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Regional Centre Panaji

IGNOU Regional Centres Panaji, Mumbai and Nagpur jointly held a Regional Alumni Meet on Sunday **02 January 2022 at 4.00 PM** in association with IGNOU Campus Placement Cell, New Delhi. This alumni meet was hosted by the Regional Centre **Panaji** through Google Meet and streamed live through Facebook pages of RC Panaji and IGNOU Alumni.

The meeting was graced by the following dignitaries from HQS and RCs

1. Prof Nageshwar Rao, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor IGNOU
2. Dr Srikant Mohapatra , Director Regional Services Division, IGNOU
3. Dr V P Rupam, Director, Campus Placement Cell IGNOU
4. Dr. Hema Pant, General Secretary IGNOU Alumni Association
5. Dr P Sivaswaroop, Sr Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Nagpur
6. Dr E Krishna Rao, Regional Director (i/C), IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai
7. Dr Kameshwari Moorthy, Sr Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Panaji (Host)

Dr Kameshwari Moorthy, Sr Regional Director, RC Panaji welcomed all the dignities and alumni, saying that all were eager to interact with the Alumni, listen to their thoughts about IGNOU, share their happiness, and receive feedback. Noting that many alumni had again enrolled in IGNOU for other academic programmes, Dr. Moorthy closed with a quotation from Mahatma Gandhi , *“Learn as if you were to live forever”*.

Dr Srikant Mohapatra, Director Regional Services Division welcoming the Alumni, said it was the 20th IGNOU Alumni Meeting in the last five months. The Director RSD said the University was keen to take the views of its Alumni and the way forward for this great institution of higher learning for the years to come. This was particularly so in the light of the National Education Policy 2020 that is to be implemented. The Director RSD informed that IGNOU had so far awarded 36 lakhs of Degree, Diplomas, Certificate, which was a great achievement for us. Dr. Mohapatra stated that these Alumni Meetings gave them a chance to meet different kind of alumni like homemakers, senior bureaucrats, senior police officers, armed forces personnel, teachers, Asst. professor, professor, entrepreneurs, businessmen, lawyers, differently abled learners and much more. The Director RSD said that feedback received from Alumni has given us great strength to think about the future of this University.

Dr V P Rupam, Director, Campus Placement Cell mentioned this meeting as an occasion to celebrate alumni success and our togetherness. He said they share their efforts to connect with the Alumni and create a national database of Alumni. Director, CPC informed them that a page and portal had been created for the Alumni to share their ideas, experiences and feedback, and demonstrated how to use the portal.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU, Prof Nageshwar Rao, presiding over this meeting, expressed his happiness to speak to the pass outs whose numbers are more than our present learner. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor referred to the IGNOU Alumni as “our family” and that it was the biggest family in the world with 71 lac Alumni spread all over the country and overseas. Prof. Nageshwar Rao informed the gathering that each year IGNOU was adding almost one lakh of new learners, enrolled in more than 200 programmes and urged the Alumni to give feedback for the benefit of the next generation of learners. It was a proud moment for

the Alumni to be informed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor that the Ministry of Education had identified IGNOU to be on the first rank in the non-technical category in respect of innovations. Further, the Alumni also learnt that the Alumni portal was dynamic portal and with 47,000 registrations in the last one month alone.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor also stated that IGNOU was now trying to reach out to learners in local languages, in keeping with the NEP 2020. Efforts were underway to offer UG programme in local languages (apart from the existing Hindi and English). The e-content app was downloaded by 4 lakhs learners prior to the lockdown and by 16 lakh learners now. our 4 *Swayamprabha* channels along with GD channel. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor closed his address conveying to the Alumni that the University looked forward to their motivation, their inspiration and felt happy to connect with them. Prof. Rao urged the Alumni to remember that IGNOU was their family, and they should come forward to support the endeavors when required. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor reiterated that the "IGNOU brand" is our brand, all have to work together, and Alumni should work to make the University a respected name in terms of quality and maintain strong bondage amongst us.

Dr. Hema Pant, General Secretary IGNOU Alumni felt there was an overwhelming range of diversified alumni diversified as seen in the IGNOU Alumni Meetings since the past six months and despite the ever-increasing registrations, the IGNOU Alumni Association still had a long way to go.

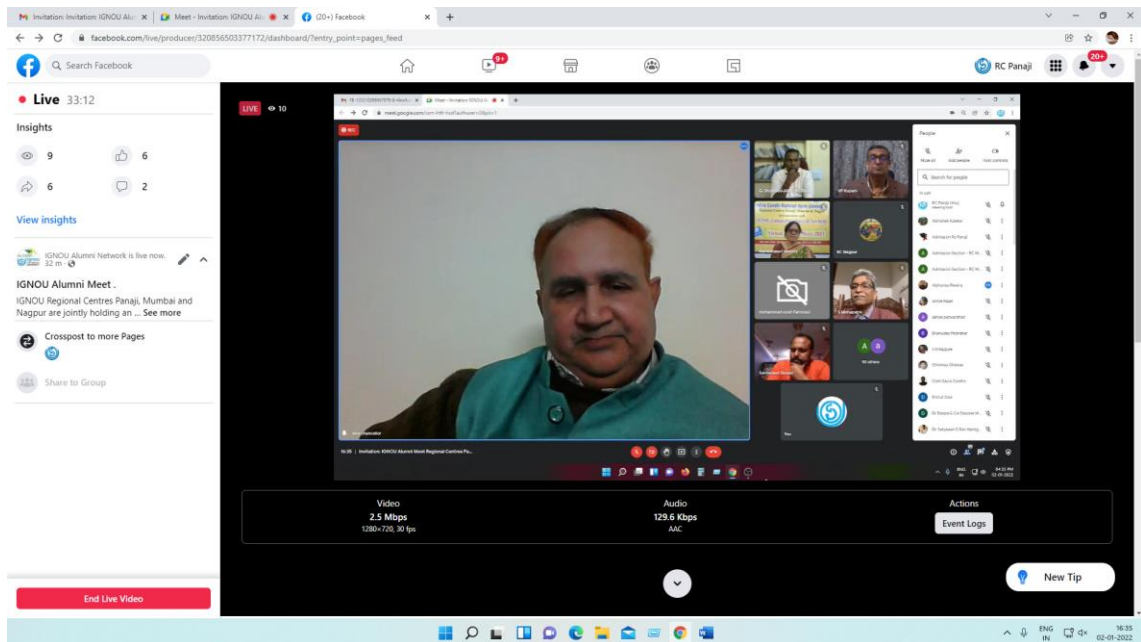
Nearly all the Alumni had words of appreciation to say for the University, its Study materials and the services provided by the Regional Centres. A few mentioned some other points which are as follows.

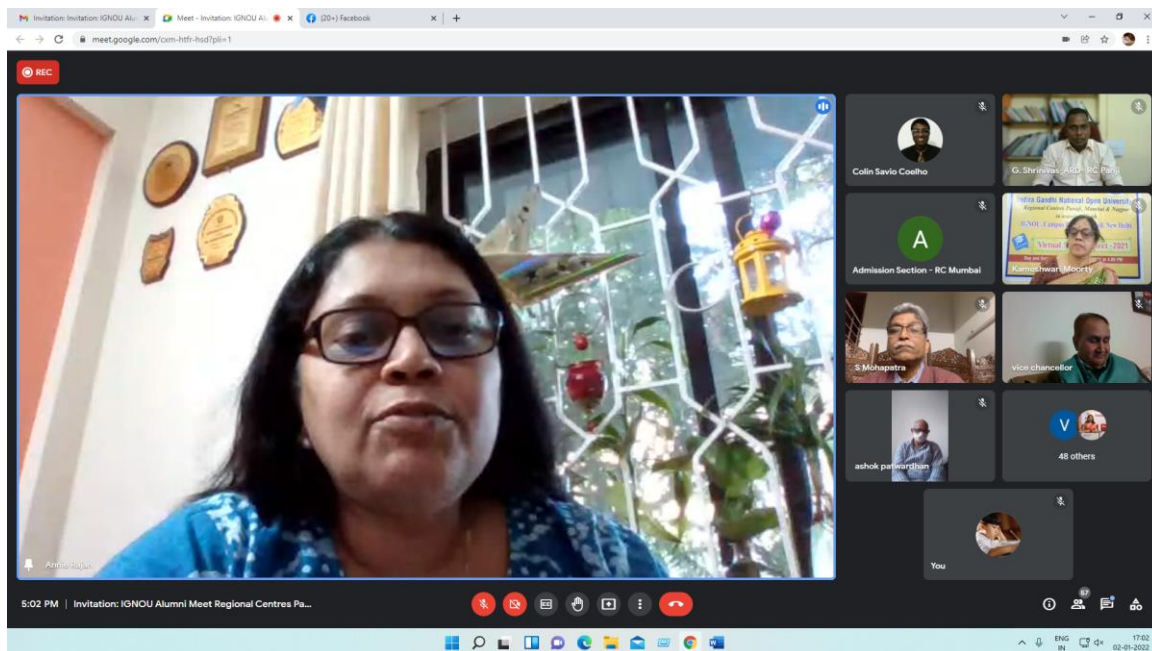
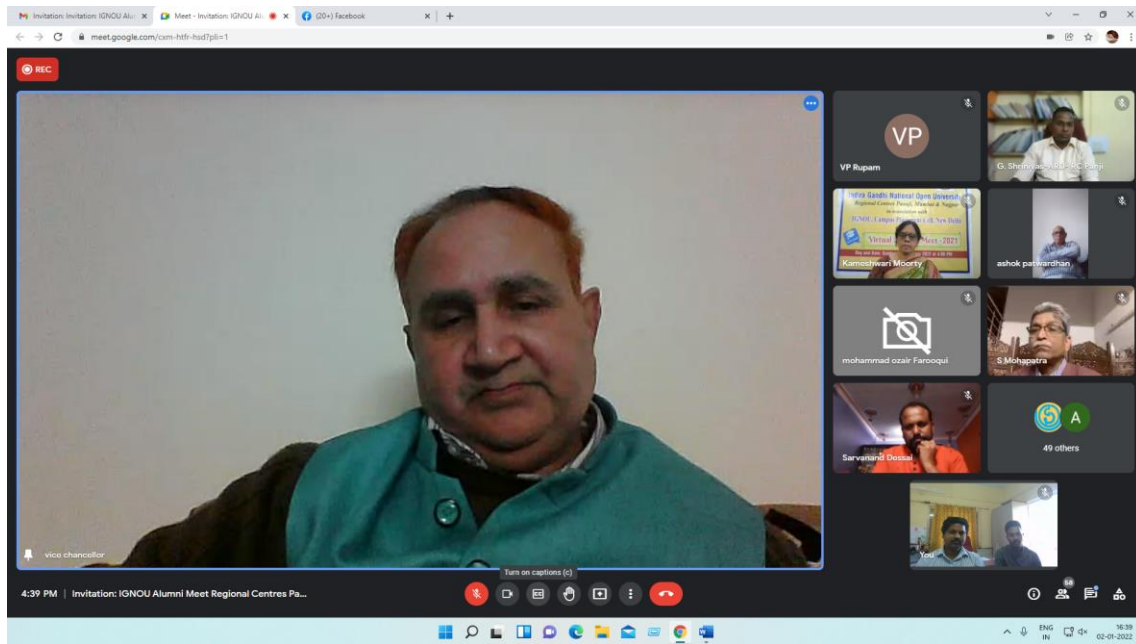
- Alphonso Pereira (MTM student, Panaji region) as the Principal of a food craft academy said he encouraged his students to enrol in BTS each year.
- Annie Rajan (MCA, Panaji) said she referred IGNOU study materials to teach her own regular students. Her suggestion was to make conduct of the MCA viva to be where the student currently was, not limit it to the region.
- Nanda Jichkar (MAPC, Nagpur) felt the need for more specialisations in psychology.
- Madhavi Khode Chaware (CHBHC, Nagpur region) said Academic Counselor seemed to find IGNOU students non-serious and randomly gave marks even though the students put in effort.
- Jayalakshmi Sarikonda (BCOM, MPA, Nagpur region) suggested launch of an MBA with specialization in sports management.
- Manjamuthu (BA, CNM), Mumbai) said IGNOU programmes should be offered in regional languages.
- Guruprasad Pawaskar (BSW, Panaji region) suggested re-introduction of programmes for children with special needs, slow learners and the differently abled learners.
- Develop some evaluation process by recognizing the handwriting of the students at the time of his admission so that later, purchased handwritten assignments are detected and weeded out, was suggested by Colin Coelho (CTS, CFN, Panaji region)

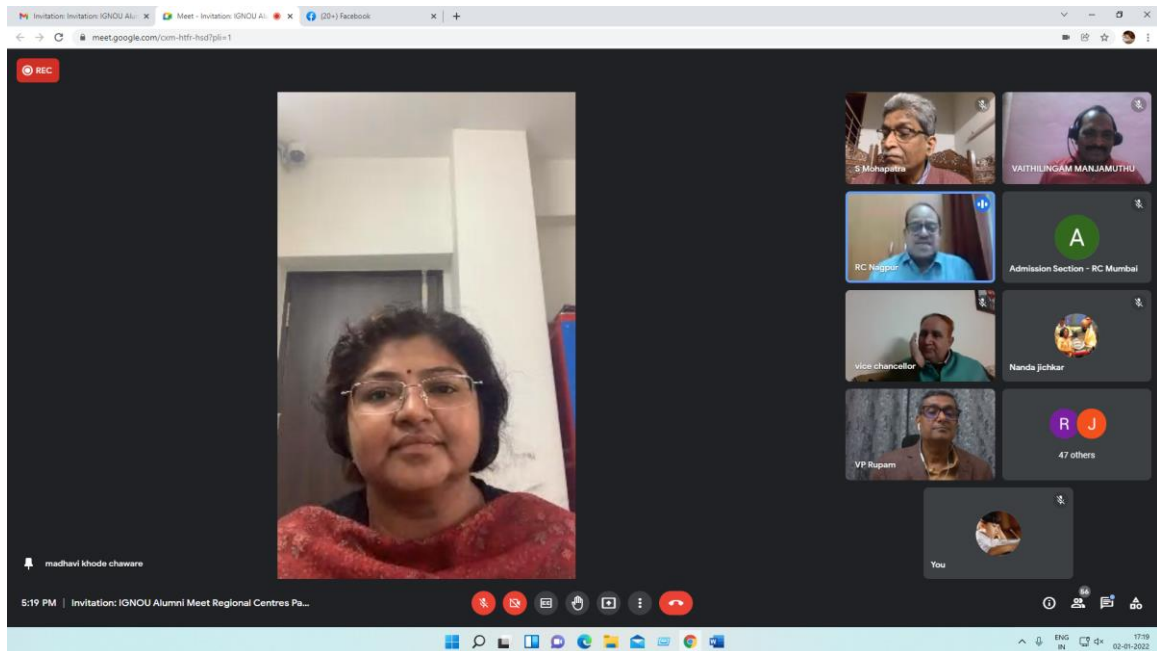
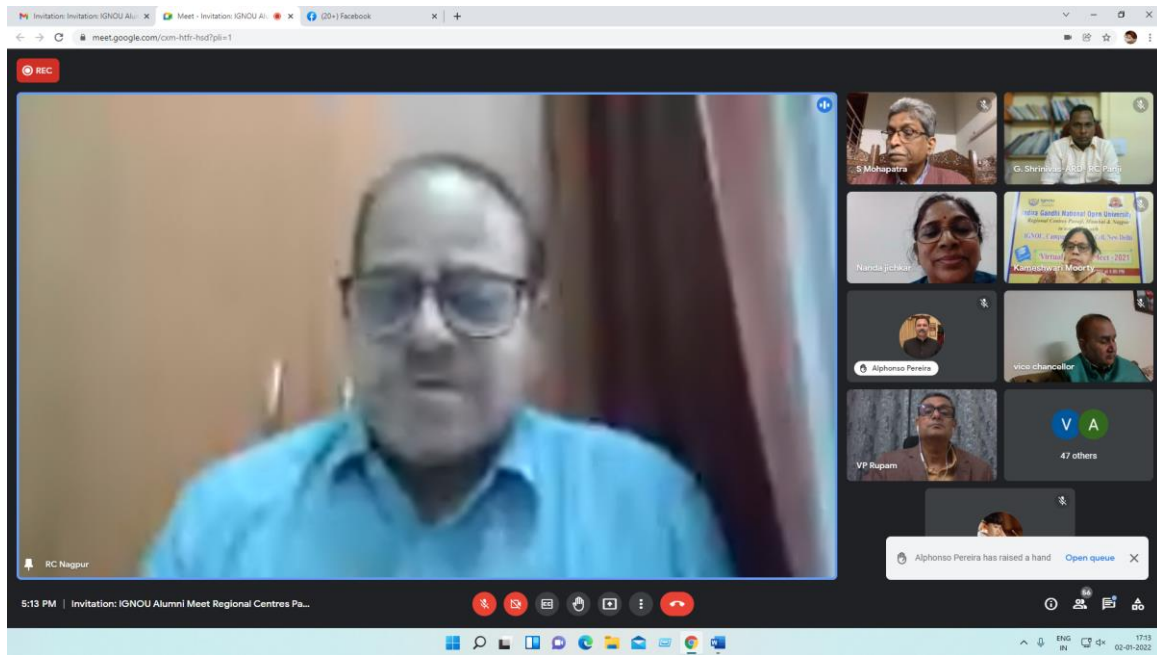
- Although the Study material was good in general, Fr. Bosco (MHD, MSCDFS, PGDT, MATS, Nagpur region), said there were a lot of printing mistake and also misplaced pages, thereby discouraging the students. He also suggested improvement in evaluation methodology for TEE as well as for assignments.

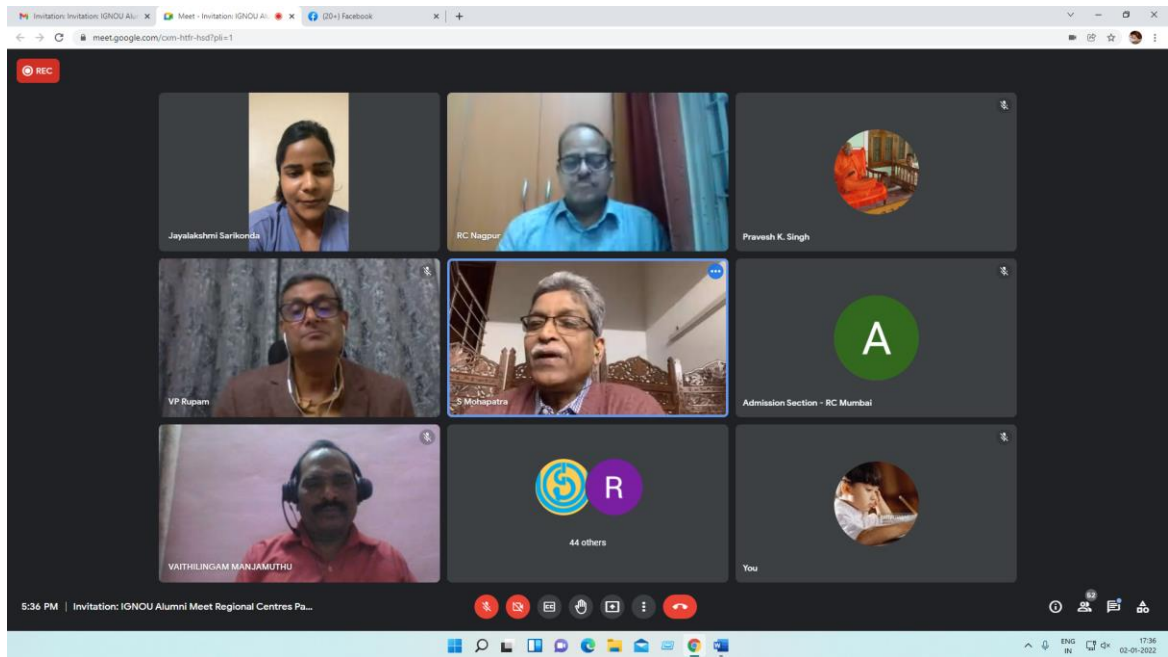
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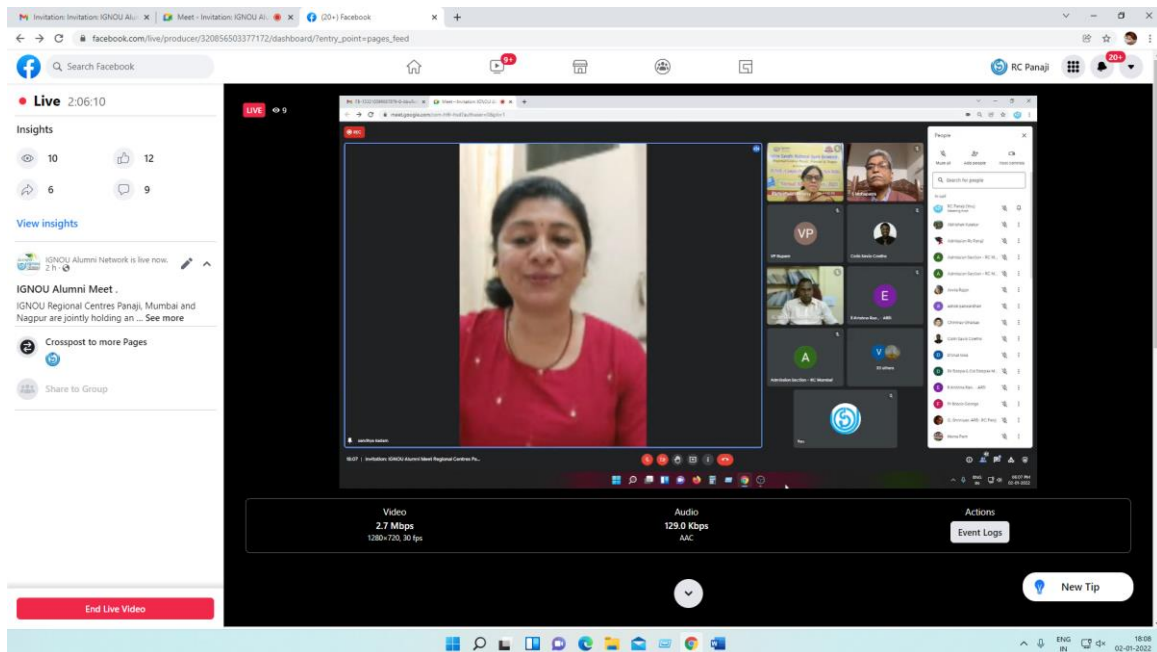
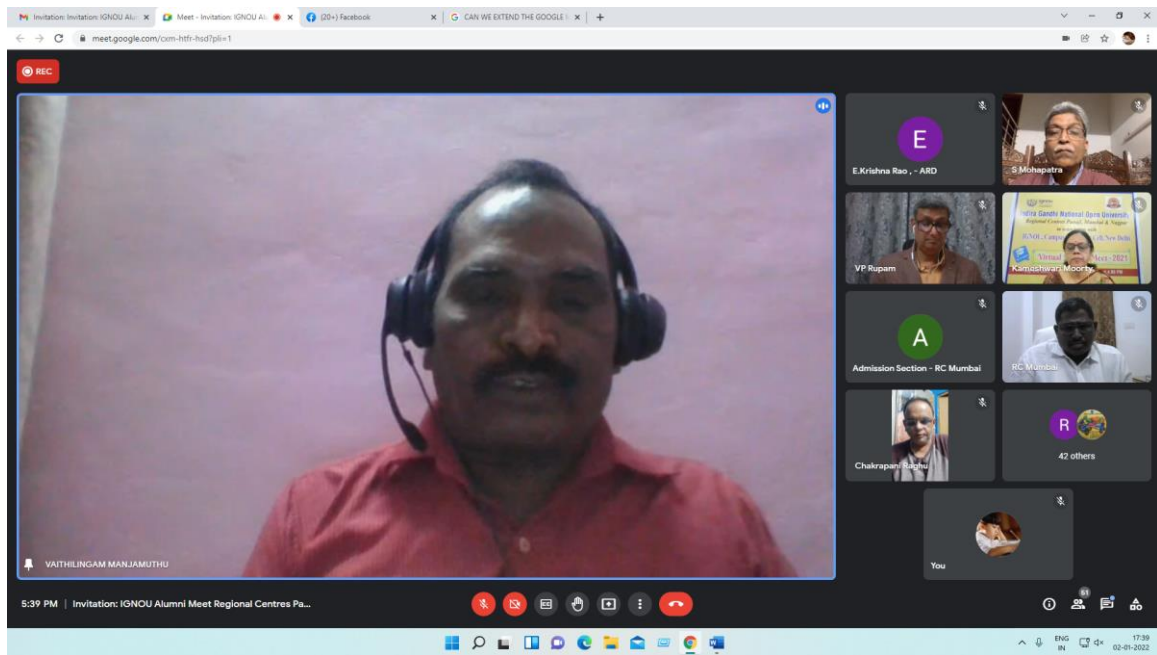


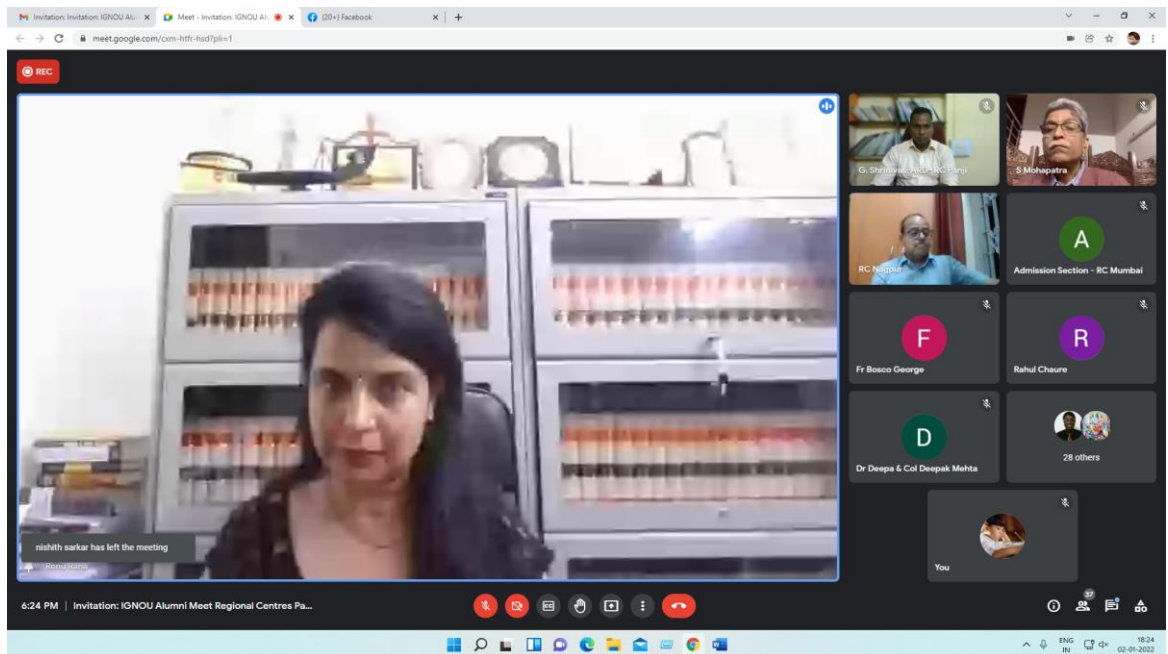












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