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Best Practice in Raj Narain College, Hajipur- 1

1. **Title-** 'Using the Platform of Webinars for meaningful academic discussion and deliberations for curriculum enrichment.
2. **The Context-** During 2021-22, the period of nationwide lockdown owing to Covid-19 Pandemic, when the entire country felt shocked in the wake of macabre dance of viral infection and death, the academic activities on the Campus naturally came to a complete halt. The energy and enthusiasm of the students, in absence of opportunities to channelize, was turning into frustration and depression, which was compounded by the prospect of delayed academic session and uncertain future.
 The members of IQAC, the College Administration and faculties of Raj Narain College decided to meet the challenge of the time by transforming the 'crisis' into 'opportunity'. Commencing online teaching was the only option left; and all faculties did start online class on Google Meet, Zoom and Cisco-Webex, while WhatsApp Groups of students was used to facilitate communication. During online meeting, students and faculties realized the need for quality and relevant discussion to supplement and enrich course- contents. The proposal to organize Webinars came up and readily approved.
3. **Objectives of the practice-**
 - i. To challenge the constraints posed by Covid-19 pandemic for academic activities.
 - ii. To tide over the monotony of teaching- learning process focussed only on course contents
 - iii. To provide a meaningful platform for initiating discussion and deliberations relevant to curricular aspects.
 - iv. To facilitate students' interaction with some best minds at different Colleges and universities.
4. **The Practice -**
 A Webinar is a virtual event that is hosted online. It is hosted by some institution or organization, in which a panel of experts share their knowledge on a particular topic. In the wake of nation-wide lockdown, Raj Narain College took recourse to the platform of Webinars with the sole objective of creating opportunities for students and faculties to discuss and share ideas with senior professors, scholars and experts in a convenient and cost-effective way.
5. **Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them-**
 - i. Initial hesitation from the side of the faculties.
 - ii. Difficulties to request Resource Persons/ Keynote Speakers to deliver online lecture at specific day/ time.
 - iii. Technical glitches and network issues to join online session.
 - iv. Lack of experience on the part of students and some faculties also, to use/ connect to online Platform; it often resulted in Mic remaining unmuted, unknowingly touching the 'Tab of Presentation', echoing of voices, and even getting disconnected.
 - v. Many students living at remote places/ in rural areas faced the difficulty of poor network.
 - vi. Some students, particularly the female ones, did not have their personal smartphone to join a Webinar at specified time/ date.
 The strategies of regular persuasion, training to join Webinars, workshops for attending online sessions, sharing recording/ PPTs. of the Resource Persons, and exploring personal contacts to invite Resource Persons slowly eased the situation.
6. **Impact of the Practice-** Even after the lockdown was lifted and usual offline Campus activities resumed, Raj Narain College decided to continue organizing Webinars specifically on commemorative national/ state holidays. Previously, the College used to



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celebrate important National/ International Days/ Jayanti of national heroes as part of a ritual due to declared holidays on such occasions. Webinars removed the constraints of 'holidays' and has opened new avenues of discussion and exchange of ideas on a host of relevant themes, which have proved immensely valuable for the faculties and the students.

Webinars organized by the Institution:

- i. Webinar on 'Corona, Literature & Society' (06.11.2020)**
- ii. National Webinar on 'Covid-19: Nature & Environment' (05.06.2020)**
- iii. National Webinar on 'Contextualizing Gender Issues' (28.06.2020)**
- iv. National Webinar on 'Managing Mental Well- being' (07.07.2020)**
- v. Webinar on 'Gandhi and Today's World' (02.10.2020)**
- vi. Webinar on 'Future of science and technology: Its Impact on Education, Skills and Work' (28.02.2021)**
- vii. Webinar on 'Gandhi and Sustainable Development' (05.06.2021)**
- viii. Webinar on 'Folk Music: Jan Jeevan ka Pran' (12.06.2021)**
- ix. Online National Workshop on 'Research Methodology in Science' (19.06.2021)**
- x. Webinar on 'Yoga: & the Concept of Human Health' (21.06.2021)**
- xi. Webinar on 'Bhartiya Sanskriti ki Pehchan- Hindi' (14.09.2021)**
- xii. Webinar on 'Gandhism: Past, Present and Future' (02.10.2021)**
- xiii. Webinar on 'Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose: The Icon of Courage & Confidence' (23.01.2022)**
- xiv. Webinar on 'Human Rights: Meaning & Significance in Modern Society' (30.01.2022)**
- xv. Webinar on 'Semiconductor Devices and Their Applications' (10.02.2022)**
- xvi. Webinar on 'Human Values in the Teachings of Lord Mahaveer & Ambedkar' (14.04.2022)**
- xvii. Webinar on 'Relevance of Buddhism in Modern Times.' (16.05.2022)**
- xviii. Webinar on 'Sustainable Development for Human Existence' (05.06.2022)**
- xix. Webinar on 'Yog: Its Relevance in Today's World' (21.06.2022)**

Some of the eminent Scholars/ national level Professors as Resource Persons in Webinars:

- Dr. Ashok Kumar Ghosh, Chairman, State Pollution Board, Patna
- Dr. Surdhendu Mandal, Retd. Pro-VC Vishwabharti
- Dr. Vijoy Kumar Das, member Bihar Univ. Service Commission, Patna
- Dr. S.N. Tripathi, Director ,IIPA Delhi
- Sri A. B. Sinha, IAS (Retd.)
- Dr. Ratnesh Kumar, Principal, A.K.S.M. College, Motihari
- Dr. Anjana Kumar Anand, Vivekanand college Delhi
- Dr. Pushpesh Kumar, Senior Faculty, Central University of Hyderabad
- Sri Ranjit Singh, Vice President, Effuse, New Delhi
- Dr. Wahida Khan, Dean, S.G.T. Univ. Gurugram
- Prof. H.P. Pandey, Vice- Chancellor, B.R.A.B.U. Muzaffarpur
- Prof. M.P. Trivedi (Retd.) P.G. Dept. of Botany, Patna University
- Dr. S.N. Tripathi, IIPA, Director General of Delhi
- Sri Anil Dutt Mishra, (Retd.) IAS
- Sri Vijay Prakash, (Retd.) IAS, Former Member Secretary, Board of Revenues, Govt. of Bihar, Chairman of Bihar Vidyapith & CEO of Atal Incubation Center of Bihar
- Sri Gul Shetty K., Member of IIPA, Gulberg Branch



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- Dr. R. K. Verma, Secretary, IIPA, Bihar Regional Branch, Patna
- Smt. Mudita Mishra, Folk Singer and Scholar on Folk Music
- Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Singh, HoD Sanskrit & Dean, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Kashi, Varanasi
- Professor (Dr.) P. C. Trivedi, Eminent Scientist & V.C., J. N. Vyas University, Jodhpur (Former V.C. of D.D.U., Gorakhpur)
- Dr. Mahesh Roy, Vice President, Aerobiological Society of India.
- Dr. Shardendu Kumar (Retd.) Dept. of Hindi, Patna University
- Prof. Arun Kamal, (Retd.), Recipient of Jyanpith Award, Professor of English, Patna University
- Er. Yugal Singh, Chairman of IIPA, Patna
- Professor P. K. Sisodia, Dept. of Electronics, Zakir Hussain Delhi College (D.U)
- Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dept. of Electronics, Zakir Hussain Delhi College (D.U)
- Prof. (Dr.) Rekha Kumari, Director, Higher Education, Government of Bihar
- Ms. Aditi Mishra, Additional District Commissioner, ALT (Guide Section), New Delhi.
- Prof. (Dr.) Jata Shankar Prasad, Department of Philosophy, Allahabad University
- Dr. Poonam Singh, HoD Philosophy, Patna University, Patna

7. **Resources required-**

- i. Hosting Webinars requires, at the minimum, a laptop/ desktop with uninterrupted Internet connection and a headphone/ earphone, apart from technical knowhow to manage the webcast of the event.
- ii. With smartphone, one may join a Webinar, but then all features of online platforms cannot be availed.
- iii. For effective and seamless webcast, a sound-proof Studio is an essential requirement.

8. **About the Institution-**

- i. Name of the Institution : Raj Narain College, Hajipur
- ii. Year of Accreditation : 2015 (1st Cycle)
- iii. Address : At Chauhatta, Hajipur, Vaishali, Bihar- 844101
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