

Jesus and Mary College

IQAC

Webinar Report

Topic: "Understanding and Mentoring Young People"

Speaker: Prof. Poonam Batra, Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi

Date: 23 June 2020

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Webinar platforms used: Google Meet

YouTube (live streaming)

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Total Registrations: 202

Number of Registered Faculty Members: 187 (Assistant Professor: 120; Associate Professor: 40; Principal: 2; Others (including school teachers, Principals, career counselors, lab assistants etc.): 27)

Number of Registered Students: 15

Number of participants on Google Meet: 165

Number of views on YouTube: 56 views and counting

Organizing Team:

Principal: Sr.(Dr.) Rosily T.L. r.j.m. IQAC Coordinator: Dr. Alka Marwaha

JMC Webinar Coordinator: Dr. Ameeta Motwani

Moderator: Dr. Shalini Srivastava

Dr. Renu Gupta Dr. Reena Marwah

Dr. Alka Sehgal

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Ms. Vrinda Moda (live streaming)

Mr. Gaurav Verma

About the speaker: Dr. Poonam Batra is Professor of education at the Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi. Her major areas of professional focus include public policy in education; curriculum and pedagogy; social psychology of education, teacher education and gender studies. She has co-authored a number of key education policy documents in India. Her recent research examines the imperatives of comparative education from a South Asian perspective; and the politics of school and teacher education reform. Professor Batra is currently working as Co-Investigator on Transforming Education Systems for Sustainable Development (TES4SD) Network Plus Project, funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) of UK Research and Innovation.

Webinar Summary

Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Jesus and Mary College organized a webinar for faculty members of JMC and other colleges titled "Understanding and Mentoring Young People" on 23 June 2020. The webinar began with a warm welcome by Dr. Alka Marwaha, Coordinator, IQAC, JMC, to the speaker, Prof. Poonam Batra. Dr. Marwaha provided a rich introduction to the concept and practice of mentoring and the importance of organizing a webinar on mentoring in the current context of the pandemic when students are under extreme mental and psychological duress as these extraordinary circumstances has created a need for even teachers to rethink and rework their roles vis-a-vis their students.

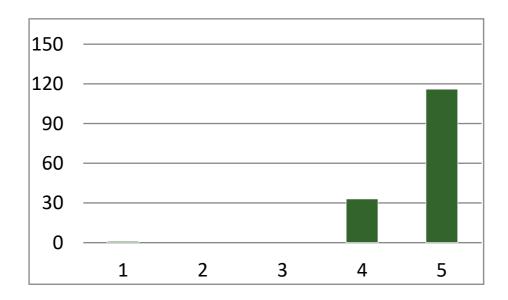
This was followed by the Welcome Address given by Sr. (Dr.) Rosily T.L. r.j.m., Principal, JMC. Sr. Rosily began with welcoming the speaker and reiterating the significance of a webinar on mentoring. She, then, invoked the blessing of God before thanking the members of the Webinar Committee for organizing the webinar.

After Dr. Ameeta Motwani's introduction of the speaker, Prof. Batra began her lecture by first thanking Sr. Rosily and everyone else involved in the organizing of the webinar and then flagged off concerns regarding mentoring of young people and how this process and the term itself has become associated with some kind of taboo and stigma. Mentoring is not only a process of reaching out to those students who are vulnerable but to all students in our classrooms or college environments. Prof. Batra over the course of the lecture discussed how mentoring could be delinked from this negative framework. According to Prof. Batra, the most important aspect to understand about the lives of our students today is their loneliness and alienation despite the technologically connected world. She proposed that mentoring is not a process of counseling but a process of befriending. As our self is developed in correspondence with others around us and what the important people in our families think of us, for a student, a teacher's opinion matters a lot due to which they will not necessarily open up easily. For this reason, teachers become critical to students. She further delineated how a teacher may mentor. Here she stressed on opening up the framework of mentoring and including within it multiple media like theatre, art, music etc. She proposed that perhaps we could look at this process as a collaborative sharing of personal lives.

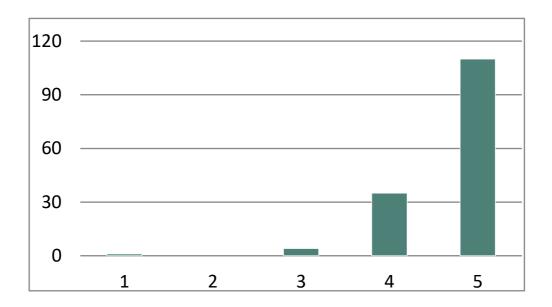
The thought-provoking lecture was followed by a Question and Answer session moderated by Dr. Shalini Srivastava, Associate Professor, Department of Economics. The Q/A session was interactive wherein questions related to themes of online teaching, OBEs, mental health of students and teachers and evolving paradigms of mentoring. The webinar concluded with the Vote of Thanks given by Dr. Renu Gupta, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce. Dr. Gupta thanked Prof. Batra for an insightful session. She also expressed towards Sr. Rosily, Dr. Marwaha, Dr. Motwani, Dr. Alka Sehgal, Associate Professor, Department of Elementary Education, Dr. Srivastava, and the Webinar team. She concluded with a thanks to the audience and all the faculty members who attended the webinar.

Feedback Summary: After the webinar, we circulated the feedback form to which we received 150 responses from more than 88 institutions all over the country. Of these responses, only 47, i.e. 31.3%, were from Jesus and Mary College. Below is a brief analysis of the data from the feedback forms:

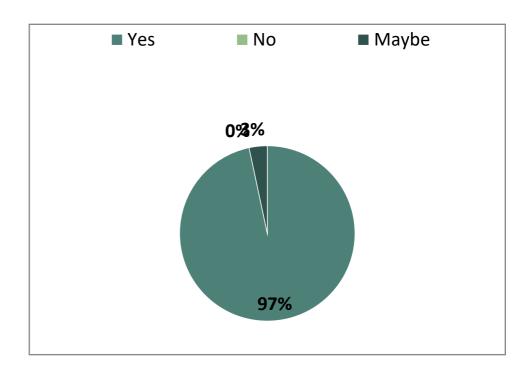
Relevance of the webinar to respondents (on a scale of 1 to 5):

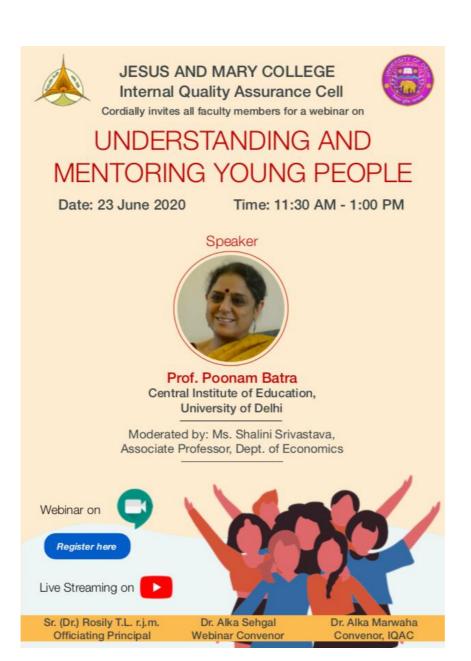


Response to whether the content met the respondent's expectations (on a scale of 1 to 5):



Responses to their willingness to participate in more such webinars:







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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

11:30 - 11:35 am

Introduction by Dr. Alka Marwaha, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and IQAC Co-ordinator, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi

11:35 - 11.40 am

Address by Sr. (Dr.) Rosily T.L. r.j.m, Principal, JMC

11:40 - 11:45 am

Introduction of Speaker by Dr. Alka <u>Sehgal</u>, Associate Professor, Department of Elementary Education, JMC

11:45 - 12:30 pm

Interactive Session with Prof. Poonam Batra, Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi

12:30 - 12:50 pm

Q & A Moderated By Ms. Shalini Srivastava, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, JMC

12:50 - 01:00 pm

Vote of Thanks by Dr. Renu Gupta, Associate Professor, JMC

Sr. (Dr.) Rosily T.L. r.j.m. Officiating Principal Dr. Alka Sehgal Webinar Convenor Dr. Alka Marwaha Convenor, IQAC

