Report on first monthly webinar organised by EBSB club- June 2020

The Ek Baharat Sresht Bharat club flagged off the first webinar of the monthly webinar series jointly organized by NIT Calicut and NIT Hamirpur on 30th June 2020 through Zoom cloud meeting platform. The theme of the inaugural webinar was "Covid-19 impact: An NIT perspective" and it showcased eminent speakers from both institutions, Dr. S.D Madhu Kumar from NITC and Dr. Narottam Chand from NITH. A good number of participants chimed in from both institutions. The webinar, coordinated by Ms. Hridya of NIT Calicut ,began at 4.00 pm with a warm welcome followed by a brief description of the programme by Dr. Jay Prakash, Assistant professor in the Computer Science department and Nodal Officer of EBSB, NIT Calicut. He highlighted the significance of the Ek Baharat Sresht Bharat club and described the activities planned by NIT Calicut. He also spoke about the cultural diversity of both regions and the importance of a collaborative effort in binding these differences to strengthen the plural fabric of the nation. Dr. Jay Prakash ended his inaugural speech by wishing both speakers good luck.

The coordinator introduced the first speaker of the day, Dr. S. D Madhu Kumar from NIT Calicut, who is a veteran professor of CSE department and Dean Student Welfare of NIT Calicut. He did his Masters from the department of Computer Science & Automation, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore and obtained his doctorate from the department of Computer Science & Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. The coordinator also added that Dr. Madhu Kumar was well known for his resourcefulness and enthusiasm in organizing activities for the college and handed over the forum to Dr. Madhu Kumar.

Dr. Madhu Kumar started off with a note of gratitude to the Ek Baharat Sresht Bharat club for organising the webinar. He spoke about the steps taken by NIT Calicut to provide a safe environment to its inmates during this pandemic. He enumerated the preventive measures adopted by NIT Calicut for the same. The participants were charmed by his seamless presentation style and impressive content. Special emphasis was given to the technologies developed by NIT Calicut to battle this unprecedented situation and it was widely appreciated by everyone. Other aspects discussed included the academic action plan involving the pattern of the online semester examinations and the mark split up. The importance of mental health was also discussed along with the efforts taken up by the institute to help students with such issues. He concluded his presentation with an interesting quiz for the participants of NIT Hamirpur. It had an overwhelming response and everyone thanked Dr. Madhu Kumar for his wonderful presentation.

After Dr. Madhu Kumar's presentation, Dr.Tapas Palai, was invited to introduce the next speaker and throw light on the activities of the club in NIT Hamirpur. Dr. Palai is an Assistant Professor in the department of Chemical Engineering and the Nodal officer of EBSB, NIT Hamirpur. He congratulated NIT Calicut for its achievements and expressed his concern about the growing number of Covid-19 cases in India. Along with the description of the activities planned by EBSB NIT Hamirpur, he pointed out the need for effective preventive methods and a safe curriculum for the students across the country. He then introduced the second speaker of the webinar, Dr. Narottam Chand of NIT Hamirpur. Dr.Chand is Associate Dean Academic and an erudite professor of the Computer Science department of NIT Hamirpur. He did his Masters from the department of Computer Science Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and obtained his doctorate from the department of Computer Science & Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. After the introduction, with warm regards to everyone, Dr. Palai handed over the platform to Dr. Chand.

Dr. Chand launched his presentation with an inspiring quote which caught the attention of the participants and started off with the importance of spreading awareness about the virus. He discussed the various projects undertaken by NIT Hamirpur to deal with COVID 19, in detail and the measures which are planned to take the Academic and Research activities forward. The session was interactive and he answered the questions of many participants. He enquired about the health status of the participants and gave every one quick tips to stay protected. He also illustrated the action plan of his team and the future measures to be taken in case college reopens in short notice. His session received a lot of applause and he concluded on a hopeful note.

After both speakers presented, the forum was open for questions and discussion. A short combined interactive session was aired as both speakers actively answered the queries of the participants and assured complete cooperation from both NITs. Once all the questions were answered, the discussion came to an end. Mr. Haq Nizar, a fifth year Dual degree student, Computer Science and Engineering department, NIT Hamirpur delivered the vote of thanks. He thanked both professors for the amazing presentations and hoped for more ventures from the EBSB club. He expressed his gratitude to the EBSB clubs of both NITs for providing such an incredible opportunity and finally thanked everyone for taking part in the webinar. Ms.Hridya thanked everyone once again for participating and the webinar came to an end by 5.30pm.

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THEME
COVID 19 Impact – An NIT Perspective

SPEAKERS

- Dr.S.D Madhu Kumar
  Professor & Dean(SW), NIT Calicut

- Dr. Narottam Chand
  Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering,
  Associate Dean (Academic), NIT Hamirpur

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