

Webinar on "Challenges in Online Teaching and Possible Way-outs"

IIT Bhilai hosted a webinar discussing a subject that addresses the need of the hour: "Challenges in Online Teaching and Possible Way-outs" on July 25, 2020. Prof. Rajat Moona, Director IIT Bhilai, Prof. Deepak B. Phatak, IIT Bombay, Prof. Kannan M Moudgalya, IIT Bombay, amongst other senior and young faculty members graced this event with their insightful discussion. With education worldwide being thrown into disarray by the coronavirus, more and more educators are being forced to teach their students from home. The webinar focused on this new paradigm shift: from teaching in a classroom setting to using different online methodologies.

Renowned academician Dr. D. B. Phatak emphasized on the need to relate and connect with the students rigorously. He said, "Online teaching poses a different set of challenges for educators and students, but collaboration and communication make it easier to stay connected and engaged."

Dr. Kannan from IIT Bombay discussed the need for technological preparedness and urged the technocrats to build new technologies to make the virtual classroom more real. Prof. Manish Jain from IIT Gandhinagar and Dr. Vandana Sharma from IIT Jodhpur also participated in the webinar. There was a stimulating panel discussion as well focusing on the evaluation system, technologies to connect the audience, methods for including laboratory experiments, and methods to boost students' responses.

The participants appreciated the fact that IIT Bhilai has taken the bold decision to continue their academic programme relentlessly despite COVID-19. The seamless implementation of the online academic programs at IIT Bhilai proved to be a vital tool for student success and the timely completion of their degrees. All the participating IITs highly commended this fact that the institute has been a forerunner in finishing its academic program and exams successfully using the online mode.



