

13<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**BRIEF REPORT ON  
BEST PRACTICES WEBINAR**

**“Evolving a Harmonious Blend of the Two Sciences, Natural and Humanistic”**

**“Evolving a Harmonious Blend of the Two Sciences, Natural and Humanistic”**, a webinar in the Best Practices Series, was jointly organized by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in association with “Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020, through video conferencing using Cisco Meet platform. The webinar was organized with the aim of taking innovative initiatives to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for quality improvements and quality sustenance and to propagate knowledge on latest procedures involved in implementing Best Practices.

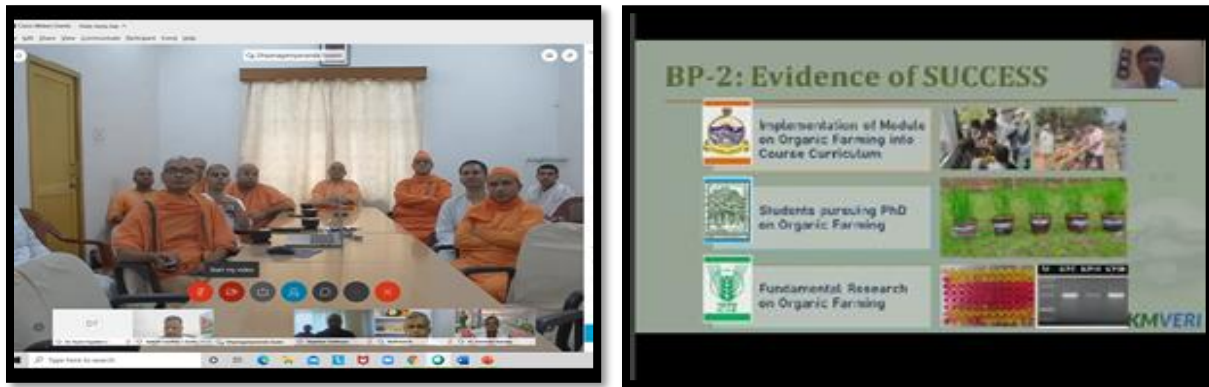
About 100 participants comprising a blend of academicians, professors, principals, IQAC and NAAC Coordinators from various institutions across the country attended the webinar. The webinar started at 11.00 am with the Welcome and Thematic Address delivered by Dr. K. Rama, Adviser NAAC, and Dr. Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser, NAAC.

**The Best Practices (BP)**

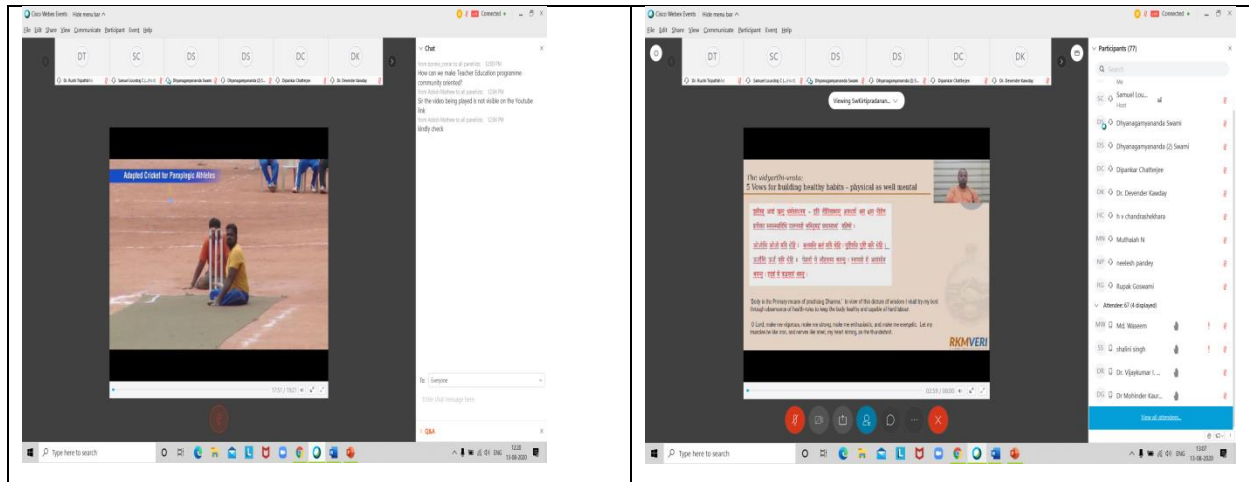
- BP-1. Rural Living and Learning Experience (RLLE)
- BP-2. The Organic Farming Centre devoted to Biomolecular Research and Extension Service to the Farming Community
- BP-3. Sustainable Plant Tissue Culture Unit supporting Teaching, Research, and Extension

During the introduction to the webinar, Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro Chancellor and Swami Sarvottamananda, Vice Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission

Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Howrah, West Bengal, provided a glimpse into the history and achievements of the University. He stated that the University was a Multi-campus University devoted to teaching and research in a variety of unique areas that are scarcely addressed by conventional Universities in India. Apart from creating new knowledge through innovation and research, the University cultivates social responsibility to impact and enhance the quality of life of all sections of the society, particularly the underprivileged and the marginalized. Themed, 'Rural Living and Learning Experience (RLLE)' the webinar focused on rural immersion programme promoting alternative pedagogical approach through prolonged village-stay of the students and their professional services to the rural community.



It was elaborated during the session that the University had a sustainable plant tissue culture unit to support teaching, research and extension, and an Organic Farming Centre devoted to bio-molecular research and extension services to the farming community. Empowering Youth through Education and Skill (EYES), Teaching, Research, Extension through Alternate Techniques (TREAT) continuity, adaption, and innovation during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown were the highlights of their best practices presentation.



The next session focused on capacity building by parents in reducing mal-adaptive behaviors in children with intellectual disabilities and pre-vocational training for developing effective transition skills for persons with disabilities etc. One of the best practices of the institution was imparting fluency in spoken Sanskrit and facility in flawless written Sanskrit (including composing poems extemporaneously) to graduate students who have no knowledge of the language through a unique weekly programme called “**maanasollaasaah**” wherein the students develop their communication skills in Sanskrit through extempore speech, composition, drama, songs, etc.

The Interactive Session was moderated by Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and clarifications and queries raised by participants regarding various aspects were addressed by the Resource Persons and NAAC officials as well.

Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC welcomed the Resource Persons of this webinar. The webinar concluded with Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser, NAAC delivering the Vote of Thanks.

The program convener, Dr. Devender Kawday, Deputy Adviser and Shri. H.V. Chandrashekhar, Admin Consultant supported, guided and helped in organizing the

webinar and making it successful. From ICT Side, Prof Amiya Kumar Rath, Adviser, NAAC and Mr. Samuel System Analyst, NAAC took effective initiatives to successfully conduct the webinar. Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Assistant Adviser, NAAC and Dr. Neelesh Pandey, Assistant Adviser NAAC coordinated with Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal, for conducting the webinar successfully.

**Thanking you,**

**With Regards,**

**Coordinating Team**