

## REPORT ON NATIONAL WEBINAR ON COVID 19 AND HIGHER EDUCATION: ONLINE TEACHING

7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Aim and Objective of the Webinar:

The Department of English felt the need to organise webinar on Covid 19 and Higher Education: Online teaching as Covid 19 has drastic effects on the education system where it upended the existing pattern of education, taking both students and teachers by surprise. As teaching through a medium that is virtual and technology based is our immediate reality which is an unthought-of, far-fetched idea in the pre-pandemic world and as this paradigm shift has not been easy for all the parties involved, the webinar aims and focusses to acquaint and equip the teaching faculties of Mizoram Colleges with the new and unfamiliar mode of online teaching.

## **Report:**

The webinar lasted for five days. There were 150 participants (120 teaching faculties and 30 students).

7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, Prof. V. Madhurima, Dept. of Physics, CUTN graced the first day of the webinar. She is one of the leading panellists of DFOT (Discussion Forum for Online Teaching): Finding Collective Solutions to Common Problems. She rendered interesting and insightful parameters on Challenges of Online Teaching.

- 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, Prof. Laldinpuii Fente, Dept. of Psychology, MZU delineated the importance of emotional, psychological and social well-being in the context of Covid 19 pandemic.
- 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 The speaker of the third day, Prof. Kalpana Sarathy, Director, TISS, Guwahati stressed on how to engage students in online class.
- 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 Prof. Lalnundanga, Registrar, MZU engaged the participants on the challenges and opportunities in balancing teaching and research during Covid 19 pandemic.
- 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 Mr Lawmnakima, Data Scientist, Al & Cloud Cognizant Technology Solution, Bangalore gave an insightful lecture on Instructional strategies in virtual classroom.

Each session was followed by an absorbing interactive session where the participants interacted with the speakers clarifying their doubts and asking interesting questions. The webinar was very informative and beneficial as it provided the participants with enormous knowledge on various aspects of effective online teaching.