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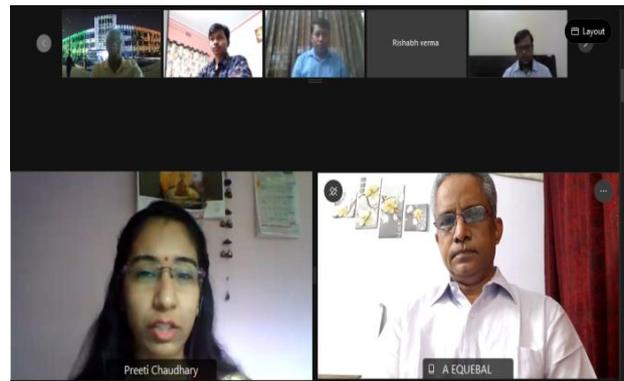


WEBFERENCE REPORT

A webference on the topic of “**Role of Chest Physiotherapy in COVID-19 pandemic**” was organised by **Department of Physiotherapy, National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan), Kolkata**, on **1st August 2021** from 11am to 4.30 pm through Cisco Webex platform.

This webference was conducted as a part of “**India@75**” on online platform during this pandemic situation for the rehabilitation professionals and students of Physiotherapy. The program was inaugurated by digital lamp lighting followed by National anthem.

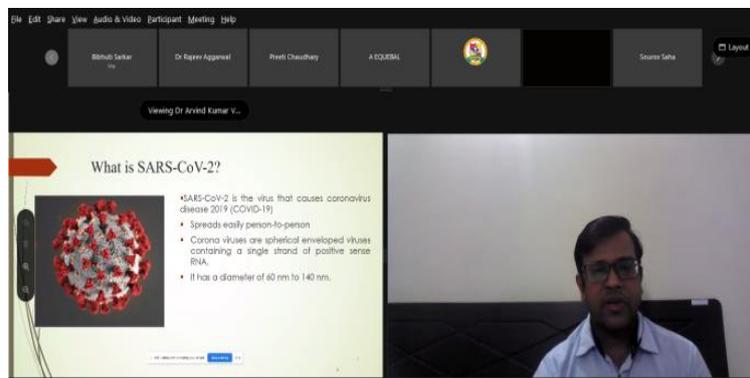
Sh. Pravin Kumar, Assistant Professor-HOD (PT) & DDA (O), NILD, Kolkata, welcomed the Guest of Honour **Dr S. P. Das, Director, SVNIRTAR, Cuttack**, **Dr Ameer Equebal, Director, NILD Kolkata**, all the speakers **Dr Arvind Kumar Verma, Dr Rajeev Aggarwal & Prof Narasimman Swaminathan**, other dignitaries and all participants of the program. During the webference a book on “**Post COVID Physical Therapy - Guide for Post COVID Rehabilitation**” was digitally released for professionals and general public for increasing awareness.



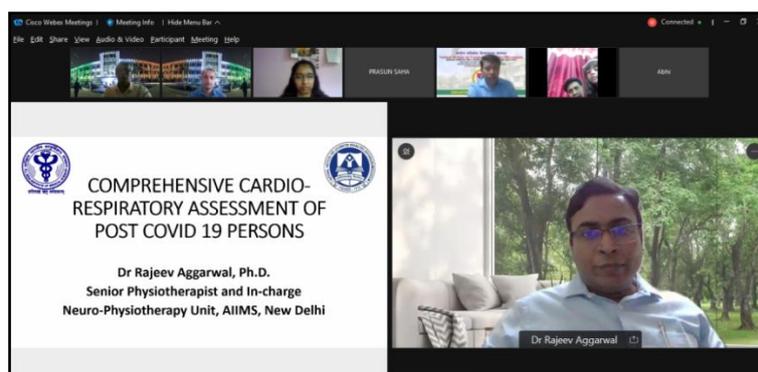
Dr Ameer Equebal, Director, NILD, inaugurated the program and welcomed the Guest of Honour and all speakers of the program. In his speech he mentioned about the relevance and importance of the topic in today's scenario.



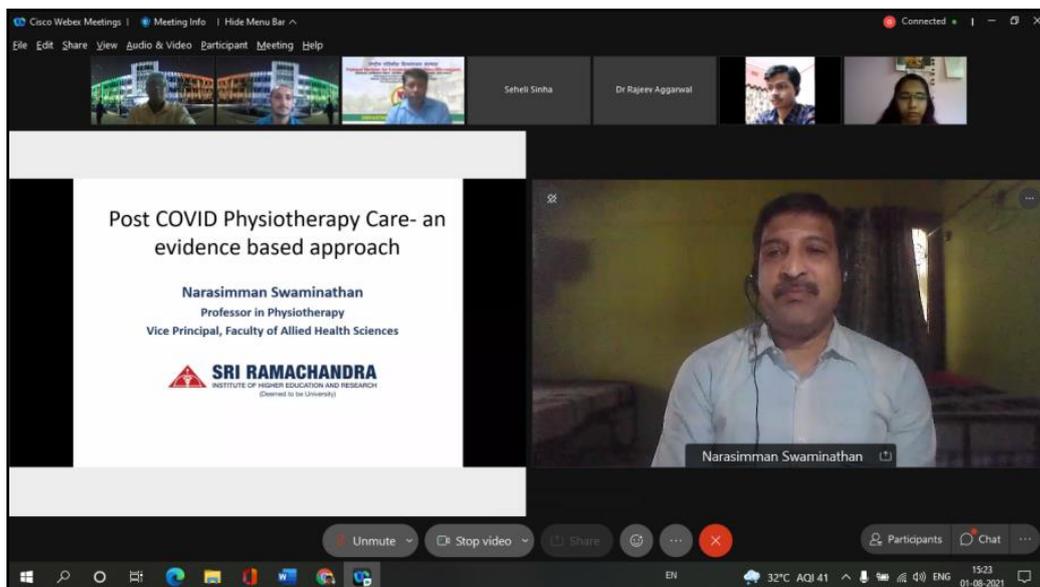
Guest of Honour **Dr S. P. Das, Director, SVNIRTAR** in his speech mentioned about the value of chest Physiotherapy in Covid-19 patients and emphasized about the importance of rehabilitation in long covid symptoms. He also praised about the digital release of Covid-19 booklet.



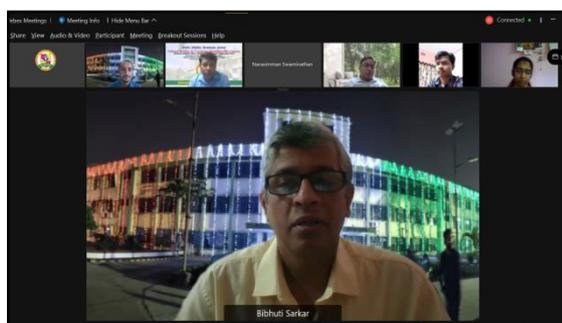
Dr Arvind Kumar Verma, MD (Pulmonary Medicine), Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, New Delhi, in his presentation put light on **“COVID-19 patient information and medical management”**. He explained about the medical management of acute and long term symptoms of COVID-19 and during question answer session he explained all the queries of participants.



Dr Rajeev Aggarwal, PhD, Senior Physiotherapist, AIIMS, New Delhi in his presentation put light on **“Comprehensive Cardio-respiratory Assessment of post COVID-19 persons”**. He discussed about the various assessment and evaluation procedure used in ICU as well as in general wards. He answered and elaborately explained various queries of participants during the question answer session.



Prof. Narasimman Swaminathan, MPT (Cardio-pulmonary), Vice Principal, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai presented on the topic of **“Post COVID physiotherapy care - an evidence-based approach”**. He explained about the latest evidences of Physiotherapeutic management of long covid symptoms and also emphasized carrying out of more scientific research on these subjects as the Covid-19 is relatively new and lot more information can be explored in the coming years. His presentation was followed by question-answer session asked by different participants and all the queries were nicely explained by Prof. Narasimman Swaminathan.



Total 256 professionals including faculties, PhD scholar, Rehab Professionals, Doctors and students of MPT & BPT from across the globe had participated in this webference. The event was co-ordinated by Sh. Bibhuti Sarkar, Demonstrator & I/C-Lecturer (PT), NILD, Kolkata. The program was jointly anchored and moderated by Sh. Sourov Saha, Sr. Physiotherapist cum Jr. Lecturer, NILD, Kolkata and Mrs Preeti Chaudhary, Physiotherapist, NILD, Kolkata. Technical support was provided by Sh. Anil Kumar, Clinical Tutor, NILD, Kolkata. The webference was concluded with Vote of Thanks given by Mr. Bibhuti Sarkar followed by National anthem.