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Date: 20.04.2020

Announcement Regarding Webinar on COVID-19 and the Challenges of the Visually Impaired.

As you may be aware that University of Delhi had undertaken an initiative to ensure support to students and faculty members with disabilities in its departments and colleges in the wake of COVID-19. The Deans, Heads of Departments and college Principals were advised to get in touch with such students and faculty members and help resolve any problems that they may be facing due to the present unprecedented situation.

Based on the feedback received from this initiative, it has been decided to hold a webinar on COVID-19 and the challenges of the visually impaired. This webinar will focus on teaching-learning issues faced by the visually impaired in the light of online classroom teaching and e-learning materials which are being provided by teachers in many instances. A number of technologies/applications which can be used by the visually impaired to overcome reading/access challenges will also be discussed. Further, the webinar will focus on sources of e-materials and some subject issues. The medical and psychological aspects of COVID-19 will also be addressed.

The speakers in the webinar will include:

1. Dr. Sunil Thakur, Chief Medical Officer, W.U.S. Health Centre (North Campus), University of Delhi.
2. Prof. Kusumlata Malik, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi.
3. Prof. Sanjeev H.M., Department of Political Science, University of Delhi.
4. Prof. Anil K. Aneja, Department of English; O.S.D., Equal Opportunity Cell; Nodal Officer, PwD; Grievance Redressal Officer, PwD; University of Delhi. (who will also be moderating the webinar)
5. Dr. Bipin K. Tiwary, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science; O.S.D., Equal Opportunity Cell; Deputy Dean, Works; University of Delhi.
6. Dr. Nikhil Jain, Assistant Professor, Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi.



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The webinar will be conducted on Zoom App which can accommodate 100 participants at one point of time and therefore the participation will be on a first come, first serve basis. Those living in hostels can sit with their friends while maintaining social distance and listen to the webinar on mobile phone/laptop speakers. If you wish to participate, please send your **contact details (Name, Institution affiliation, E-Mail and Contact no.)** so that the Zoom link to join the webinar can be sent to you if you are among the first 100 persons requesting for the same. The webinar will be held from 3:00-5:00 PM on Monday, 27th April, 2020. We will try to make available the recording of the webinar on the Delhi University website(www.du.ac.in) for future access.

You could send your contact details via e-mail or WhatsApp as per details given below:

E-mail- osdeoc@gmail.com WhatsApp- +91-8447646955

If there are any issues/questions which you would like us to address during the webinar, please send the same through the above contact channels latest by Saturday, 25nd Aril, 2020, 1:00 P.M which is also the last date and time for registration for the Webinar. Unfortunately, due to various constraints, there may not be any space for a two-way interaction during the webinar.

Looking forward to your participation.

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