

A report on National Meet on “Chemistry with COVID-19”

The Department of Applied Sciences had been on their toes to gush up the enthusiasm and positive energy amongst our students to keep them up with high spirits during the difficult phases of lockdown in the period of emergency. Time has come now to brush-up the brains of our students in an artistically intelligent manner so as to train their minds towards logical reasoning approach. Keeping this in view, a *National Meet on “Chemistry with COVID-19”* was organized by the Department of Applied Sciences during June 19-22, 2020 under the benign presence and guidance of Prof. (Dr) Brijesh Kumar Singh.

The event was held under the convenership of Dr Rajesh Tripathi and Dr Ansar Anjum as an organizer.

The event was one of its own kind that took place totally on a new *online platform* for the first time in the history of Galgotias College of Engineering and Technology in which *the participants had to submit their recorded activity online. They had to prepare/shoot their own video (of not more than 03 minutes) on either of these topics and explain their experience towards:*

- 1. Understanding this pandemic in the light of their so far imbibed knowledge of chemistry.*
- 2. Are we moving towards creating another pandemic in near future by extensive use of plastic today?*

Students in huge number not only from GCET but also from different cities including New Delhi, Haryana, Allahabad, and Kanpur reflected their knowledge and interest through their interesting videos that they themselves prepared after rigorous research and learning about the pandemic, while at home during lockdown.

This shows that no obstruction could affect the continuity of the flow of knowledge amongst the students.

The active participants enthusiastically contributed through their self-prepared video to make us understand the chemistry with pandemic, its precautions, remediation and the associated upcoming disaster due to extensive use of polythene in their own effective and interesting way. The quality of videos received shows the amount of research and efforts that each one has put in. The purpose of the event was fulfilled when students actually came forward in the front-line through this event to learn and contribute their share to the society in their own way that shall reach the masses.

The e-certificates were provided to all the active participants. The “Certificate of Excellence” was awarded to the first three outstanding performers with the best videos selected through the panel of judges that can be found at the following links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6fyb1IHRE4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFuv2xbruBA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiryXGtPzMU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjhPX3Vk76g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbe3Y0UcUXU>

From the pen of some of our participants:

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Learning in a way that's fun is a dream for everyone. It came to me with this event. I learned things not to pass an exam but to teach it to others too and I guess that is the reason I understood it more than usual. My respect for teachers have also grown immensely. This event definitely changed my thought process related to sharing information. 10/10 if I were to rate it. Thank you so much ma'am and the whole organising team for organising such a fun event during the lockdown.

Thank you so much sir for your certificate and my heartiest congratulation to the entire organizing team to organize such an event on National level, which mobilize us to think on this ongoing pandemic from entire different point of view. Thanking you again to organizing such a innovative event.

Regards

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Respected sir
I have shared my video on Gdrive link
Kindly consider it sir and I want to thank you for providing such platform for chemistry lovers.
Looking for more future opportunities.

Thanks & Regards