INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION (IALSE), CHENNAI
In Collaboration With:
NAZIR AJMAL MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HOJAI
Organized A
MASTERCLASS SERIES # 2
&
OBSERVATION OF
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY
ON
Youth Advancing Multilateral Cooperation Through Life Skills,
Technology and Partnerships

Date: 12/08/2025   **Time:** 10:00 A.M. to 11.30 A.M.

Platform: Google Meet (Link: https://meet.google.com/jui-ajba-uqd)

Objective of the Programme:

To empower youth with essential life skills, technological competencies, and collaborative abilities to engage in effective multilateral cooperation and foster adaptability, critical thinking, and innovation, enabling young people to address global challenges, promote cross-cultural understanding, and drive sustainable development through strategic partnerships and shared learning across sectors and borders.

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 ADVANCING MULTILATERAL COOPERATION THROUGH LIFE SKILL, TECHNOLOGY AND PARTNERSHIP"**

with specific Focus on equipping youth with life skills, technology proficiency, and partnership-building abilities to foster global cooperation. Encourage adaptability, critical thinking, and cultural awareness, enabling young people to address shared challenges, innovate solutions, and contribute meaningfully to sustainable development through collective action, knowledge exchange, and cross-border collaboration.

The programme was hosted by Miss Sonali Debnath Asst. Professor of Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education, Co-Coordinator of IQAC 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 youth 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 presented the theme "Youth Advancing Multilateral Cooperation Through Life Skills" to highlight the importance of preparing young people for global collaboration. His approach underscores that by developing essential life skills—such as adaptability, responsibility, problem-solving—youth can actively participate in partnerships across borders and sectors. These skills equip them to address both local and global challenges, foster teamwork, and engage productively in a fast-evolving world.

After that the key segment of the event was the Thematic Masterclass # 2 delivered by Shri Yogender Chaudhry, IRS (Retd.), Managing Trustee of the Public Media Tech Foundation, Delhi, and former Advisor to the Chief Minister of Haryana as well as former Principal Secretary of Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Haryana, delivered a keynote address on the theme "Youth Advancing Multilateral Cooperation Through Life Skills, Technology and Partnerships". shared a Panchatantra-inspired message: Like the fables where animals use wisdom and teamwork to overcome challenges, today's youth must harness life skills, technological know-how, and collaborative spirit. He stressed that these tools and partnerships empower young people to work together across borders, innovate solutions, and address common challenges, building a sustainable and inclusive global future. Shri Yogender Chaudhry, IRS (Retd.), focus is on ensuring that youth are not only ready for employment and entrepreneurship but are empowered to contribute meaningfully to international cooperation and progress through a balanced combination of life skills, technology, and strategic partnerships.

Voices of Youth:

This session showcases diverse perspectives from young leaders across India, each highlighting unique challenges and opportunities related to life skills, technology, and partnerships:

1. Ms. Shruti Khalkho (Ph.D Scholar, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar):

➢ Emphasizes that life skills and technology are not just tools but a language in themselves for today's youth.
➢ Views technology as the digital archive of the global village, facilitating cross-cultural understanding and global cooperation.

2. Ms. Sneha Paul (B.A. Economics, 3rd Year, Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum):

➢ Addresses the general phenomena of migration and the need for more social support, especially for youth in Kerala.
➢ Highlights how students in Kerala face emotional and social challenges, stressing that youth engagement in life skills, technology, and social welfare initiatives is crucial for coping and adaptation.

3. Ms. Christina Chinappa (M.A. Counselling Psychology, 2nd Year, Smt. M.M.P. Shah Women's College, Mumbai):

➢ Focuses on unity and action for addressing challenges faced by youth from grassroots to global levels.
➢ Advocates for the use of life skills to solve young generation's problems.

➢ Suggests digital platforms can play a key role in improving mental health and welfare.

4. Ms. Srija Mohanty (B.A. Sociology, 2nd Year, KIIT, Bhubaneswar):

➢ Champions local youth action under the theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future."
➢ Promotes climate activism and waste management through technology.
➢ Supports global youth mobilization for both national and international issues.

5. Ms. Mohsina Rahman (B.A.L.L.B. 5th Semester, Ajmal Law College, Hojai, Assam):

➢ Stresses the importance of gender equity and classroom debates/competitions as tools for tackling global concerns.
➢ Highlights the need for collaboration in addressing worldwide issues.

Question and Answer Insight -Shri Yogender Chaudhry, IRS (Retd.):

➢ Shared that silence is one of the biggest challenges in our life — not just external silence, but the inner quiet that can sometimes lead to lack of communication or unspoken issues.
➢ Stressed the importance of positive mindfulness as a tool to overcome this challenge, enabling individuals to engage more meaningfully with themselves and others.
➢ Linked mindfulness to life skills development, emphasizing that conscious awareness and active presence foster stronger cooperation in multilateral and community initiatives.

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 programme successfully underscored the transformative power of life skills, technology, and partnerships in empowering youth for multilateral cooperation. It inspired adaptability, critical thinking, innovation, and cross-cultural understanding, equipping young minds to address global challenges, foster inclusivity, and drive sustainable development through collective action, shared learning, and meaningful international collaboration.
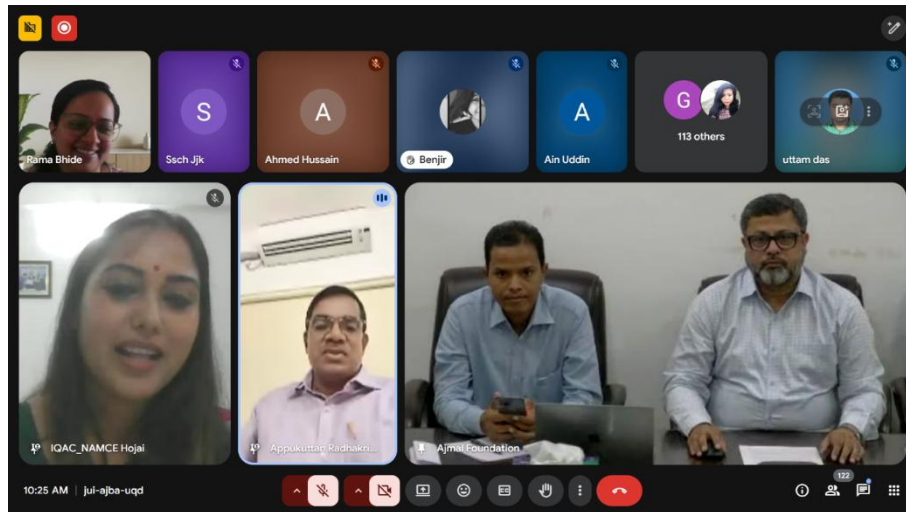
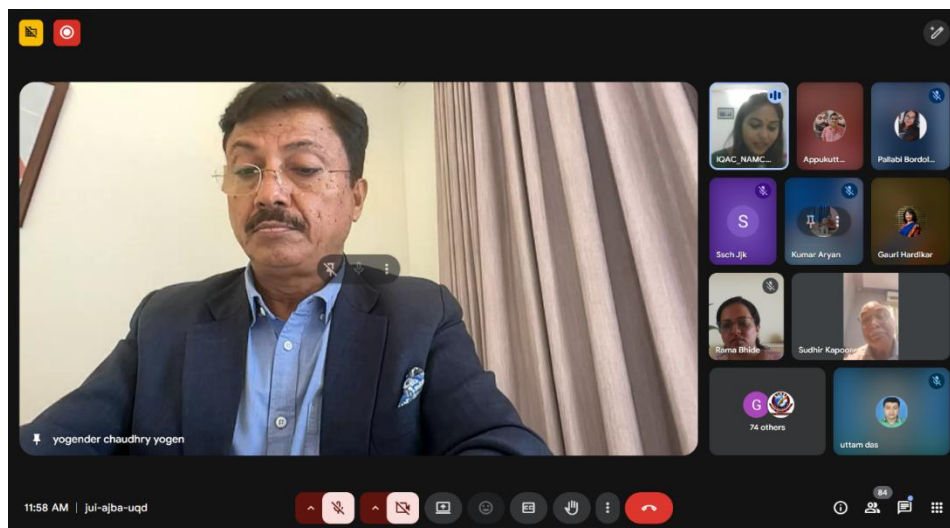**Screenshots from the event:**
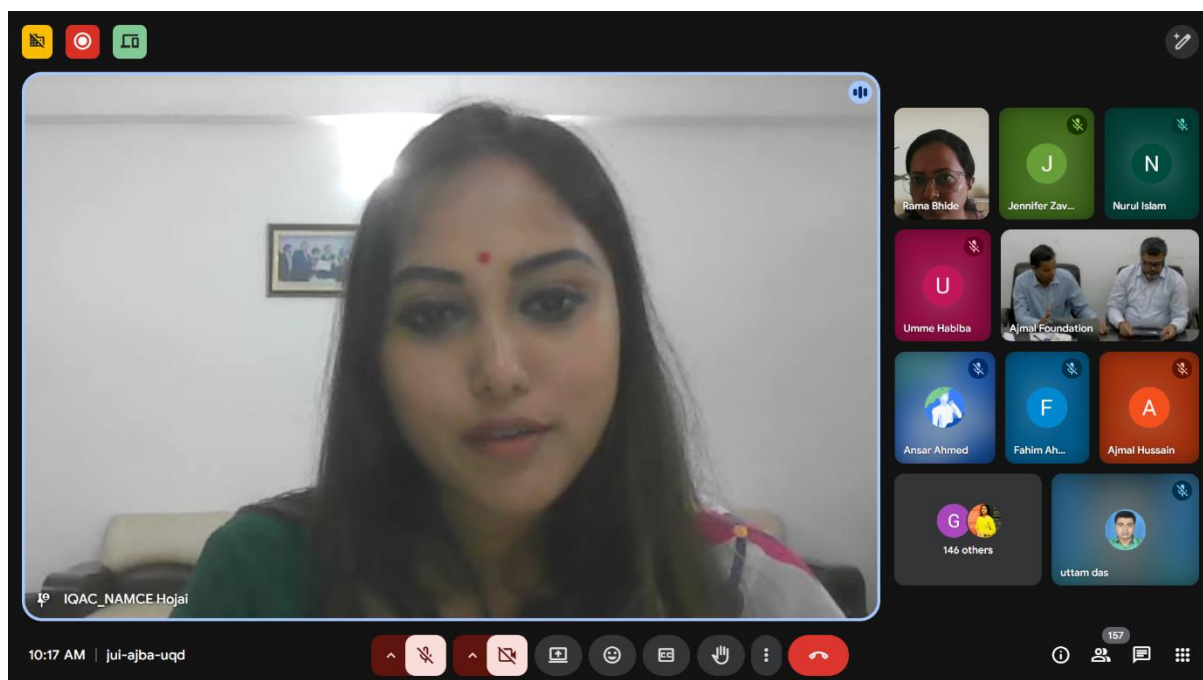
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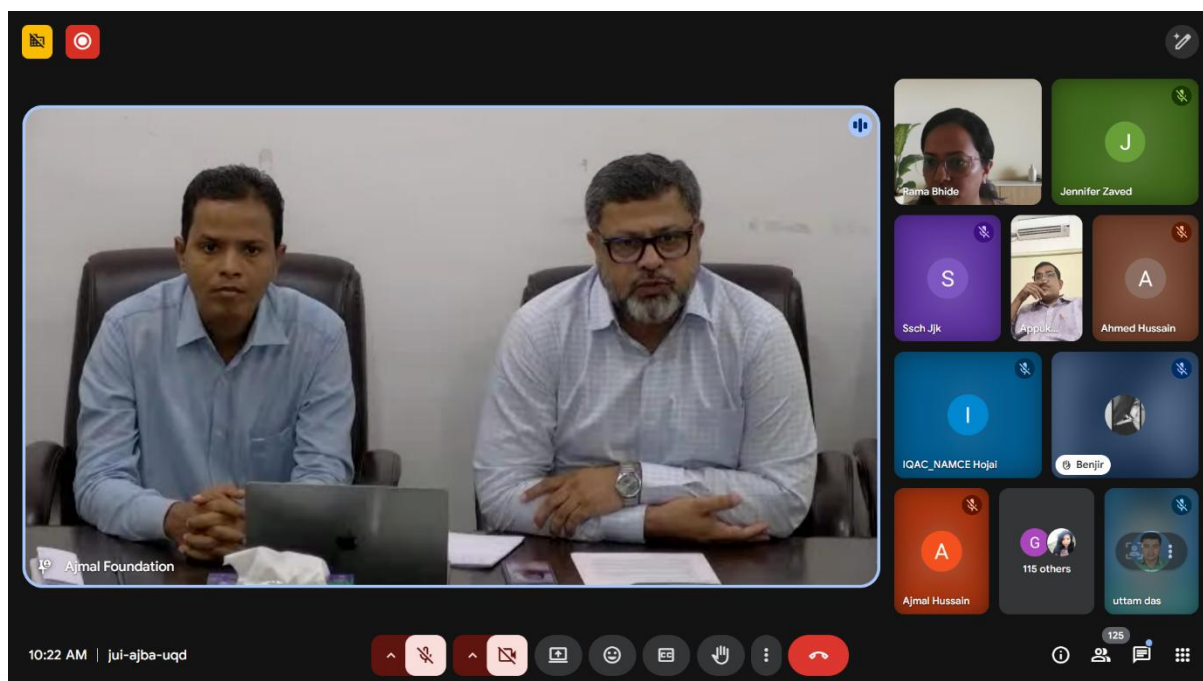
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Dr. A Radhakrishnan Nair, president of IALSE delivering the presidential address

Shri Yogender Chaudhry, IRS (Retd.), during the master class.

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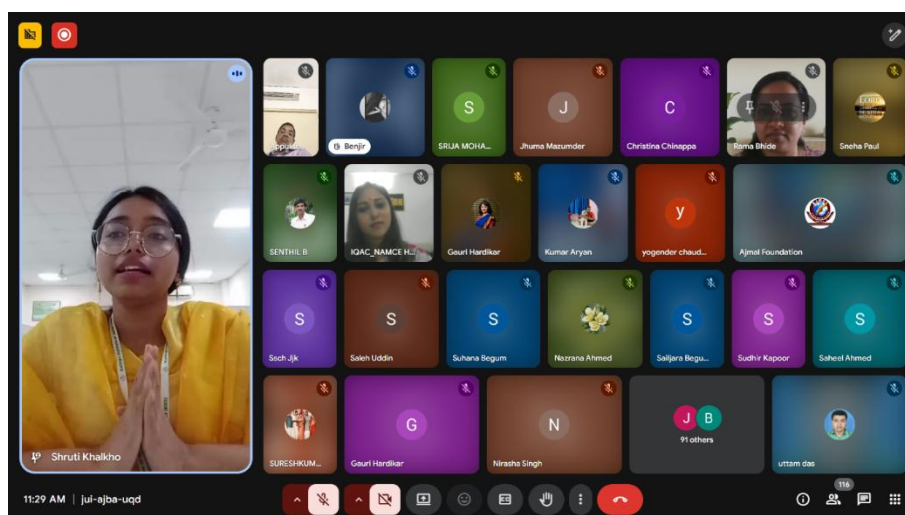
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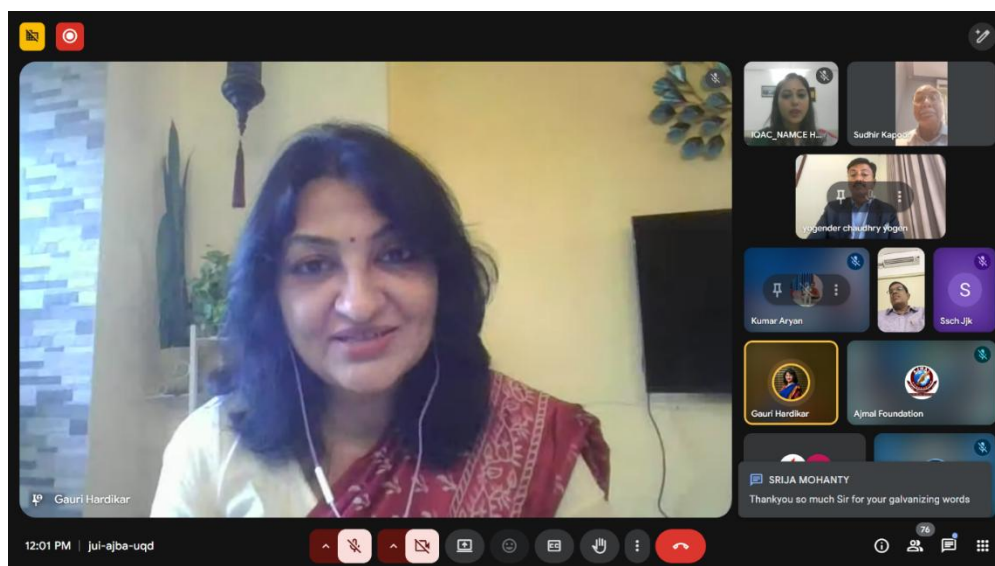

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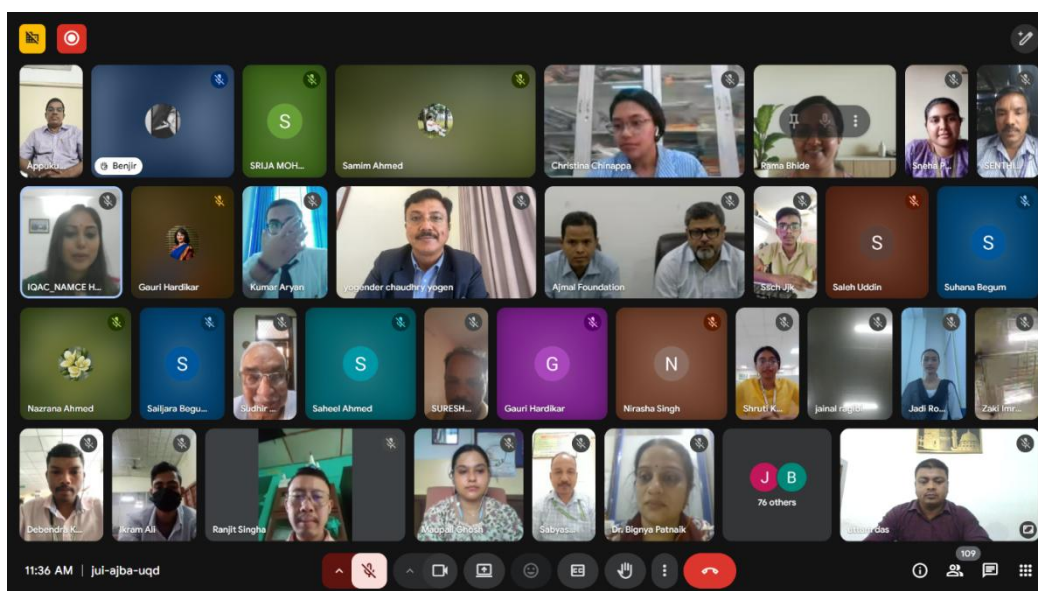

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Dr. Gauri Hardikar, Vice President, IALSE while Delivering the vote of thanks

A screenshot taken after the successful completion of the event