concerns of students and, teachers by infusing positivity about the economic situation and the social behavioral changes, after the lock-down.

Professor Dinesh Singh said that he believes in analyzing data. According to him, the effect of the virus had shown a decrease in the rate of increase, in cases, at slums like Dharavi and many crowded places, all over India. The 3 factors that had acted in India's favour were - the majority of the young population in the country, the compulsory BCG vaccines and an inherent immunity of Indians against various viruses. At the present, many cures have been developed such as the vaccine by Oxford University, and the Israel's anti bodies, to fight the virus. His message towards the students included improvement of credentials, teaching themselves new skills such as excel, coding, data analysis and, applications that would boost technological advancements, which he believes will always be in demand. An important advice that Professor Dinesh Singh, imparted to the faculty, was that one should always teach and prepare the students to be good learners as this would definitely help them in the job sector. With regards to whether one should take up a job or opt for further studies, he believes everyone should stay anchored to their faith and make continuous efforts to achieve success.

Closing Session: The webinar came to a close with Dr. Vibha Mathur extending a vote of thanks to the panelists, teachers, students, and participants working behind the scenes for the successful implementation of such constructive webinars during the lockdown period and for sparing their

valuable time to grace the platform with their presence. E- certificates of participation were given to 130 students, and 168 to faculty & other professionals.

**Feedback Summary:** After the webinar, a feedback form was circulated amongst all the participants, of which 122 responded. Of these responses, only 43 were from Jesus and Mary College. More than 60% of our participants were affiliated to academic institutions from all over the country. This continues to be a sign of the wide reach of the Webinar Series being organized by JMC. One of the questions posed to the participants was "Do you think it was worth attending the webinar?" The response to this was a overwhelmingly positive. Most of the respondents expressed gratitude at this opportunity of sharing screen space with a Padma-shri awardee and appreciated Dr. Singh's insights and knowledge. Several respondents mentioned that Dr. Singh's analysis of data related to Covid-19 threw light on new ways of understanding the current situation. Student respondents were particularly motivated to learn data-science, coding and other useful skills that will help in recruitment by companies after the lockdown.



Some of the comments received on YouTube live stream have been attached below:

V	13:04 Dr. Vinita Mohan Chaudhary yes great contribution from the sides of doctors and police department
	13:21 raj kumar Nice
۲	18:51 Neha Bisht Good Morning to all.
4	19:26 Nisha yes great distribution Thanks for giving us this gteat opportunity as join with you all sir
	21:19 Nisha correct sir 😝
٩	25:03 Dr Sangeeta solanki right sir
V	30:24 Dr. Vinita Mohan Chaudhary yes sir, it is the best way to overcome from the fear of corona.
	32:29 Nisha yes sir we can
V	39:51 Dr. Vinita Mohan Chaudhary Thanks sir for your valuable advice
9	1:09:34 anju arora.apg 🥠 🥠 thanku so much motivation webinar
5	1:10:03 Shreshtha Sharma 🌂 🏹 🏹 🏹
	1:10:28 Nisha 😐
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0	1:11:12 Bhavika Raghuvanshi thank you for such knowledgeable webinar
1	1:12:29 Mukul Khanna Thanks for providing such a knowledgable webinar
R	1:13:51 Liza John Thank you sir





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**E-Certificates will be given to all participants.**