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**DAV College for Women**  
Sector- 36, Chandigarh

**A Report on**  
**Activities**

Conducted in  
**2019-20**

By  
**UGC Committee**

**Co-ordinator -Dr. Bindu Sharma**

## **Report for the Session 2019-20**

### **Meetings held:**

The members of the UGC Committee held their periodic meetings on 17 August, 2019 to discuss the grants given by UGC and assign responsibilities for locating the details of various schemes offered by it. The faculty was informed that the UGC is providing them an opportunity to attend Online Refresher Courses – Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (Arpit) in various disciplines floated by different institutions under the aegis of SWAYAM. These courses of varied durations are available from time to time on [swayam.gov.in/explorer](http://swayam.gov.in/explorer).

The Committee also shared various notices, policies and letters published by UGC on its official website from time to time with the members of the faculty.

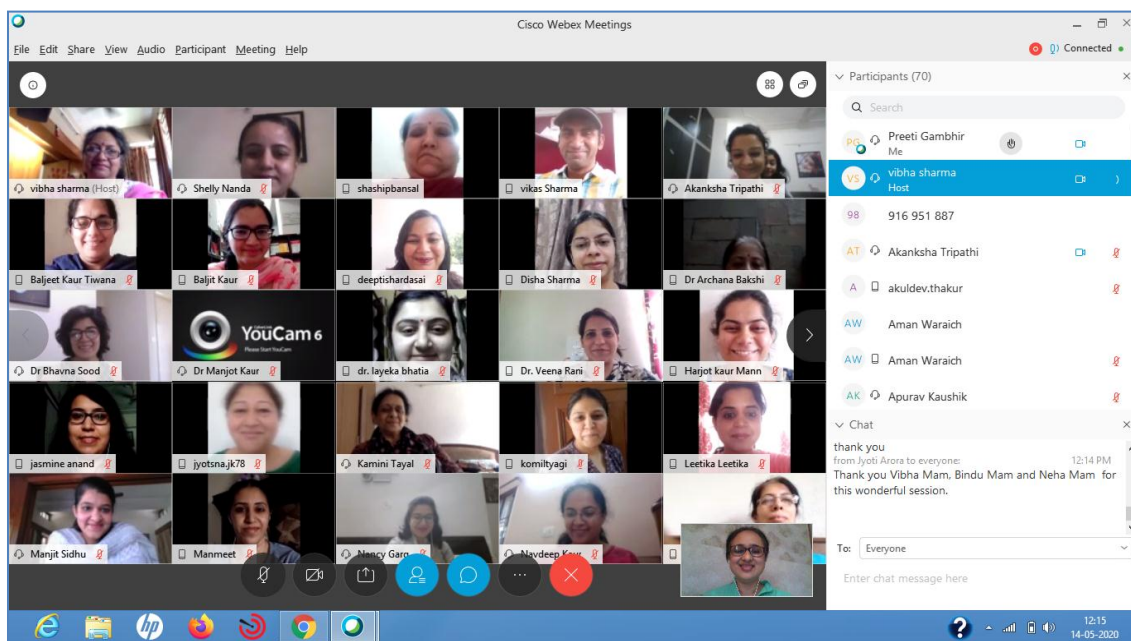
### **Funding/Grants received:**

- A Grant of Rs. 1,10,000/- was received from the Department of Science and Technology and Renewable Energy, Chandigarh Administration to conduct science-based activities for the popularization of science in the session 2019-20.
- The department of Punjabi was sanctioned a grant of Rs. 25,000/- by Punjab Arts Council, Chandigarh as sponsorship for 'Zabaan-o-Adab' in 2019-20.
- Dr Namita Bhandari and Dr Gagandeep Kaur were sanctioned a Minor Research Project titled 'A Study of Awareness Level and Determinants of Purchase decision of Health Insurance in Punjab: A Women's Perspective' worth Rs. 3, 50,000/- vide Letter No. 02/35/2019-20/MN/RP dated 05.12.2019.
- Dr Vandana Sharma bagged a grant of Rs. 1, 74,978/- from National DBT\_CTEP Biotechnology Popularization Programme sponsored by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. Her Co-investigator is Dr. Sandeep Kaur.
- Dr Purnima Bhandari received a Grant of Rs. 75,000/- for a year from the Department of Science and Technology for a Short-term Project titled 'Comparative Influence of Vermi-compost Fertilization and/or Nitrogen fixing Bacteria on Plant Growth attributes and Nodulation Efficiency of Cicerarietinum L.'

## Events conducted/participated in:

### Webinar on 'Psychological Wellbeing during Pandemic Covid-19'

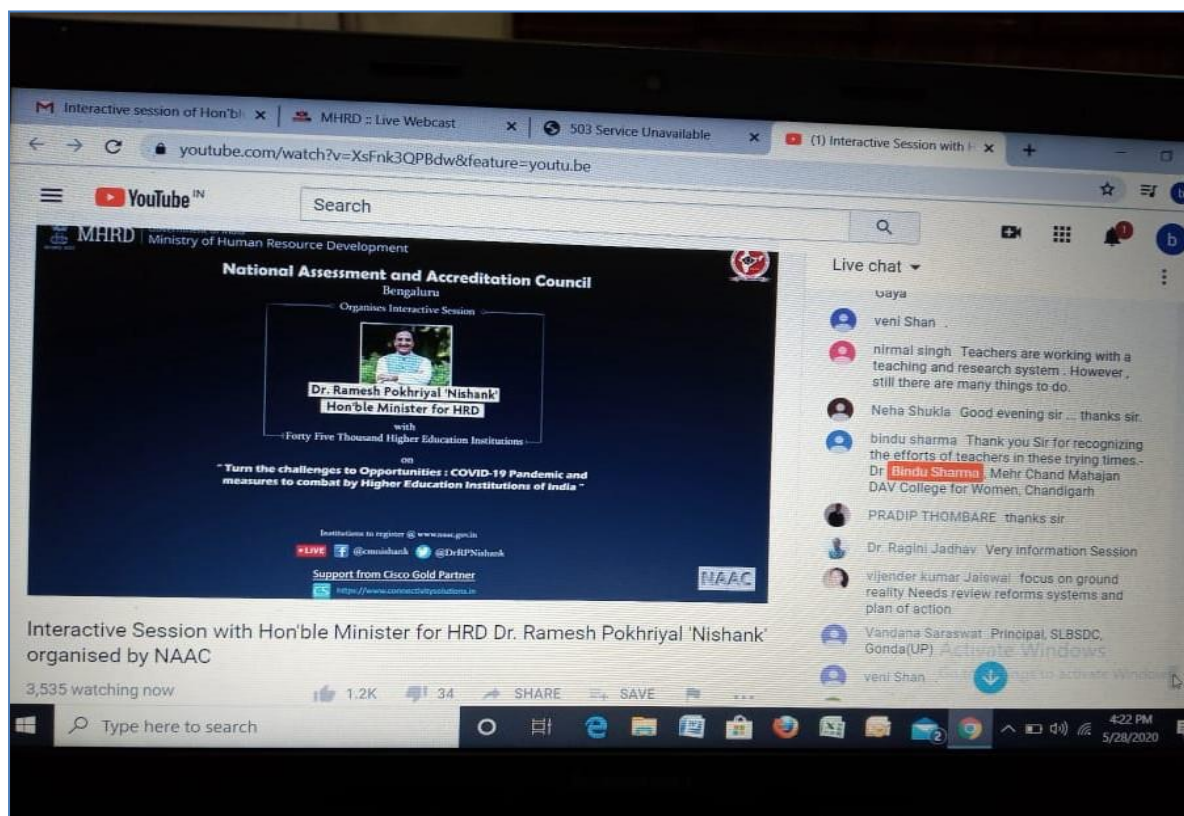
In consonance with the instructions of the UGC to spread awareness about the Coronavirus, the **UGC Committee of the College**, under the aegis of **Internal Quality Assurance Cell** and organized a **Webinar on 'Psychological Wellbeing during Pandemic Covid-19'** for the teaching faculty and non-teaching staff of the college on May 14, 2020. The Resource Person Dr. Neha Pandeya, Assistant Professor from the Postgraduate Department of Psychology of the college, dwelled upon various strategies and techniques to help participants cope with the psychological issues such as fear, depression, negativity etc. caused by the Pandemic and lockdown. The Webinar drew an enthusiastic response from more than 70 participants who learnt about the significance of deep breathing, mind chatter, gratitude and prayer in beating stress and tension. The college Principal Dr Nisha Bhargava appreciated the endeavor of the UGC Committee to address the psychological issues encountered by the institutional stakeholders.



Picture of some of the Members of Faculty and non-teaching Staff who attended the workshop

Members of the UGC Committee also responded to the call of the UGC and sent useful views/suggestions (on 16 April, 2020) regarding online teaching during the Pandemic in 'Bharat Padhe Online' Initiative of the Government of India.

Members also participated in the Virtual Interactive Session with Hon'ble Minister for HRD Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' organized by NAAC on "Turn the Challenges to Opportunities: COVID-19 Pandemics and measures to combat by Higher Education of India" organized by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi and National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru on 28 May, 2020.



The Committee also shared details of new policies and schemes launched by UGC, CSIR, DBT and other funding agencies offering grants for various minor and major projects with the faculty from time to time through whatsapp groups and notices on the notice boards of the staff room.