

MASTERCLASS # 2
Thematic Masterclass Series
&
Observation of
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY
On
Youth Advancing Multilateral Cooperation Through Life Skills,
Technology and Partnerships

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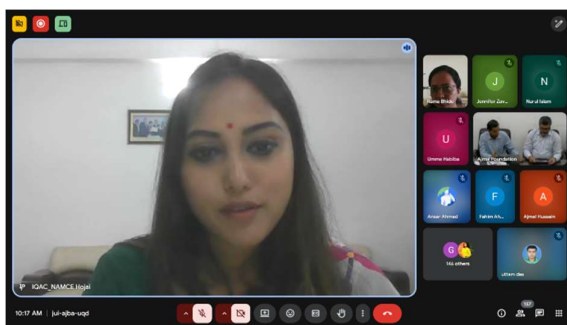
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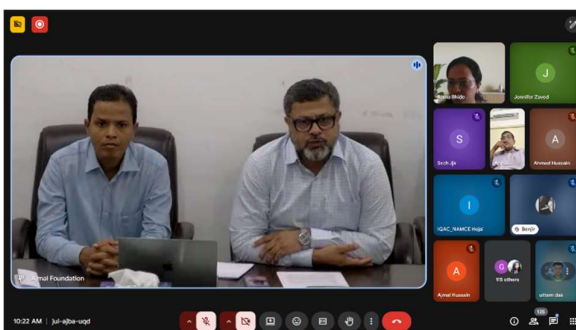
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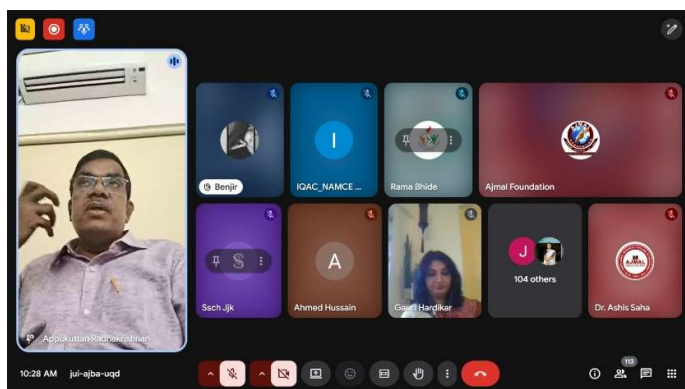
On the occasion of **International Youth Day**, the Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE), Chennai, in collaboration with Nazir Ajmal Memorial College of Education (NAMCE), Hojai, organized **Masterclass Series #2** on the theme “*Youth Advancing Multilateral Cooperation Through Life Skills, Technology, and Partnerships.*” The program focused on equipping youth with essential life skills, technological competencies, and collaborative abilities to engage in effective multilateral cooperation. The session aimed to 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.



Ms. Sonali Debnath, Assistant Professor and Co-Coordinator of IQAC, NAMCE, Hojai, conducted the proceedings with great grace.

Dr. M.R.H. Azad, IQAC Coordinator, NAMCE, Hojai presented the Welcome Address, emphasizing the importance of skill-based education for youth in today's competitive world.





This was followed by the Presidential Address by Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, President, IALSE, who introduced the theme and highlighted how life skills, such as adaptability, responsibility, and problem-solving, prepare youth for global collaboration. His approach underscores the thought that by developing essential life skills, 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.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Shri Yogender Chaudhry, IRS (Retd.), Managing Trustee, Public Media Tech Foundation, Delhi; Former Advisor to the Chief Minister of Haryana; Former Principal Secretary, Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Haryana. Shri.



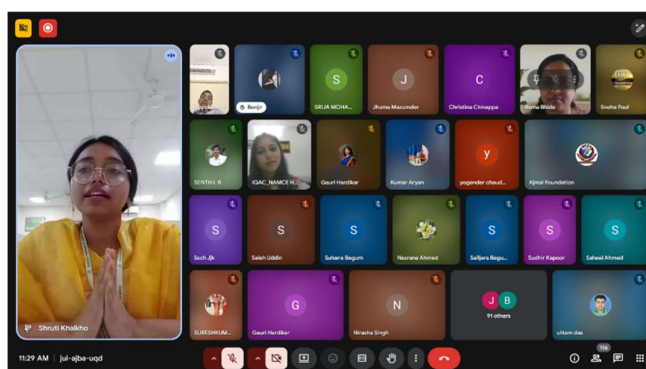
Yogender Chaudhry IRS (Retd.) shared a Panchatantra-inspired message, drawing parallels between ancient wisdom and modern youth empowerment. He shared how in the fables, animals use wisdom and teamwork to overcome challenges. Similarly, he emphasized that today's youth must harness life skills, technological 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. He shared how his focus is on ensuring that youth are not only ready for employment and entrepreneurship but are empowered to contribute meaningfully to international cooperation and sustainable progress through a balanced combination of life skills, technology, and strategic partnerships.

Voices of Youth

The session featured five dynamic youth speakers: **Ms. Shruti Khalkho, Ms. Sneha Paul, Ms. Christina Chinappa, Ms. Srija Mohanty and Ms. Mohsina Rahman.**

Ms. Shruti Khalkho, Ph.D. Scholar, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, emphasized that life skills and technology are not just tools but a language in themselves for today's youth. She expressed that she views technology as the digital archive of the global village, facilitating cross-cultural understanding and global cooperation.





Ms. Sneha Paul, B.A. Economics, 3rd year, Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum, addressed the general phenomena of migration and the need for more social support, especially for youth in Kerala. She highlighted 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.

Ms. Christina Chinappa, M.A. Counselling Psychology, 2nd year, Smt. M.M.P. Shah Women's College of Arts & Commerce (Autonomous), Mumbai, focused on unity and action for addressing challenges faced by youth from grassroots to global levels. She expressed advocacy for the use of life skills to solve the problems of the young generation. She suggested that digital platforms can play a key role in improving mental health and welfare.



Ms. Srijia Mohanty, B.A. (Sociology) 2nd year, School of Liberal Studies, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar, emphasised on local youth action under the theme of “One Earth, One Family, One Future.” She strongly promotes climate activism and waste management through technology. She voiced her support for global youth mobilization for both national and international issues.

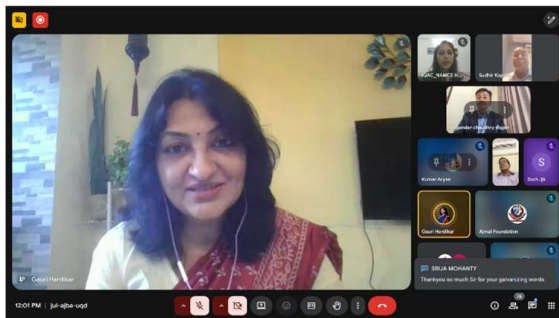
Ms. Mohsina Rahman, B.A.L.L.B. 5th Semester, Ajmal Law college, Hojai, stressed on the importance of gender equity and classroom debates and competitions as tools for tackling global concerns. She highlighted the need for collaboration in addressing worldwide issues.



Their presentations explored critical dimensions of multilateral cooperation, including gender inequality and the importance of platforms like classroom debate competitions to foster dialogue and critical thinking. Tools for tackling global concerns and enabling collaboration were highlighted as pivotal, underscored by the phenomenon of migration in Kerala and the corresponding need for robust social support systems.

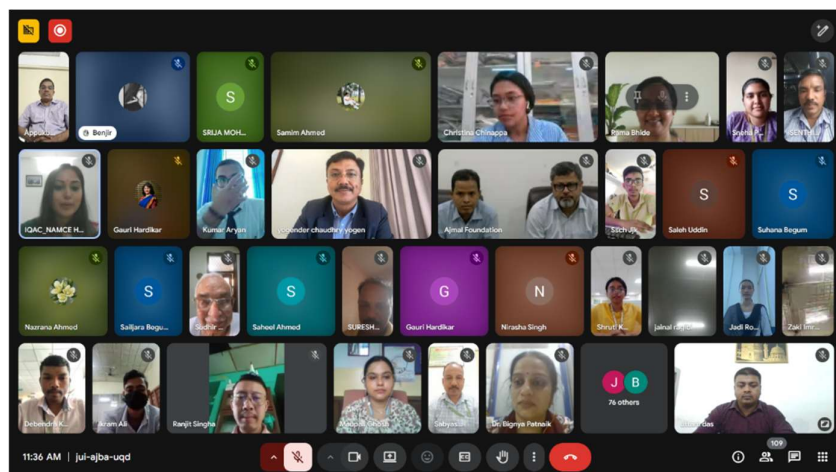
They affirmed that youth engagement in life skills, technology, and social welfare can address challenges from grassroots to global levels. Life skills were presented as solutions to the problems faced by the younger generation, with digital platforms playing a critical role in supporting mental health and welfare. Their collective vision embraced the idea of “*One Earth, One Family, One Future*” through digital connections, advocating for global youth mobilization on both national and international stages.

Rejecting the notion of life skills and technology as mere tools, they regarded them as languages of interaction and transformation, with technology functioning as the archive of the global village. This holistic engagement empowers youth to contribute proactively to multilateral cooperation, social equity, and sustainable development worldwide.



The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Gauri Hardikar, Vice President of IALSE. She expressed gratitude to all speakers and participants, and emphasized the importance of such platforms in nurturing youth leadership and collaboration.

The Masterclass successfully showcased the transformative power of life skills, technology, and partnerships in empowering youth for multilateral cooperation. It inspired adaptability, innovation, and cross-cultural understanding—equipping young minds to address global challenges, foster inclusivity, and drive sustainable development through collective action and shared learning.



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