

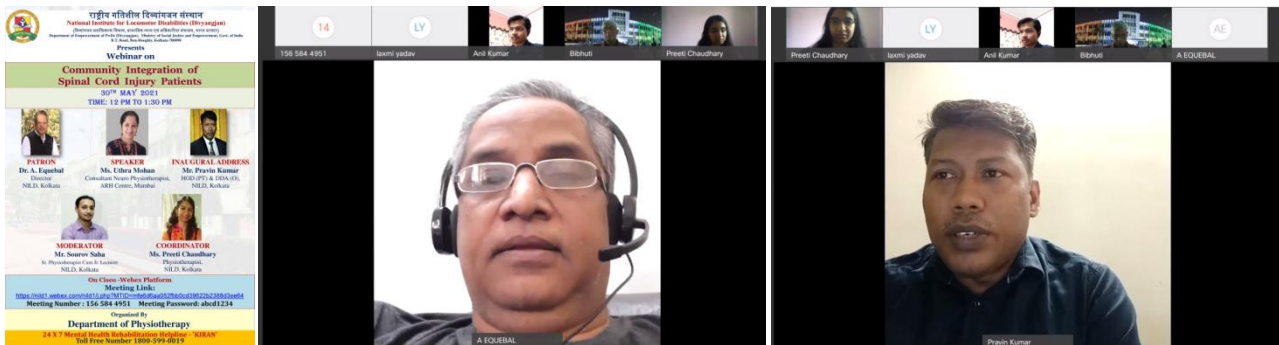


Department of Physiotherapy

WEBINAR REPORT

A webinar on the topic of ‘Community Integration of Spinal Cord Injury Patients’ was organised by Department of Physiotherapy, National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan), Kolkata, on 30th May 2021 from 12 pm to 1:45 pm through Cisco Webex platform.

This webinar was conducted as a part of continued education program and awareness for online or tele-rehabilitation during this pandemic situation for the professionals and students of different speciality who work as multidisciplinary team member for rehabilitation of spinal cord injury patients. Community Integration is a very crucial part of Spinal Cord Injury rehabilitation, after the institutional based intervention & rehabilitation.



The program started with a virtual lamp lighting ceremony. Dr. A. Equebal, Director, NILD, Kolkata, addressed the speaker and participants and shared his experience with spinal cord injury patients. He explained how positive motivation, social and economic support from family along with healthcare management make the community integration easy and sustainable. Welcome address was given by Mr. Pravin Kumar, HOD (PT) & DDA (O), NILD, Kolkata. As we are going through the COVID-19 pandemic, a COVID pledge was taken to prevent the spread of infection further.

The speaker for the webinar was **Ms. Uthra Mohan, Consultant Neuro-Physiotherapist, ARH Centre, Mumbai**. She addressed various factors essential for community re-integration like functional independence, mobility, socio-economic aspects and government facilities available for SCI patients. Presentation was followed by various questions session asked by different participants and discussion session with the resource person was effectively conducted. The session was moderated by Mr. Sourov Saha, Sr. Physiotherapist cum Jr. Lecturer, NILD, Kolkata.



Total 194 participants joined the webinar from across the country and globe. Different students and professionals like Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, P&O professionals, special educators and other rehab professionals participated in the Webinar.

Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Bibhuti Sarkar, Demonstrator (PT) & Lecturer (I/C). The program was co-ordinated by Ms. Preeti Chaudhary, Physiotherapist and technical support provided by Anil Kumar, Clinical Tutor, NILD, Kolkata.

The webinar concluded with the National Anthem.