

Report on International Webinar on “Right of Persons with Disability to Access Knowledge”


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The Saraswathi Law College, Chitradurga has organized The international webinar on the "Right of Persons with Disabilities to Access Knowledge" in collaboration with Voice of Differently Abled Persons, Afghanistan (Virtual NGO) to discuss critical issues surrounding the accessibility of educational resources, digital platforms, and knowledge-sharing opportunities for people with disabilities. The webinar brought together experts, educators, and advocates to highlight the importance of inclusivity in education and ensure that people with disabilities are provided equal opportunities to access knowledge.

The event focused on addressing various barriers those individuals with disabilities face in education, such as lack of accessible resources, digital inaccessibility, and societal challenges, while discussing the need for implementing inclusive practices and policies to overcome these obstacles.

I Session:

The programme began with the Inaugural session at 10.00 a.m. Prof. (Dr.) M. S. Sudhadevi, Principal, Saraswathi Law College, Chitradurga delivered the welcome speech. Sri Venugopal Padavu, Associate Director, International Affairs, St. Joseph University. Former, Senior Director ICCR, Bangalore, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was the Chief guest. He highlighted the objectives of the Webinar as -To create awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities to access knowledge, To discuss challenges faced by persons with disabilities in accessing information, To explore technological solutions that enhance access to knowledge for people with disabilities, To highlight global initiatives and policies for promoting inclusive education, and To engage various stakeholders (government, private sector, educational institutions, and non-profits) in creating inclusive educational frameworks. Dr. Jayamol P. S., Assistant Professor of Law, Vaikunta Baliga College of Law addressed the legal aspects of the rights of persons with disabilities, providing an overview of international conventions, such as the United


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Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), and national legislation that ensure access to education for people with disabilities.

Mr. Mohammad Raskikh Wasiq, Ph.D. Scholar (Law) USA, CEO, Voice of Differently Abled Persons, Afghanistan, presented on the technological advancements that have made it easier for people with disabilities to access knowledge. This included tools like screen readers, voice-controlled software, and accessible educational platforms.

The First session was winded up by Smt. Abhinetri Patwardhan, Assistant Professor, Saraswathi Law College, Chitradurga, Organising Secretary by proposing vote of thanks.


II Session:

The second session was marked for paper presentation. Several participants participated with the unique thought like few shared insights on how educational institutions can adapt their curricula and teaching methods to be more inclusive for people with disabilities. They focused on universal design for learning (UDL) and how it can be applied to create flexible learning environments. Few participants discussed global best practices for promoting the inclusion of students with disabilities in both higher education and primary education settings. They emphasized the role of policy and advocacy in ensuring accessibility. Due to time constringency only 15 best papers were allowed to present their papers.

III Session:

The third session was all about closing ceremony. Few participants expressed their gratitude and experience in this programme. They highlighted what they learnt in this webinar about Legal Frameworks and Rights, Technological Solutions, Challenges and Barriers, The role of Education Providers etc.

The Webinar was winded up by Ms. Jhanvi Suresh through extending gratitude to the organizing committee, speakers, and participants for their contributions to the success of this webinar. Around 193 participants got registered in this webinar. The international webinar on the Right of Persons with Disabilities to Access Knowledge provided valuable insights into the importance of creating an inclusive educational environment. While there have been advancements in the accessibility of knowledge, much work remains to ensure that people with disabilities can fully access and benefit from educational opportunities. The collective effort of all sectors is required to address the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and create a world where knowledge is universally accessible. Special thanks to [insert


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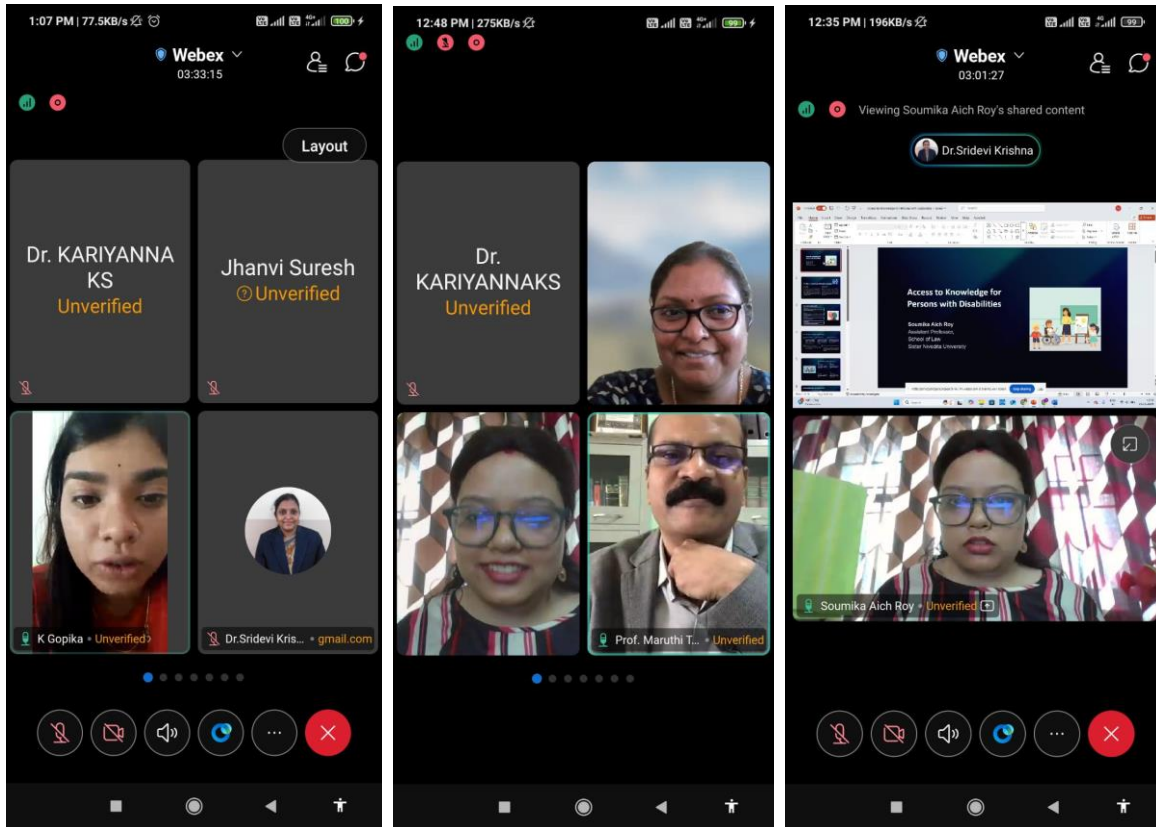
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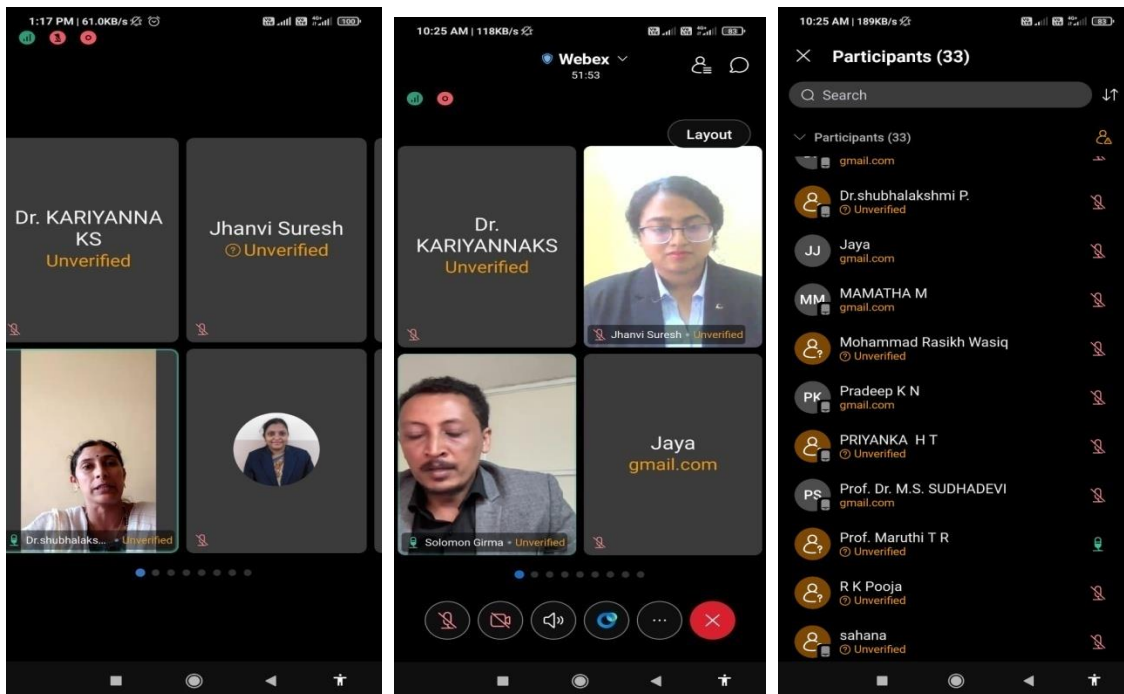
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Date: 23rd February 2025 Time: 10 am to 4 pm Mode: Virtual
Format: Webinar (Online) Registration Fees: None (This event is free of charge)
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Screen shots of the Online Participants in the webinar



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