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| Name of the Conference                                                                                                                                                     |                   |                                                                | Two Days Online National Conference on Indian Knowledge System as Foundation of Viksit Bharat & Sustainability                      |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Date                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                                                | 28th & 29th April, 2026                                                                                                             |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Organized by Ashoka International Centre for Educational Studies and Research, Nashik<br>In collaboration with<br>Department of Education, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai |                   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Resource Persons                                                                                                                                                           |                   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Chief Guest for Inaugural Program                                                                                                                                          |                   |                                                                | Dr. Ruby Ojha<br>Pro- Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai                                                              |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Key Note Speaker                                                                                                                                                           |                   |                                                                | Dr. Sybil Thomas, Principal, St. Andrew’s College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai.                                            |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Expert Session                                                                                                                                                             |                   |                                                                | Dr. Mandar Bhanushe, Head, Faculty of Science & Technology, CDOE, University of Mumbai, Member of IKS sub- committee of Maharashtra |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Expert Session                                                                                                                                                             |                   |                                                                | Dr. Sunil Rajpurkar, Professor, K.K.College of Education, Mumbai                                                                    |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Chief Guest for Valedictory Program                                                                                                                                        |                   |                                                                | Dr. Meena Kute,<br>Director, SSR College of Education, Silvasa                                                                      |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Chief Patron                                                                                                                                                               |                   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Dr. Ujwala Chakradeo<br>Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai                                                                                                   |                   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Dr. Ruby Ojha<br>Pro- Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai                                                                                                     |                   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Dr. Ashok Katariya<br>Chairman, Ashoka Education Foundation, Nashik                                                                                                        |                   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Convener                                                                                                                                                                   |                   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Dr. Sarita Verma, I/C Principal, AICESR                                                                                                                                    |                   |                                                                | Prof. Pradnya Wakpainjan, Head, Department of Education, SNDT Women’s University                                                    |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Co-Convener                                                                                                                                                                |                   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Dr. Priti Sonar, IQAC Co- ordinator, AICESR                                                                                                                                |                   |                                                                | Dr. Rekha Chavhan, Associate Professor, Department of Education                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Co-ordinator                                                                                                                                                               |                   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                     |                     |                                  |                                                            |
| Mrs. Samruddhi Chepe, IQAC member                                                                                                                                          |                   |                                                                | Dr. Arundhati Chavan, Associate Professor, Department of Education                                                                  |                     |                                  |                                                            |
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| Prof. (Dr.) Medha Tapiwala<br>Dean, Faculty of Humanities, SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai                                                                                 |                   | Dr. Meena Kute<br>Principal, SSR College of Education, Silvasa | Dr. C.M. Borase, Principal, MVP’s AVH College of Education, Nashik                                                                  |                     | Dr. D.M. Gujarathi, Educationist | Dr. Asha Thoke, I/C Principal, Ashoka College of Education |

## **About the National Conference**

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) represent the holistic body of wisdom encompassing philosophy, science, medicine, education, environmental ethics, and sustainable living. The conference emphasized integrating IKS into education to promote holistic development, cultural rootedness, and sustainability.

It provided a platform for academicians, researchers, educators, and policymakers to deliberate on the role of IKS in achieving sustainable and inclusive national development.

## **Objectives of the Conference:**

1. To create awareness about the relevance of IKS in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat.
2. To highlight the integration of IKS with NEP 2020 for holistic and value-based education.
3. To explore the role of Indian Knowledge Systems in promoting sustainability and environmental consciousness.
4. To provide a platform for dialogue on curricular and pedagogical reforms rooted in indigenous knowledge traditions.
5. To promote interdisciplinary research and innovation based on IKS.
6. To understand the contribution of traditional wisdom in ethical leadership, governance, and social harmony.
7. To encourage collaboration among academia, research institutions, and community stakeholders.
8. To revive and reinterpret indigenous practices in health, agriculture, science, and technology for contemporary applications.
9. To strengthen cultural identity, inclusivity, and diversity through the understanding of IKS.

## **Sub-Themes of the National Conference**

### **Sub Theme 1 – Curricular Practices for Sustainability**

- Curriculum Design for Sustainable and Holistic Development

- Creating Sustainable Learning Spaces and Enabling Learning Environments
- Pedagogical Practices for Sustainability and Experiential Learning
- Assessment Practices for Sustainable Learning Outcomes
- Value-Based Pedagogy rooted in Knowledge Systems

#### **Sub Theme 2 – Women and Sustainability**

- Role of Women in Sustainable Development and Nation Building
- Gender Perspectives in Education and Sustainability
- Empowering Women through Education, Skills, and Leadership for Sustainability

#### **Sub Theme 3 – Research, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development**

- Research in Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Assessment for Sustainability
- Innovation in Education for Sustainable Development
- Education for Entrepreneurship and Start-up Culture aligned with Sustainability Goals

#### **Sub Theme 4 – Environmental Dimensions of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

- Environmental Factors Influencing Sustainability
- Indigenous Environmental Knowledge and Sustainable Practices
- Green Initiatives and Eco-Friendly Educational Practices

#### **Sub Theme 5 – Digitization and Sustainable Development**

- Digitization & Sustainability: A Tools in Education
- Digital Divide: Challenges and Opportunities in Digital Education
- ICT in Education: Technology Integration, Digital Ethics, and Cyber Security
- E-Governance in Education & Responsible Technology Use

#### **Sub Theme 6 – Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in Strengthening the Value System**

- Philosophical Foundations of Indian Knowledge Systems for Viksit Bharat
- Value Education and Ethical Development through IKS
- Indian Art, Culture, and Heritage as Knowledge Systems
- Language, Literature, and Knowledge Transmission in Indian Traditions

### **Sub Theme 7 – Methods for Developing Skills for Sustainability**

- Skills for Self-Reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat)
- Experiential and Community-Based Learning
- Vocational Skills and Life Skills for Sustainable Living
- Blending Indigenous and Modern Knowledge Systems

### **Sub Theme 8 – Wellness, Health, and Sustainable Lifestyle**

- Mental Health and Well-being in Education
- Yoga, Meditation, and Mindfulness for Holistic Development
- Social and Emotional Well-being for Sustainable Societies
- Integrating Wellness Education for Nation Building and Viksit Bharat

## **Day-wise Proceedings of the Conference**

### **Day 1: Inaugural Session and Technical Sessions**

The first day of the conference commenced with the inaugural programme in the august presence of the Chief Guest, **Prof. Dr. Ruby Ojha**, Pro-Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai. In her inaugural address, she emphasized the transformative potential of education and highlighted how, through positive transformation, India can revive its glorious legacy as “*सोने की चिड़िया*.” Her deep insights into Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), Viksit Bharat, and Sustainability reflected her profound understanding of the subject.

A key highlight of Day 1 was the keynote address delivered by **Dr. Sybil Thomas**, Principal, St. Andrew's College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai. She elaborated on IKS, Viksit Bharat, and Sustainability as foundational pillars for India's development. Her thought-provoking session encouraged participants to introspect on their individual roles in contributing to these domains. She effectively conveyed that IKS serves as a bridge connecting India's rich heritage and traditional wisdom with contemporary global demands.

Another enriching session was conducted by **Dr. Mandar Bhanushe**, Head, Faculty of Science & Technology, CDOE, University of Mumbai and Member of the IKS Sub-Committee of Maharashtra. He discussed various dimensions of IKS and elaborated on the

Four Pillars of Viksit Bharat. He also addressed the challenges associated with implementing IKS in modern education. He emphasized that the aim of education should extend beyond cognitive development to include character building and the creation of holistic, well-rounded individuals equipped with 21st-century skills.

## **Day 2: Expert Session and Valedictory Programme**

The second day began with an expert session by **Dr. Sunil Rajpurkar**, Professor, Kapila Khandvala College of Education (Autonomous), Mumbai. His session focused on the role of Indian Knowledge Systems in strengthening value education. He highlighted that a *Viksit Bharat* can only be realized when education nurtures not just skilled professionals but also responsible, compassionate, and value-driven human beings.

The valedictory programme marked the culmination of the conference and served as a significant highlight. **Dr. Meena Kute**, Director, SSR College of Education, Silvasa, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In her address, she emphasized the importance of Indian Knowledge Systems and the need to reconnect with our roots. She also appreciated the collaborative efforts of Ashoka Education Foundation's Ashoka International Centre for Educational Studies and Research and the Department of Education, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.

During the valedictory session, the conference report was presented by **Dr. Priti Sonar**, Co-Convener of the National Conference, summarizing the key events and proceedings of the two-day conference.

## **Participation and Paper Presentation**

Participants from diverse academic backgrounds actively engaged in the conference. Research papers were presented across various sub-themes, focusing on innovative practices, sustainability models, and integration of traditional knowledge with modern education.

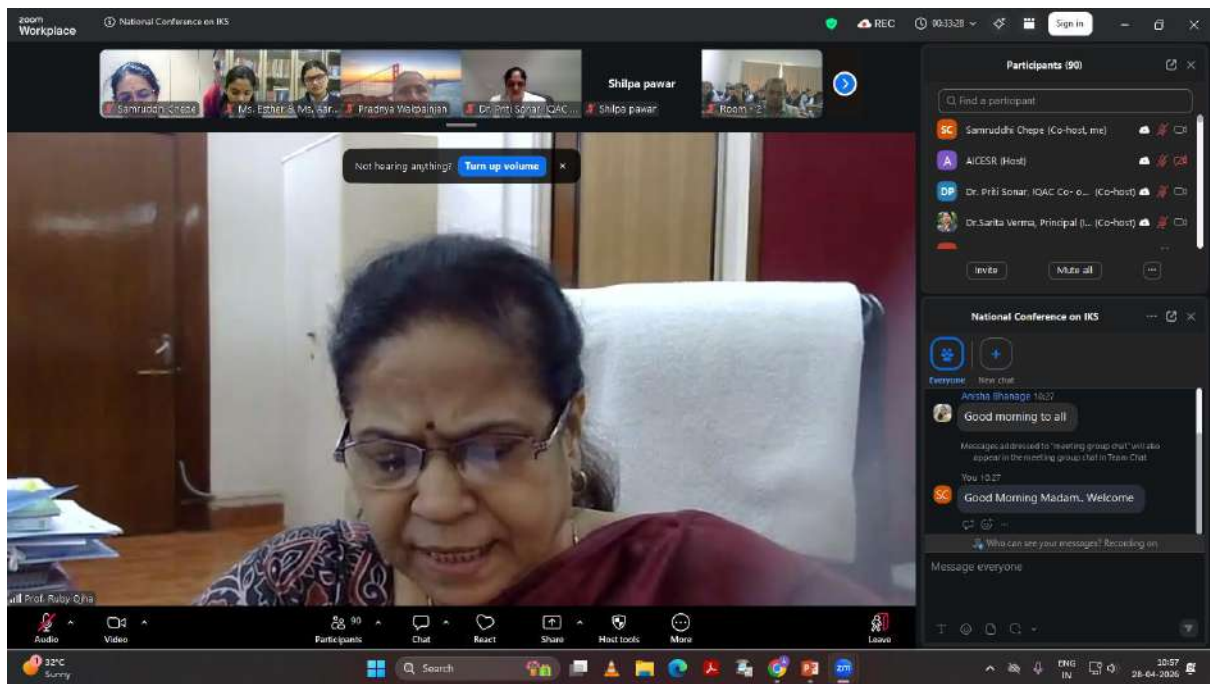
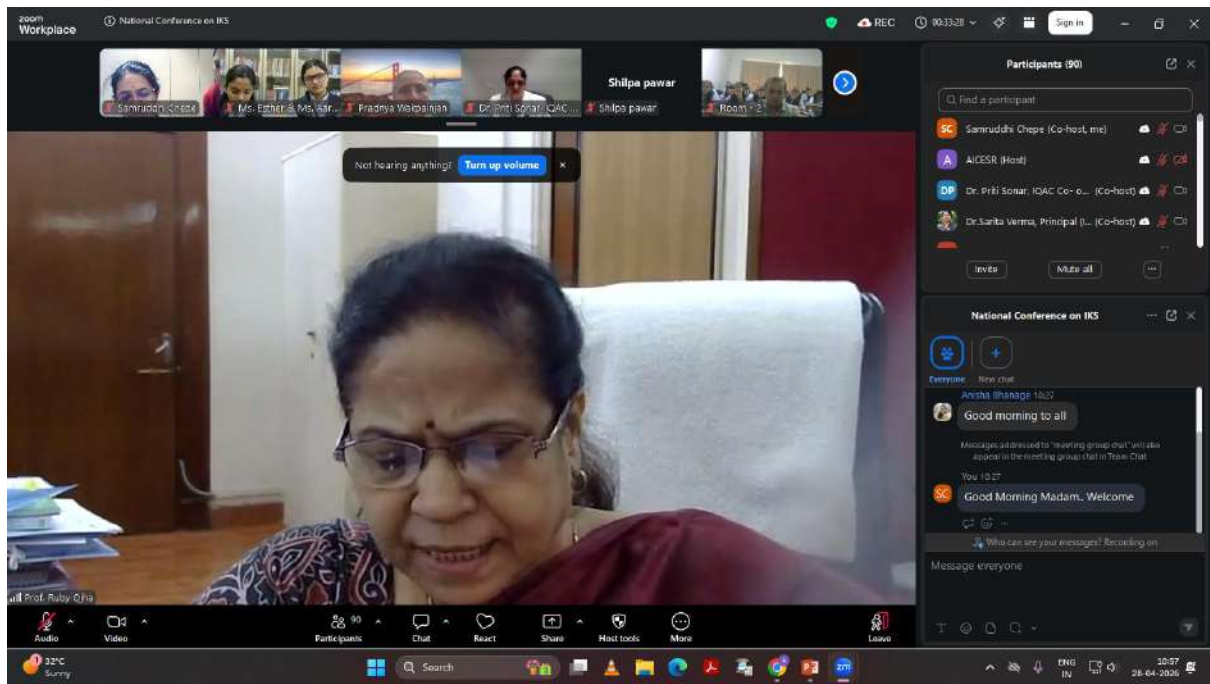
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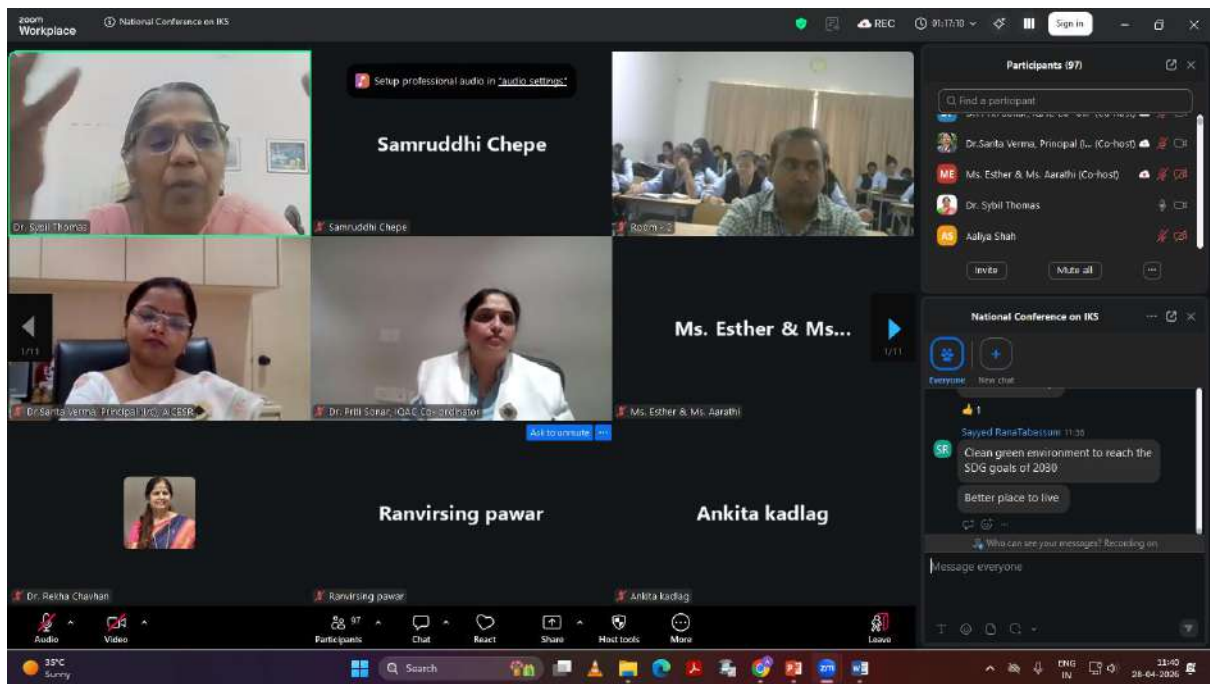
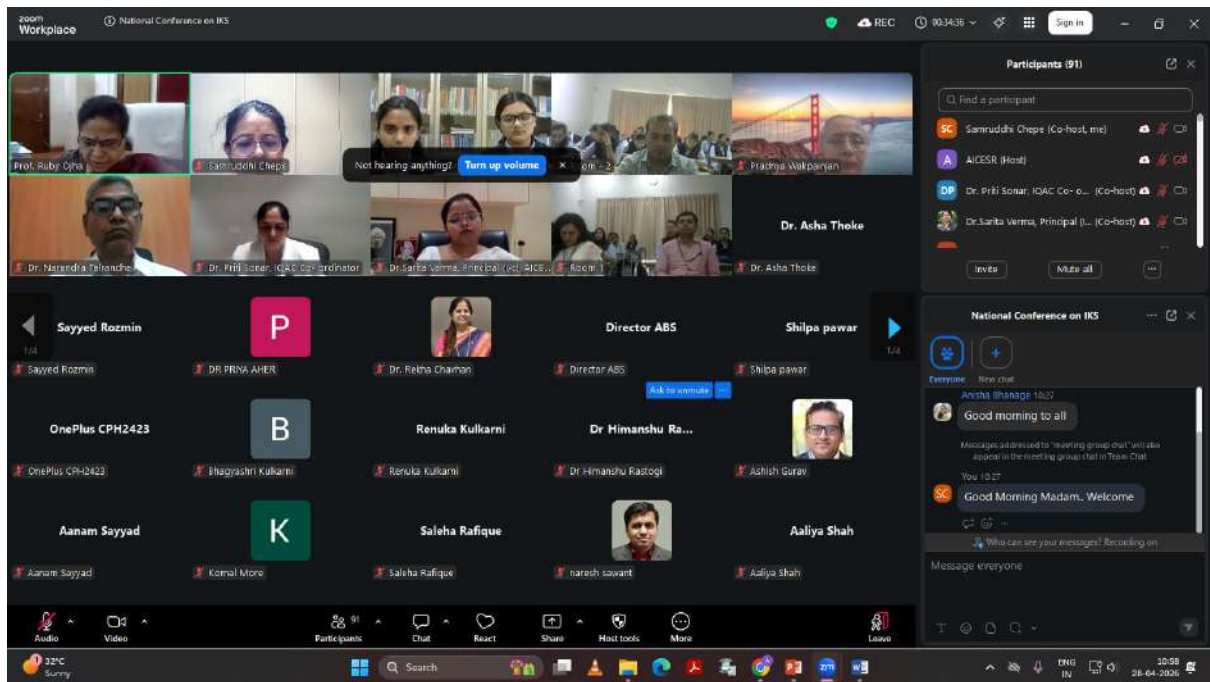
## Participation Details

The conference witnessed an enthusiastic response, with approximately **166 registrations** and around **85 research paper submissions**. Participants represented various states across India, including Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

The conference successfully achieved its objectives by fostering meaningful discussions on the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems into contemporary education and sustainable development practices. It contributed significantly towards envisioning a culturally rooted, sustainable, and progressive *Viksit Bharat*.







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समानमस्तु वो मनो यथा वः सुसहासति ॥

May we move in harmony, speak in one voice; let our minds be in agreement; just as the ancient gods shared their portion of sacrifice. Come together! Speak together! Let our minds be all of one accord as the gods of old sat together in harmony to worship.

May our purpose be the same; may we all be of one mind. In order for such unity to form I offer a common prayer. Let our speech be one; united our voices! May our minds be in union with the thoughts of the Wise. Sharing a common purpose; we worship as one.

May our intentions and aspirations be alike, so that a common objective unifies us all. let our aim be one and single! Let our hearts be joined as one. United be our thoughts. At peace with all, may we be together in

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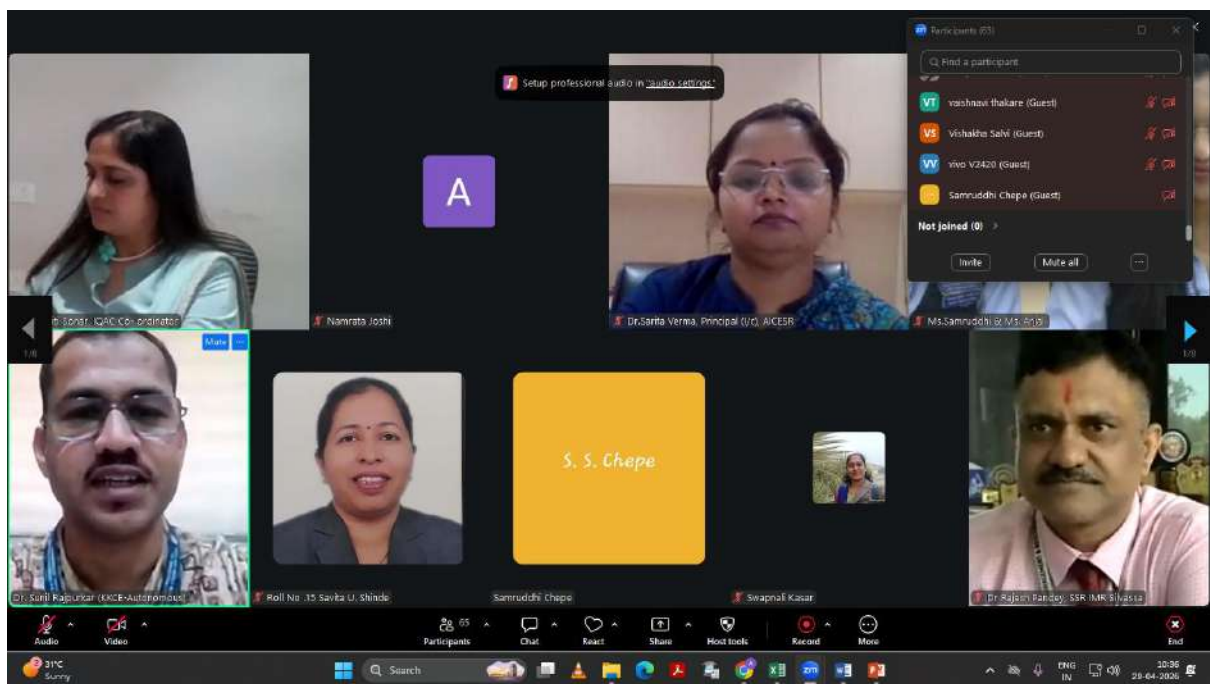
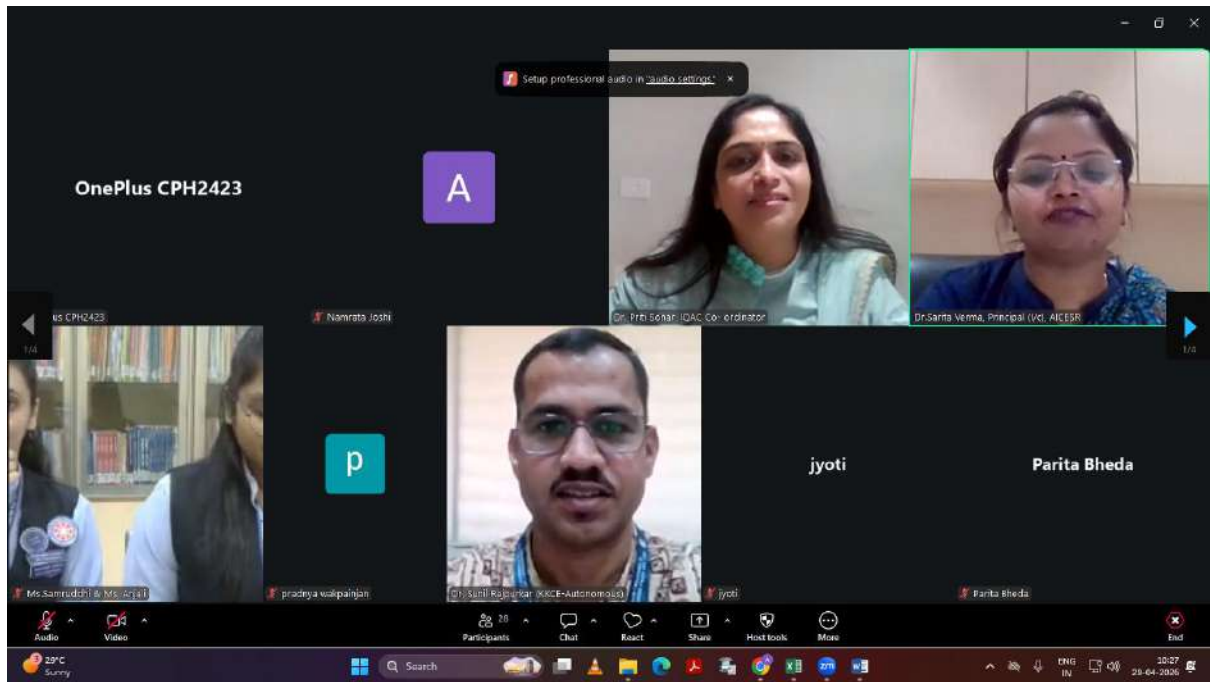
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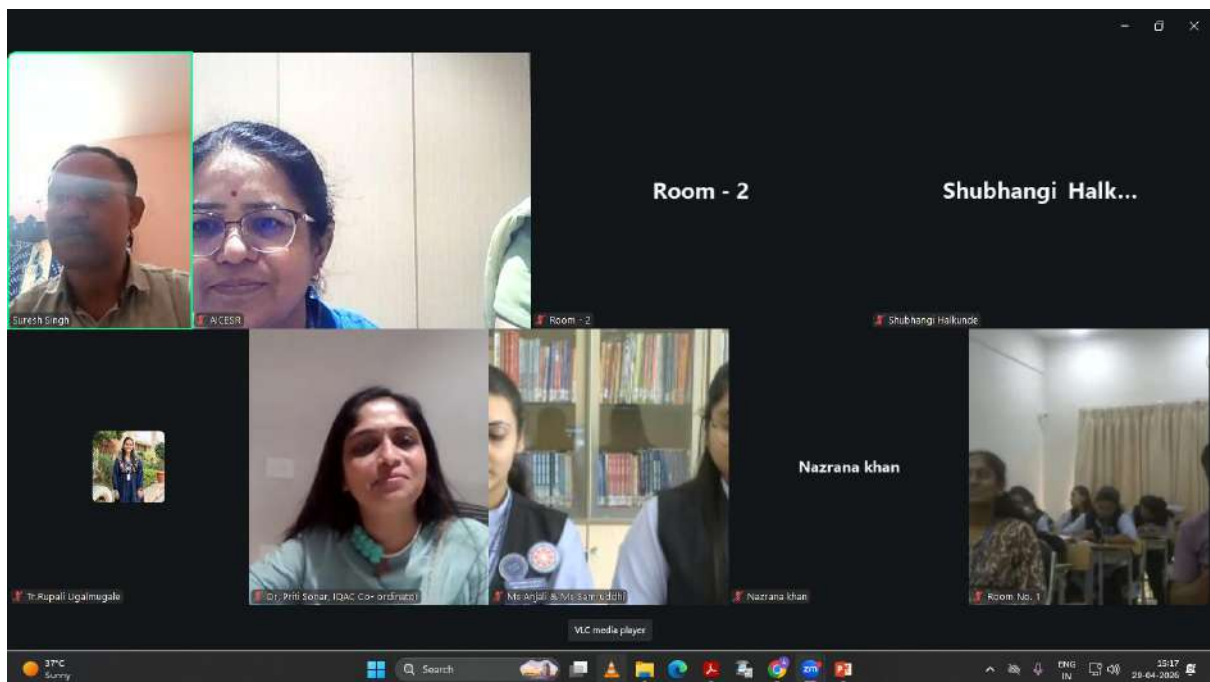
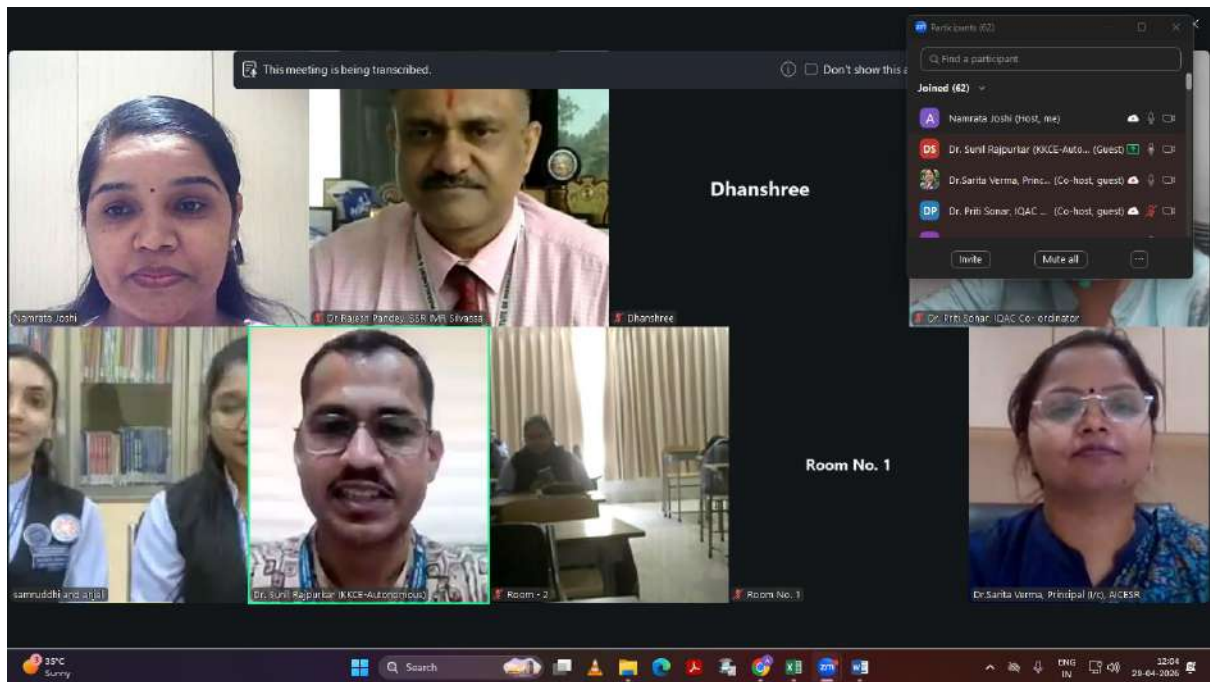
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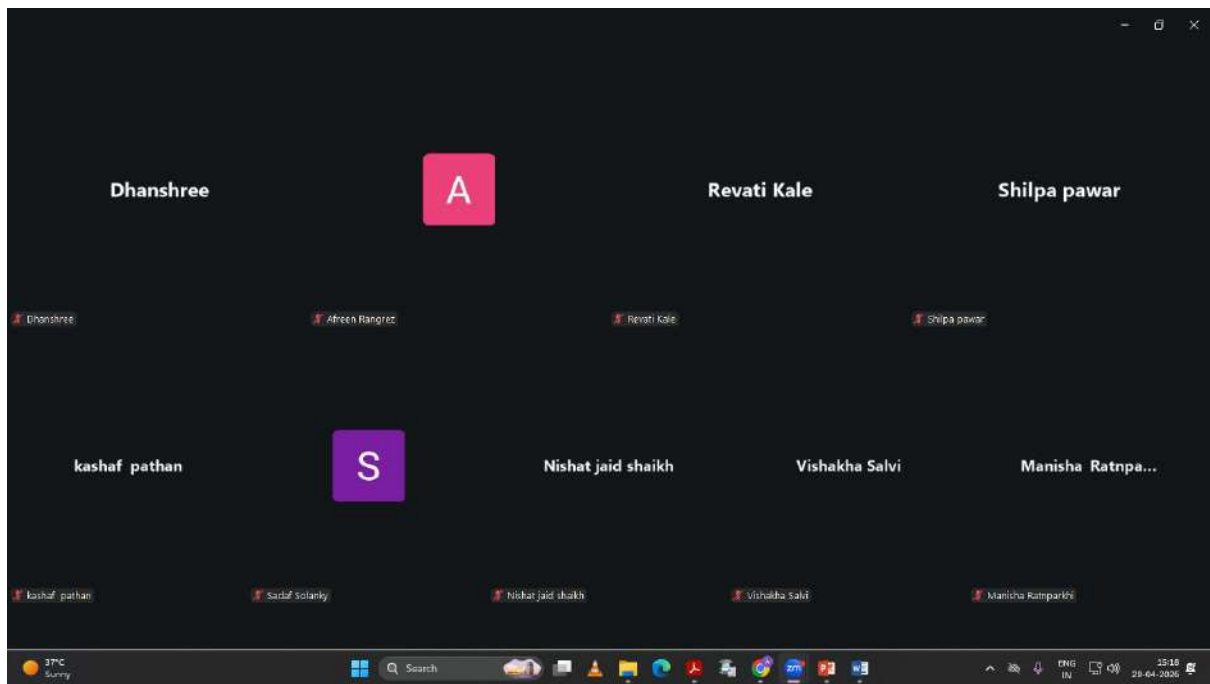
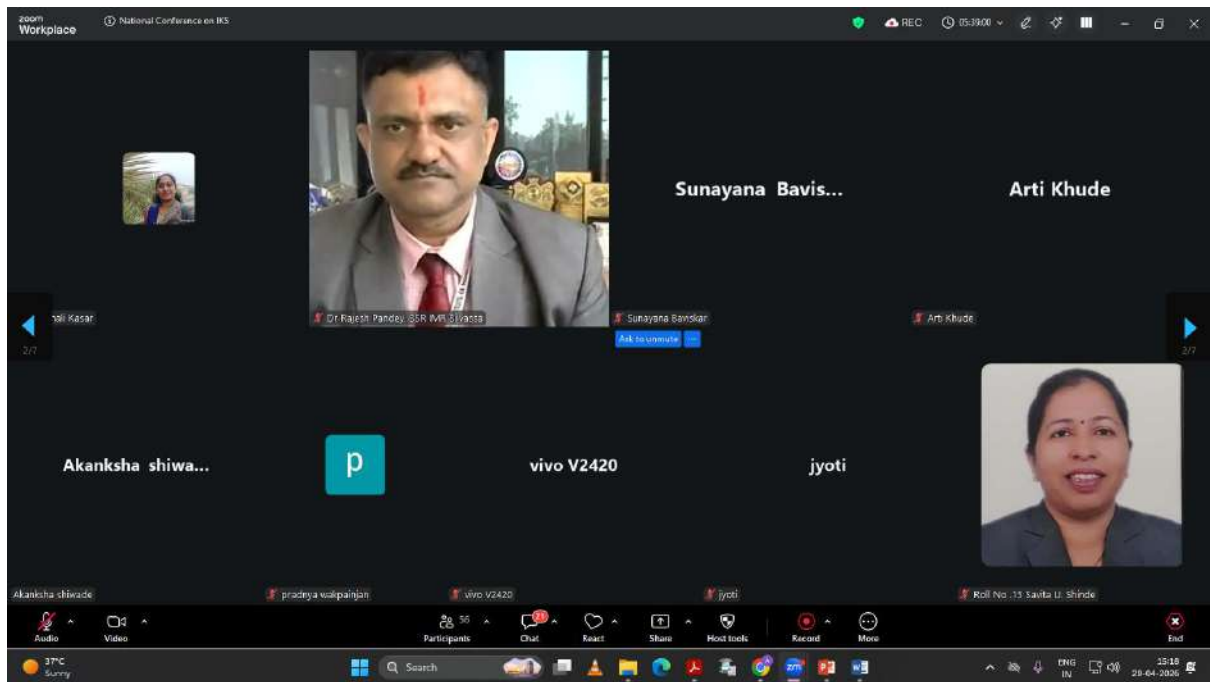
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