

## REPORT OF ONLINE NATIONAL WEBINAR IN BOTANY

Department of Botany, Kisan Veer Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized an online national Webinar on “Biodiversity and Biotechnological interventions” on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 10.00 AM. on Zoom Platform. The eminent speakers **Mr. Shekhar Abasaheb Mohite**, Head, Department of Botany LBS College Satara and Dr. **Jaykumar Chavan**, Head, Dept. of Biotechnology and Assistant Professor in Botany, Yashwantrao Chavan Institute of Science (Autonomous), Satara were invited to deliver expert talk in the Webinar.

Dr. R.R. Vaidya welcomed all the dignitaries, expert speakers and the participants for the online National webinar and made an introductory speech. He also introduced the Chief Guest, Hon. Dr. Jaywantrao Chaudhari, Secretary, Janata Shikshan Sanstha, Wai and Chairperson, Dr. E. B. Bhalerao, I/C Principal, Kisan Veer Mahavidyalaya, Wai.

As a chief guest, Dr. Jaywantrao Chaudhari addressed the participants and expressed good wishes for the successful conduct of the webinar. I/C Principal Dr. Bhalerao in his presidential address mentioned the importance of Western Ghats and the need for conservation of Biodiversity at “Kaas Plateau” which is world famous as “World Natural Heritage Site”. He expected fruitful discussion and deliberation to come out from the webinar which will guide the young researchers, students and teachers in future.

Mr. Shekhar Mohite delivered a lecture on “World Natural Heritage site – KAAS PLATEAU”. The lateritic soil and the microclimate of kaas plateau has boosted the emergence of high bio KAAS PLATEAU diversity. He pointed out that the interference of visitors and overcrowding is a serious threat to the biodiversity of flowering plants in the region.

Dr. Jaykumar Chavan delivered a lecture on “Biotechnological interventions towards biodiversity conservation”. He stated the role of biotechnological tools as tissue culture technique, in-situ and ex-situ practices for conservation of rare, endangered and threatened plants. He also mentioned the need for education of masses regarding the importance of these plants in nature.

The National Webinar was attended on zoom platform and also by live streaming on YouTube. A good response was received from 218 participants over 100 colleges in various districts of Maharashtra, Karnataka, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh and Udaipur etc. There was a panel discussion session on both the lectures and it was precisely answered by the speakers to participant’s satisfaction. The staff of our college along with Vice-Principal. Mr. V. B. Karade and Vice-Principal Dr. B.B. Agedkar participated in this webinar to witness the beauty of Kaas Plateau.

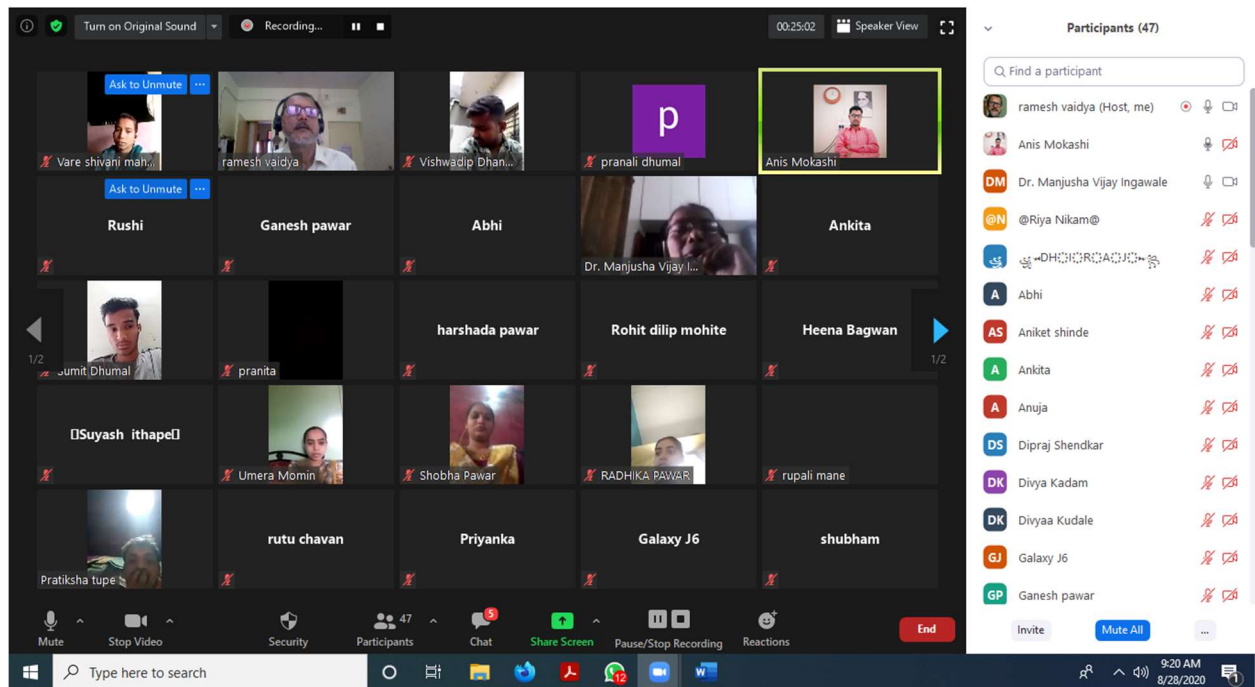
The national webinar concluded with vote of thanks to eminent speakers, dignitaries and participants proposed by IQAC Coordinator, Mr. S. P. Kamble. Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Kisan Veer Mahavidyalaya, Wai. Anchoring of the entire programme was conducted by Organizing Secretary, Dr. M.V. Ingawale.

The organizers are thankful to the honorable authorities of Sanstha and I/C Principal Dr. E. B. Bhalerao for permitting the organization of online National Webinar. The tireless technical support given by Dr. Kiran Sontakke, Mr. Kiran Shinde, Mr. Mahendra Koli, Mr. Aniket Chavan, Mr. Sunil Chavan, Mr. Dilip Jadhav is appreciable. The necessary arrangements provided by the non-teaching staff of the college are noteworthy to mention. Thanks to all the expert speakers, dignitaries and participants for their cooperation to make the event successful

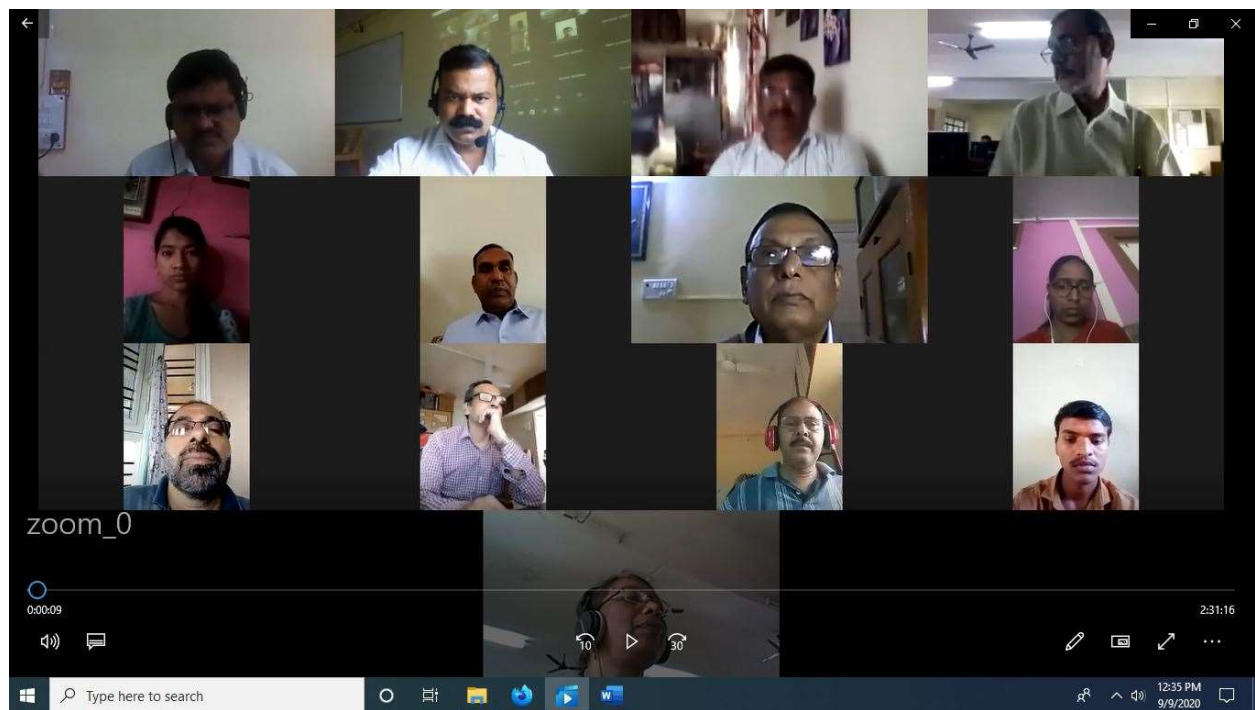


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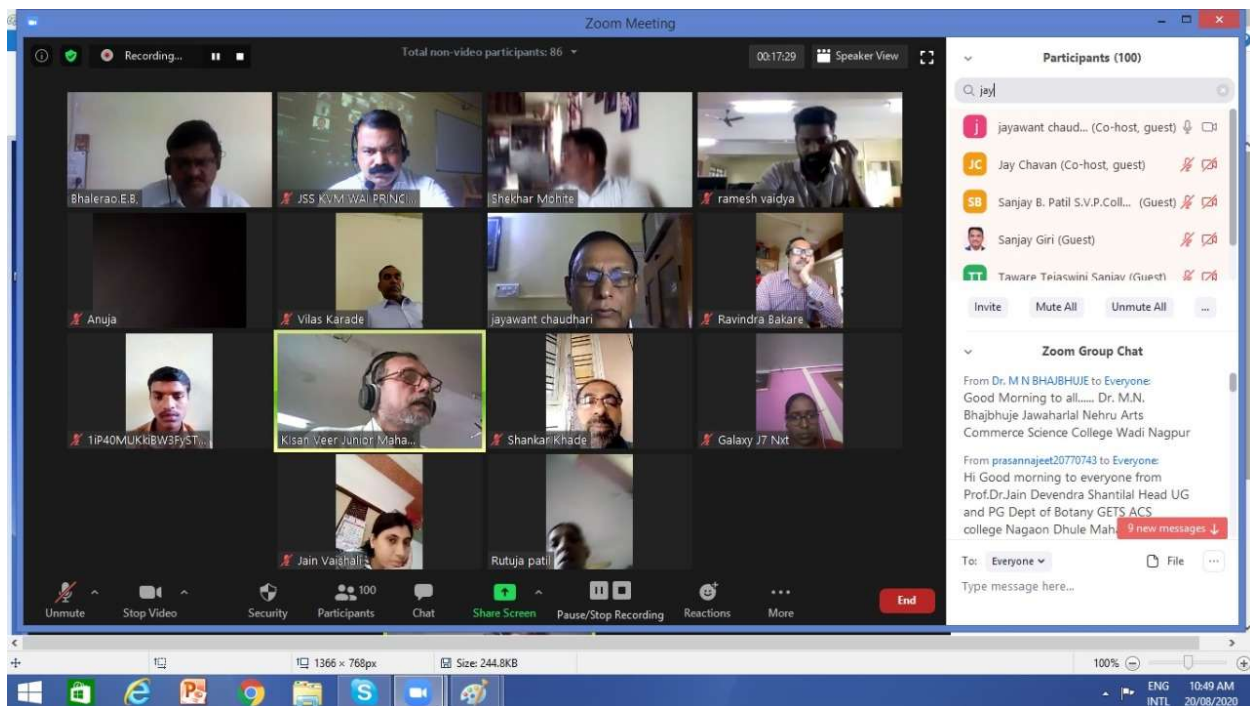
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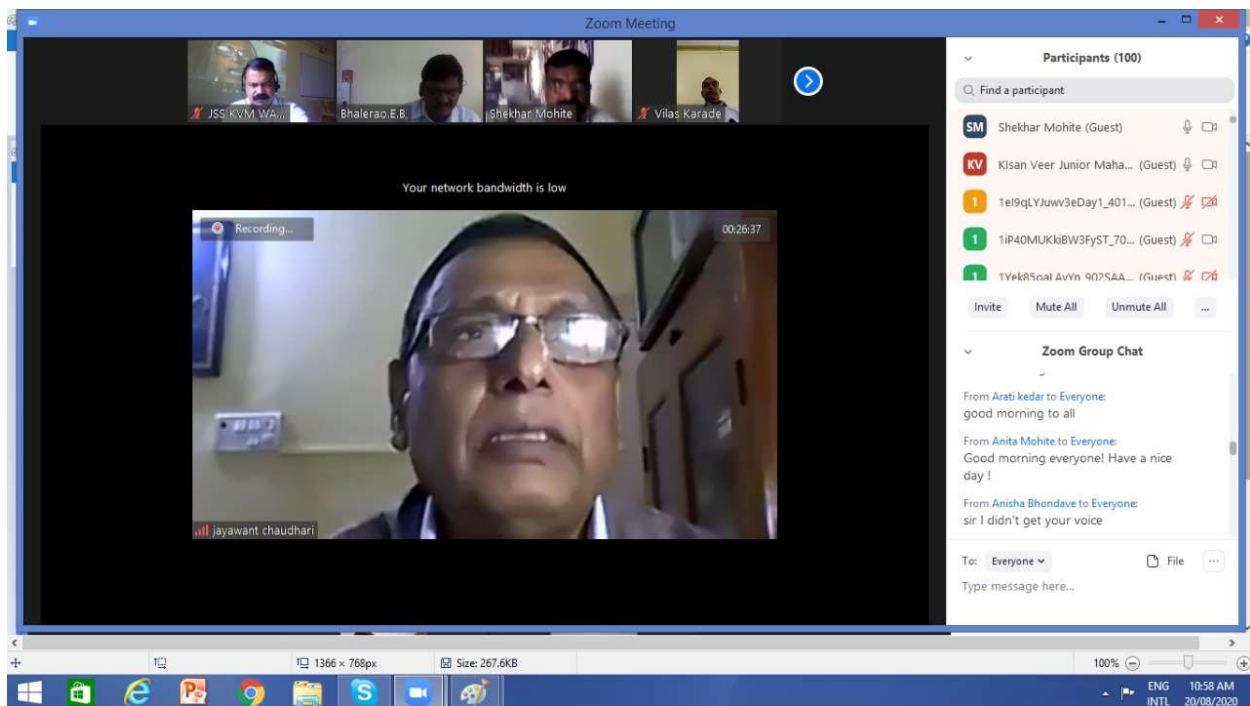
Participants present for the webinar on Zoom



Dr. M.V. Ingawale, Organizing Secretary, welcoming the participants and guest.

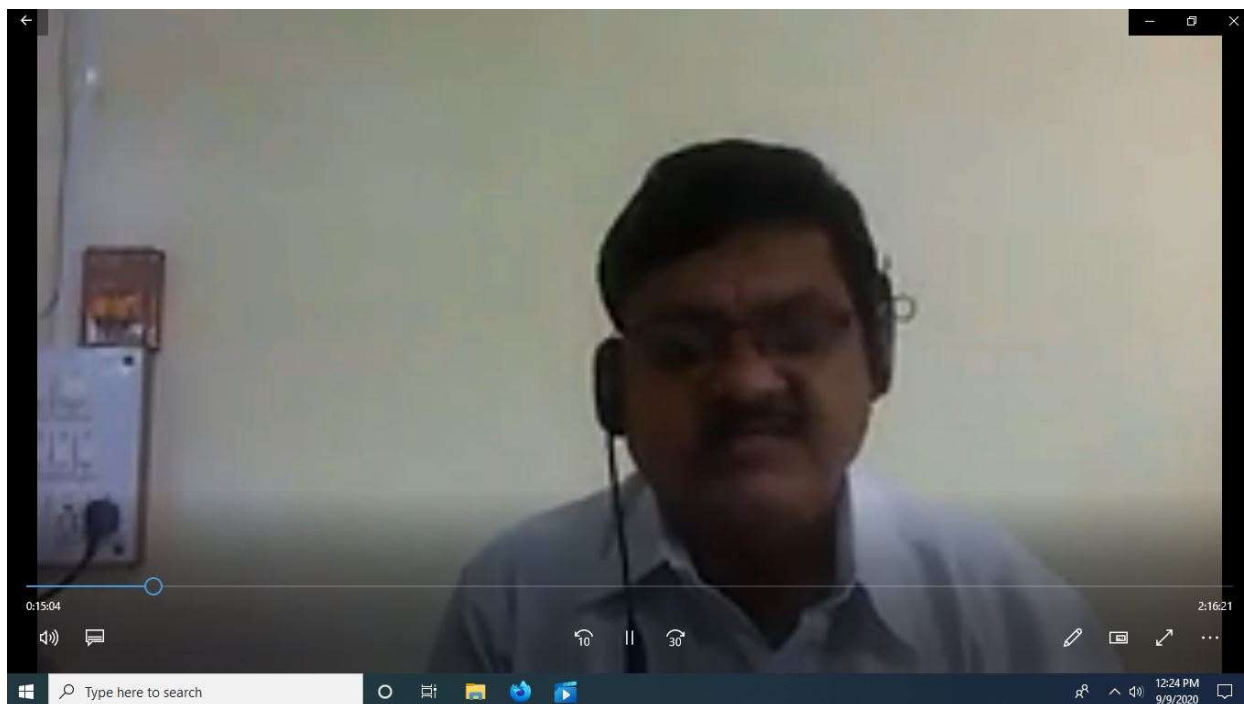


Introductory speech by Coordinator- Dr. Ramesh Vaidya,



Chief guest, Hon. Dr. Jaywantrao Chaudhari addressing the participants





I/C Prin. Dr. E.B. Bhalerao giving presidential address.

**Biotechnological Interventions towards Biodiversity Conservation**

**Dr. Jaykumar J. Chavan**  
 Assistant Professor in Botany,  
 Head, Department of Biotechnology,  
 Yashwantrao Chavan Institute of Science, Satara  
 (Autonomous), Maharashtra

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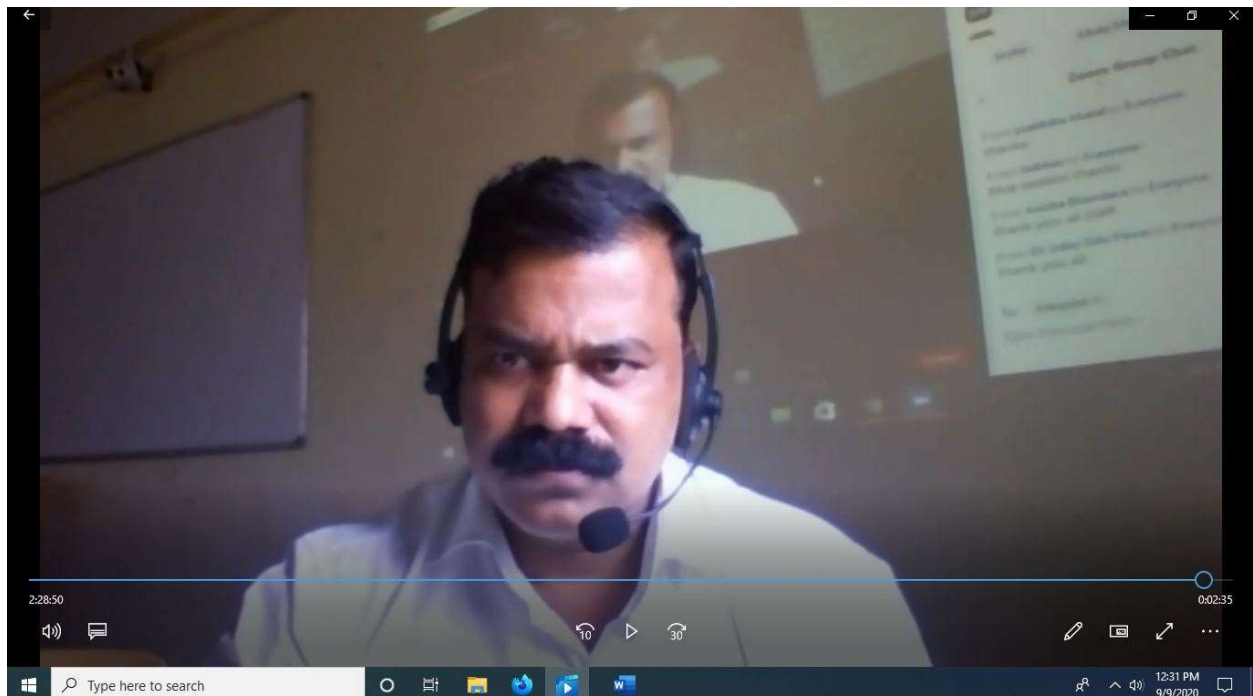
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Dr. Jaykumar Chavan delivering the lecture



Mr. Shekar Mohite delivering lecture on “Kaas Plateau”



IQAC, Coordinator, Mr. S.P. Kamble giving vote of thanks

