

ST THOMAS COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION, PALA

EK BHARAT SHRESTH BHARAT CLUB

A REPORT ON THE INTRACOLLEGIATE WEBINAR 'LIVE WITH COVID, LEARN WITH COVID'

The idea of a sustained and structured cultural connect between denizens of different regions was mooted by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat programme aimed to actively enhance interaction between people of diverse culture in different states of India with the objective of promoting mutual understanding among them.

As part of EBSB club of St. Thomas College of Teacher Education, Pala, an Intra Collegiate webinar on 'Live with Covid, learn with Covid' was conducted on 19th June 2020, Friday, at 2.30 pm via google meet platform. It emphasised the importance to be alert regarding 'covid 19' in this pandemic crisis.

The webinar aimed to disseminate an awareness about the latest updates of Covid 19 pandemic to the students and teachers of St. Thomas College of Teacher Education. Students and teachers from B. Ed and M. Ed departments of the college were invited as participants. The webinar was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Sunu Austin, Department of social science, EBSB faculty coordinator. Ms. Reeja Susan Roly, president of EBSB club invited all the participants and coordinated the programme. An attractive brochure was prepared by Mr. Justin Joy and Ms. Saritha PB (I B. Ed students). The link to join the session was shared to all the expected participants through the WhatsApp group and email. There were around seventy-four participants including students and teachers. The programme commenced at 2.40 pm with a prayer by Ms. Deepa Jose (I B. Ed student). The student representatives from first year B. Ed presented their topics and recent updates of covid 19. The duration for each presentation by the students was five to ten minutes. The topics were elucidated by using power point presentation and it was shared with the participants through the screen sharing.

Initially, Ms. Deepa George, student of Natural science, shared the information regarding 'Massive spread of corona virus' and also presented the current statistics on the number of affected people in India and worldwide. It was followed by the presentation of Ms. Parvathy S, the student of social science, based on the topic 'Role of Government Leadership to Control Covid 19'. She explained how the Government of India especially Kerala Government took actions to reduce containment. Next presentation was done by Ms. Medha Ramesh, student of social science, on 'Education in the time of Covid19' and she added the relevance of online education, its merits and demerits. Ms. Ida Mathew, student of social science, shared her views regarding the topic 'Dealing with Covid 19 pandemic, learning from Kerala model'. It was a very informative session and she explained the special actions and policies, the Government of Kerala put forward during pandemic. Last session was engaged by Ms. Saritha PB, student of mathematics, on 'Symptoms, prevention and awareness of Covid'. She provided information regarding the major symptoms of covid and how to control the spread of virus through simple preventive measures. She also added the importance of face masks, social distancing, washing hands and staying safe and healthy.

The session was concluded by Ms. Reeja Susan Roly (I B. Ed, student) with the message 'Let the humanity win over the pandemic and life will get back to normal'. The presentation was followed by raising queries and comments by students and faculties which made the session livelier. Teachers

also shared their personal experiences and some relevant information in order to help us to stay fit and healthy which is extremely necessary during this global pandemic. Dr T C Thankachan and Dr Alex George shared some relevant additional information on the topic. Dr. T M Mollykutty, Principal of M. Ed session shared reviews on the pandemic related novels namely, *The end of the day* and *The eyes of darkness* and motivated the participants to read those works. Dr.Sunu Austin, faculty coordinator of EBSB Club, shared her views on the topic and congratulated all the presenters and participants. Ms.Reeja Susan Roly delivered the vote of thanks. The webinar had an end at 3.15 pm after the interactive session.