

**MINUTES OF THE WEBINAR**  
**GURGAON PROGRESSIVE SCHOOLS COUNCIL, GURGAON**

*Webinar session with Dr Ashok Pandey, Director, Ahlcon Group of Schools, New Delhi*

*Organized By: Gurgaon Progressive School Council*

*Topic: Blended Learning*

*Date: 5 June 2020*

A webinar was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 by Gurgaon Sahodaya under the aegis of the Gurgaon Progressive School Council, on 'Blended Learning'. Dr Ashok Pandey, Director, Ahlcon Group of Schools, New Delhi was the key speaker. It was the second one in the series of webinars organized for the school leaders and the teaching fraternity of Gurgaon.

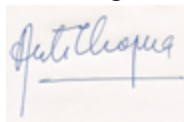
The minutes of the session are as follows:

1. Ms. Aparna Erry, Chairperson, GPSC and the principal of D. A. V. Public School, Sector-14, Gurgaon extended a warm welcome to Dr. Ashok Pandey. She highlighted Dr. Pandey's commendable contribution in the field of education, his national and international acclaims received by him for his innovative endeavors in promoting quality education as well.
2. Ms. Aditi Misra, Principal, DPS Sector-45, Gurgaon while moderating the session invited Dr. Pandey to take over and share his insightful presentation.
3. Dr Ashok Pandey commenced his talk by sharing the importance of Blended learning: Hybrid learning in the changing times of COVID -19. According to him the online portal of teaching and learning becomes more effective and target oriented if blended learning is fostered by the teachers. While elaborating this concept, he shared seven strategies associated with the scope of blended learning. They are:
  - A. The first strategy suggested by him was to make a harmony between synchronous and asynchronous learning, especially during the lockdown period
  - B. Another was to ensure school – parental engagement in the interest of the students as it is evident that the role and support of parents is the driving force
  - C. It is time to introspect over isolation versus collaboration of teachers, as a more viable option is to encourage them to work in professional learning networks.
  - D. Social and emotional growth of the students should be given prime importance in the blended learning model along with their cognitive growth.
  - E. The learning model in schools of today should be child- centric and teachers could be facilitators or co-learners along with students.
  - F. Lifelong learning should be the primary objective of any education model post COVID'20, thus shifting focus from merely moving up from one grade to another for students.
  - G. Last but not the least was the importance of blending the skills of both the teachers and students in a bid to empower them and make learning progressive. Online training needs to be emphasized a lot for educators.

4. Ms. Aditi Misra invited some prominent members of the Council to put their queries across to Dr Pandey. The discussion become quite invigorative with the chat window getting flooded with questions like -what will be the future of virtual class- room and whether students and their parents were ready for teaching with 'the new norms'. Dr Pandey very specifically answered that the solution to all these upcoming challenges lies with the innovative teachers and versatile school leaders. If the content is designed as per the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century learners through the incorporation of technology, keeping learning outcomes in mind, the learning process will definitely entail better results.
5. Overall, the whole virtual learning experience in the form of interactive webinar was enjoyed by all the participating members, school heads and teachers.
6. The Chairperson, Ms. Aparna Erry, once again thanked Dr. Ashok Pandey for conducting the insightful session.
7. The next webinar in the series shall be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 as per the following details:  
*DAY: Friday*  
*DATE: 12.06.2020*  
*TIME: 3.30-4.30 pm*  
*TOPIC: ONLINE TEACHING- A NEW NORMAL*  
*GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Rajesh Hassija, Director, Indraprastha Group of Schools*  
*LINK TO JOIN: Join Zoom Meeting*  
*<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86023594014?pwd=OVZ6dEk0MmFSVjYweE8rQVVPZC9DUT09>*  
**Meeting ID: 860 2359 4014**  
**Password: 457741**
8. All the member schools are cordially invited for the online session and make the most of this learning opportunity. Kindly send in names of three attendees including the school heads themselves, on the e mail id [aisg46@amity.edu](mailto:aisg46@amity.edu) latest by 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Looking forward to enthusiastic participation!

Warm regards



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