

## **Two Day International Conference on Role of ICT during Covid-19 in Aggarwal College, Ballabgarh**

Today on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022, a two day International Conference (multidisciplinary) on **“Role of Information & Communication Technology during Covid-19 (ICRICTC)-2022”** was inaugurated at Aggarwal College Ballabgarh by the Department of Computer Science & Learning Resource Centre of the College on 29-30<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This Conference was organized under the able guidance of Principal Dr. Krishan Kant Gupta and sponsored & approved by Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO), New Delhi. This International Conference aimed to exchange views on role of ICT specially during the pandemic of Covid-19. The programme started with Lighting of Lamp, Saraswati Vandana and College Anthem. Dr. Ram Chander, Head Librarian & Information welcomed the Chief Guest Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Gurugram University, Gurugram and all the guests and said that the main motive of this conference was to provide a International Platform to all the research scholars, academicians, industry researchers and students to exchange and share their experiences on the significance of ICT tools. Co-convener of the programme, Dr. Geeta Gupta presented the theme of the Conference, in which she told how with the advent of Industrial Revolution 4.0, the world has been able to tide over the pandemic and has brought about a major transformation worldwide. The Conference Proceedings as an ISBN Book on ‘Role of ICT during Covid-19 times’ was launched. Another book on ‘Marketing of Information Products and Services’ was also launched in the Inauguration Ceremony.

The Keynote Speaker of the day was Dr. Nasib Singh Gill, Head of Deptt. of Comp. Sc. M.D. University, Rohtak. In his keynote address he eulogized the efforts made by Dr. Krishan Kant Gupta in making Aggarwal College Ballabgarh as the topmost college of Haryana. He also told how with the broad vision of Govt. of India, ICT has enabled a lot of youth to pursue higher education. He focused on digital India, Skill India and National Education Policy-2020. He said that the Youth should be motivated towards research work in different areas in their interest. He also focused on Artificial Intelligence, Cloud, Cyber Security and IOT etc. He explained that the growth should be exponential.

The Guest of Honour Dr. K.P. Singh, Directorate of ER & IPR, Ministry of Defence, DRDO, New Delhi focused on E-learning, E-resources and Role of E-library during this pandemic Covid-19. He said that ICT has strengthened the bridge between Research and Information.

Principal and Chair Person Dr. Krishan Kant Gupta on his address welcomed all the guests and delegates. He explained that in era of

digitalization ICT plays a vital role in all fields like research, medical and teaching learning process etc. He mentioned about change in the mind set of educators regarding the use of ICT. He focused on role of ICT in helping inclusivity, access and equity. He attributed the grand role of ICT in facing this unprecedented situation. He also congratulated the organizing members for the success of this International Conference.

Chief Guest of the day Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Gurugram University said that ICT tools have made life comfortable and teaching learning has been made possible as majority of the students could continue with their studies. He told about need of innovation and developing skills with the help of ICT.

Certificates to students who have completed Self Defence Training Programme in College were also given by the distinguished guests.

The Inaugral Ceremony was followed by three Technical Sessions with Prof. M.D Mezbath-ul-Islam, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dr. John Kandiri, Dept. of Computing and info. Tech. Kenyatta University, Kenya, Prof. Prashant Pandey, Flinders University, South Australia and Prof. Kishor Chandra Satpathy, Indian Statistical University India as Resource Person for the first day of Conference along with Oral Presentations. Day two of the Conference will have three more Technical Sessions followed by Valedictory Ceremony. Around 160 presenters from five countries will be sharing their views in the Conference, on various aspects of the theme. The whole programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Sachin Garg.