

**INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION (IALSE), CHENNAI
IN COLLABORATION WITH
NAZIR AJMAL MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HOJAI
ORGANIZED
INAUGURAL MASTERCLASS SERIES
&
OBSERVATION OF
WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY
ON
“YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AI AND DIGITAL SKILLS”**

Date: 15/07/2025

Time: 11:30 am to 12.30 pm

Platform: Google Meet

Objective of the Programme: To commemorate of World Youth Skills Day, the event offered a forum for skills transfer, mentorship, and engagement on critical skill building. It emphasized the need for skills such as communication, decision-making, and emotional resilience, among other new technologies and digital literacy like Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Detailed description of the event:

On World Youth Skills Day, the Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE), Chennai organized an Inaugural Masterclass in collaboration with Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education, Hojai. The occasion was focused on the theme “YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AI, DIGITAL SKILLS AND LIFE SKILLS” with specific emphasis of life skills, digital skills, and artificial intelligence (AI) for the empowering of youth in today’s world. The programme was attended by students, teachers, educators and experts for a rich and thoughtful exchange of ideas and experiences.

The programme was hosted by Dr. Gauri Hardikar, vice president of IALSE who gracefully conducted the proceedings. The event began with a welcome address by Dr. MRH Azad, IQAC Coordinator, Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education, Hojai who emphasized the importance of skill-based education in today’s competitive world.

The programme was followed by the presidential address by Dr. A Radhakrishnan Nair, president of IALSE who gave the presidential address and also spoke about the growing need for life skills and digital skills among youth. He highlighted how these skills build confidence, adaptability, responsibility and emotional strength, enabling young minds and students to navigate academic and personal challenges more effectively. He also emphasized the importance of life skills in entrepreneurship and employment. He also spoke about how life skill transformed in a person's life. He also added that we use digital skills are not going to replace our work but it refined our work more fruitful. He also spoke about other four skills those are important for every youth like- communication skill, social media handling, data interpreting and analytic skill and Critical thinking and problem-solving skill.

After that the key segment of the event was the Inaugural Masterclass delivered by Dr. K. Ellangovan, IAS (Retd.) Former Additional chief Secretary and Managing Director, INKEL Ltd) who provided an in-depth exploration of the programme's central theme- Youth Empowerment through AI, Digital Skills & Life Skills. His masterclass emphasized the practical application of these skillsets in real-world contexts and the urgent need to incorporate them into mainstream education. Dr. K. Ellangovan was pointed out the following things during his lecture –

- **He pointed out about the Importance of Interpersonal Skills-** Interpersonal skills are now essential for success. Earlier, high IQ was considered the primary determinant of success; but now EQ and CQ are equally importance. Emotional Quotient (EQ) is the ability to manage emotions, teamwork, empathy, and collaboration. EQ leads to leadership and group success. Cultural Quotient (CQ) refers to cross-cultural sensitivity and inclusivity. Those having high CQ avoid discrimination and can integrate across social, cultural, and ethnic lines.
- **He also pointed out about the Artificial Intelligence (AI) -** AI is a double-edged tool that can either aid or mislead depending on use. It helps individuals learn faster by filtering and providing relevant information. AI is essential for understanding complex intersections like law & finance, sociology & criminology, etc.
- **Another thing he highlighted, AI and Life Skills Integration-** AI complements life skills by identifying societal trends and patterns. Professional success will depend on combining academic knowledge, life skills like, EQ, CQ (emotional and cultural intelligence), and AI proficiency.
- **He also emphasized about Future of Jobs** Future jobs will need cognitive abilities such as decision-making, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Trainers will have to create life skills, digital skills, and AI skills.

At last, he mentioned that academic excellence is necessary but not enough. Success depends on a well-balanced integration of life skills, digital literacy, and artificial intelligence.

The resource person, Dr. K. Ellangovan interacted with the participants in a very real life and fruitful manner.

Interactive (Q & A) session with participants by Dr. K. Ellangovan

Q1. Can we connect inclusion with cultural skill?

A1- Yes of course, cultural intelligence have a direct connection with inclusion i.e including all and accepting their culture. Learning other culture, seeking information about different cultures of different region.

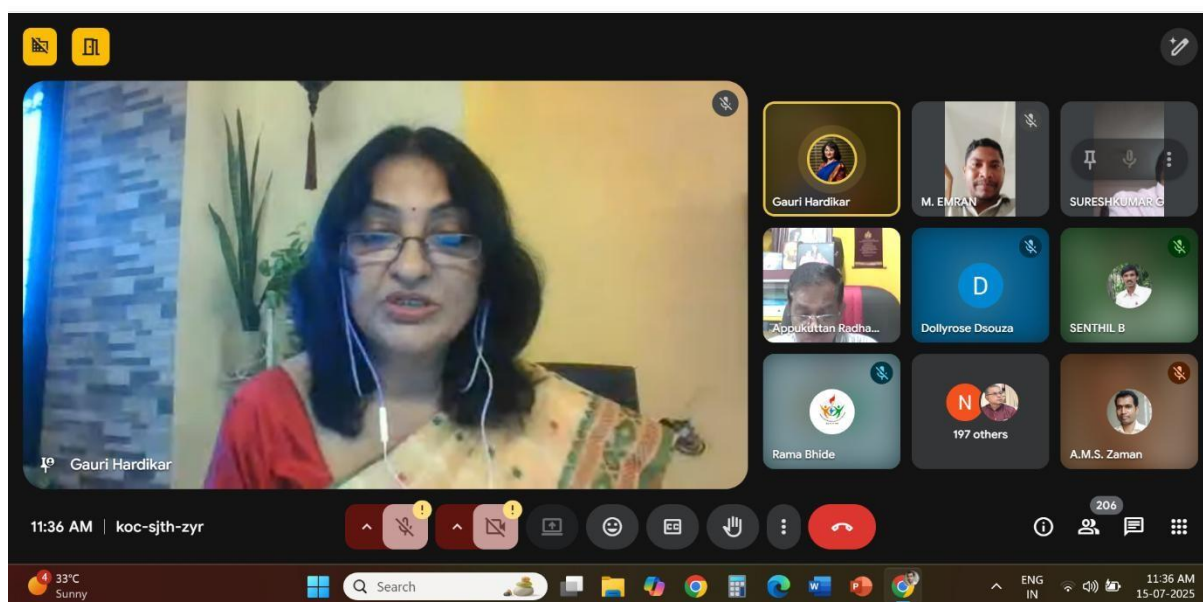
Vote of Thanks:

The session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Gauri Hardikar, vice president of IALSE, who thanked all the speakers and participants for the valuable inputs and cherished the significance of such a platform for the development of youth.

Conclusion:

The masterclass was accomplished successfully by pushing forward the consciousness of the interconnection of life skills, emerging technologies, and digital literacy, including artificial intelligence. The masterclass discussions were a strategic compass for teachers and learners in highlighting the need to develop capabilities that are responsive to emerging challenges in an increasingly complex global environment.

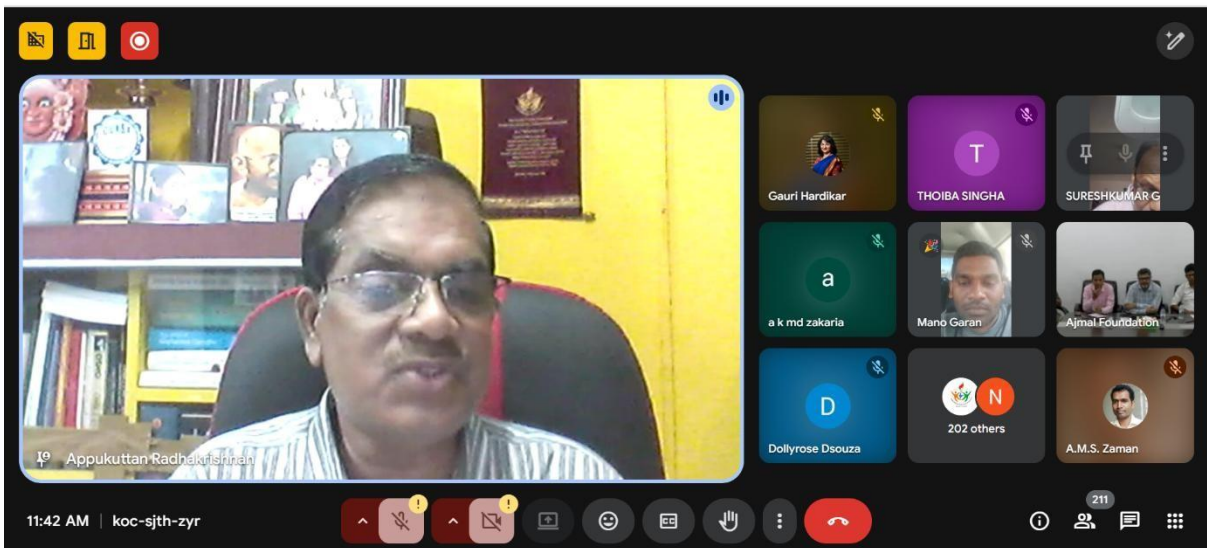
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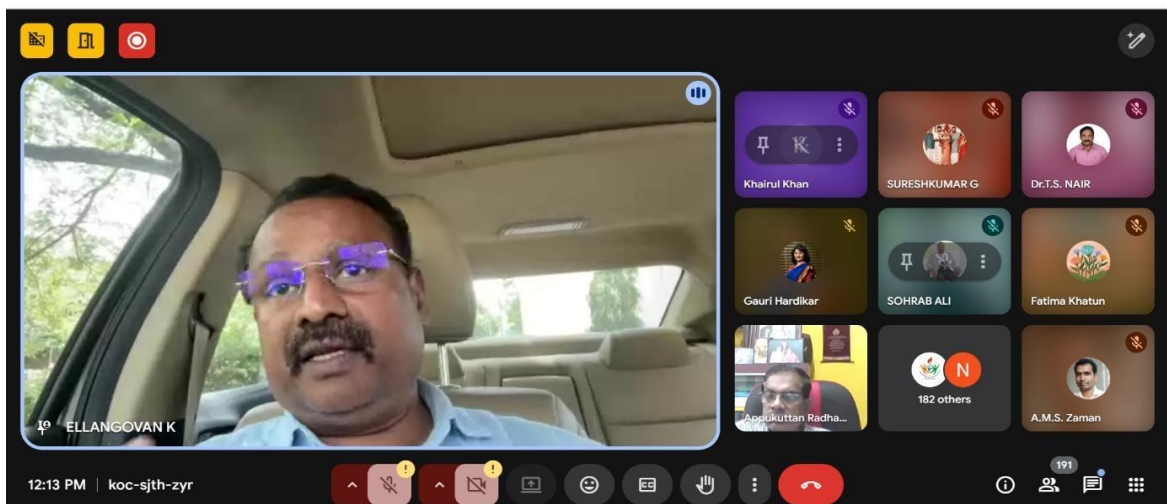
Glimpse of Dr. Gauri Hardikar, vice president of IALSE hosting the programme.



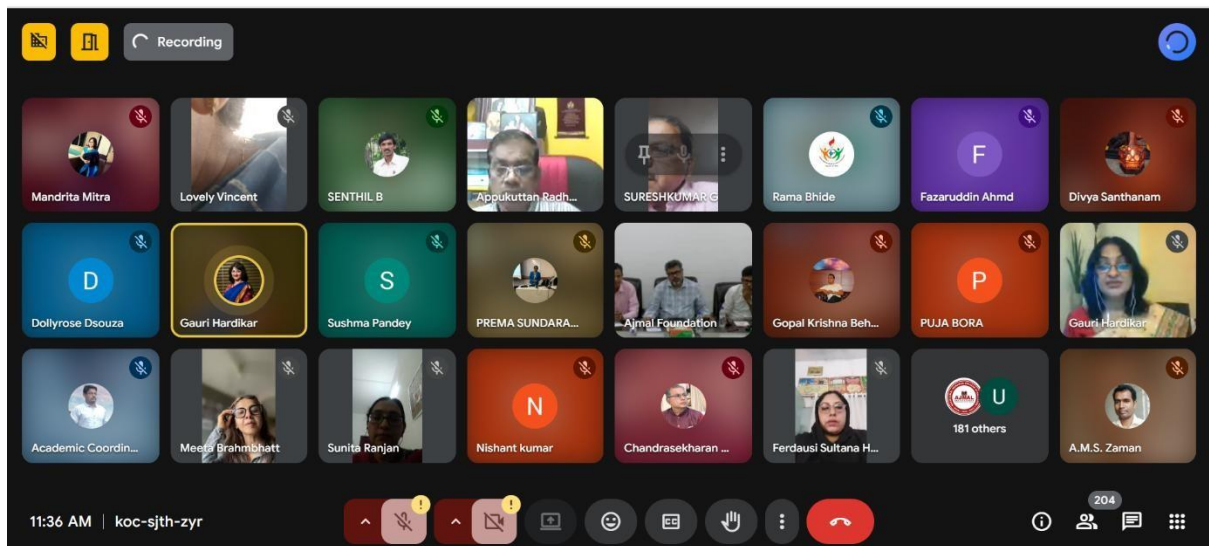
Dr. MRH Azad, IQAC Coordinator, Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education, Hojai delivering the welcome address.



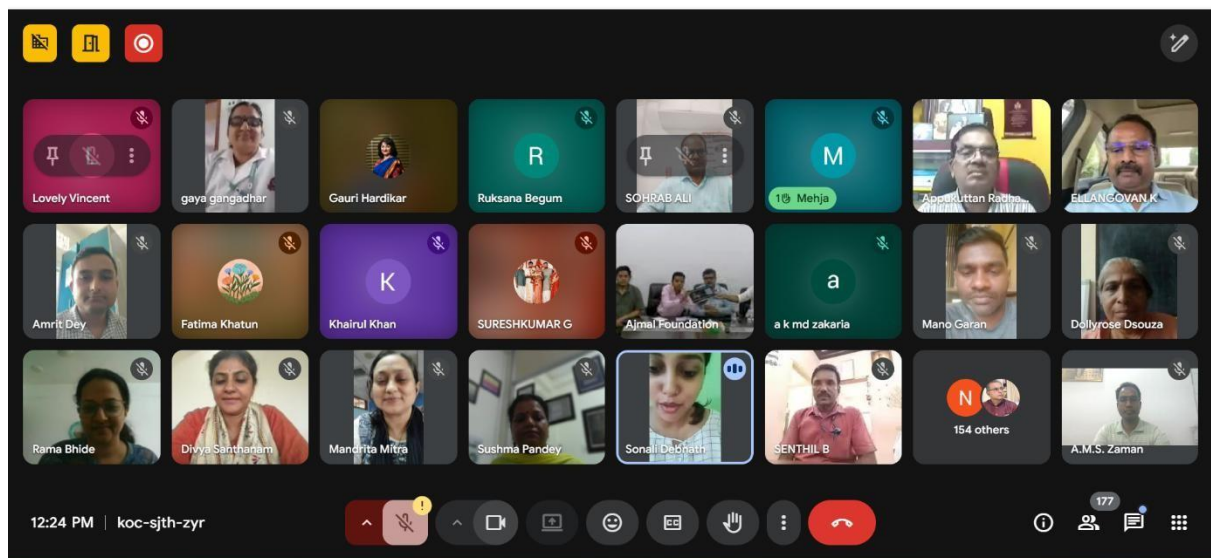
Dr. A Radhakrishnan Nair, president of IALSE addressing the presidential addressDr. K.



Ellangovan, IAS (Retd.) Former Additional chief Secretary and Managing Director, INKEL Ltd) delivering the Inaugural Masterclass.



A glimpse of all the participants at the beginning of the session.



A glimpse of all the participants at the end of the session.