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## **ICSSR -NERC Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on**

"Efficacy of Virtual Learning in Higher Education Institutions in the Plight of Covid 19"

## Held on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

The Department of Education, Lakhimpur Girls' College (LGC), Khelmati, North Lakhimpur, Assam, organized a Two-Day National Seminar on "Efficacy of Virtual Learning in Higher Education Institutions in the Plight of Covid 19" during 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 in the College's Conference Hall. The National Seminar was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) – North Eastern Regional Centre (NERC), Shillong. More than one hundred participants from different parts of the country attended the seminar.

The inaugural programme started at 10:30 AM (on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2022) with the welcoming note by Mr. Babyson Terang, the Anchor. He also led the felicitation ceremony to all the dignitaries present in the ceremony. The dignitaries on the dais for the Inaugural ceremony were Mr. Jiten Sarmah, President (cum Retired Principal of Lakhimpur Commerce College), Governing Body, LGC; Dr. Surajit Bhuyan, Principal, LGC; Prof. Nil Ratan Roy, Tezpur University; Prof. Manashee Gogoi, Dibrugarh University; Dr. Lohit Hazarika, Principal, Lakhimpur Commerce College.

The formal welcoming was addressed by Dr. Surajit Bhuyan, Principal, LGC. Mr. Jiten Sarma, President, Governing Body, LGC lighted the Lamp along with all the dignitaries. He also addresses the inaugural speech where he spoke on the need of an effective virtual learning during the pandemic. He urges all the stakeholders to work together in bringing the virtual teaching-learning an effective effort.

The Keynote address was addressed by Prof. Nil Ratan Roy, Tezpur University. Dr. Lohit Hazarika, Principal Lakhimpur Commerce College also conveyed his blessing to all the participants of the Seminar.

Prof. Manashee Gogoi, Dibrugarh University, conveyed her greetings to all present in the inaugural ceremony by sharing her few thoughts on virtual teaching-learning in Higher Education Institutions.

Dr. Hemanta Kr. Baruah, the Convener/Co-ordinator of the two-day National Seminar delivered his speech with the significance, aims and objectives of the Two Day National Seminar. He heartily thanked ICSSR-NERC for providing financial support for organizing the seminar and conveyed his greetings to all the dignitaries, resource persons, paper presenters and participants.

## Objectives of the Seminar

The basic objectives of the seminar are,

- i) to assess the impact of COVID-19 situation in Higher Education Institutions, particularly in North-East India,
- ii) to discuss about the roles of ICTs for conveying Learning Experiences (including its availability, feasibility and accessibility) and its integration in Teaching-Learning environment,
- iii) to exchange the ideas on efficacy of Continuous Assessment on Students' Academic Performance,
- iv) to identify the problems and challenges faced in virtual Teaching-Leaning and to chalk-out remedial measures.

Total 22 papers were presented by the teachers, scholars coming from different institutions in the Two Day national seminar. Prof. Manashee Gogoi, and Dr. Asomi Chaliha from Department of Education, Dibrugarh University graced the seminar with their presence as Resource Person (s) in the technical sessions. Mrs. Dharitri Kaman and Mr Babyson Terang, both are Assistant Professor of Lakhimpur Girls' College acted as the rapporteur in all the technical sessions.

The Valedictory Session was chaired by Dr Surajit Bhuyan, Principal of Lakhimpur Girls' College. A speech relevant to the theme of the seminar was delivered by Dr Golok Ch. Dutta,

Rtd. Associate Professor, North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous) followed by certificate distributions to all the participants who have presented their valuable and priceless paper in the Seminar.

At the end, Dr Hemanta Kr Baruah, Convener of the Seminar delivered the vote of thanks to the Resource person, Invited Guests, Principal of the college, President of the Governing Body, participants, teachers, Seminar organizing committee/ sub-committee (s) members, staff and students of the college for their co-operation and tireless effort in making the Programme a grand success. At the end, with due permission from the Principal of the College, he concluded the ICSSR-NERC Two-Day National Seminar on "Efficacy of Virtual Learning in Higher Education Institutions in the Plight of Covid 19".

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