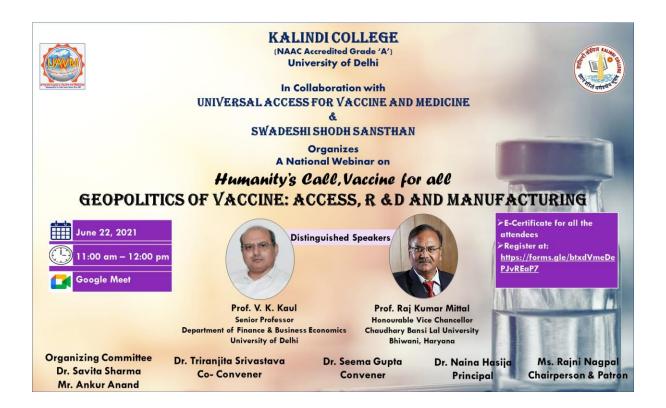
## **Report on National Webinar on**

# Geopolitics of Vaccine: Access, R &D and Manufacturing

Humanity's Call, Vaccine for all https://youtu.be/Aqx3GXLJoTI



A National webinar on "Geopolitics of Vaccine: Access, R &D and Manufacturing" under the slogan "Humanity's call, vaccination for all" was held on 22-June-2021 at 11am via google meet. The webinar was organized by Kalindi College, University of Delhi in Collaboration with Universal Access for vaccine and Medicine & Swadeshi Shodh Sansthan under the convenorship of Dr Seema Gupta. Dr Triranjita srivastava was the co-convener and Dr. Savita Sharma and Mr. Ankur Anand were the members of the technical committee.

Prof. Raj Kumar Mittal, the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Chaudhary Bansi Lal University Bhiwani, Haryana and Prof V.K Paul, the Senior Professor Department of finance and Business Economics, University of Delhi were the eminent speakers for the webinar. The event was graced by the Principal Dr. Naina Hasija.

In total 418 candidates from Delhi University and other states registered for the event. Huge participation made the event a great success.

The webinar started with the welcome of guests by Dr. Seema Gupta which was followed by Principal's address. She explained the importance of the webinar theme in the current pandemic scenario.

#### **First Session**

#### Speaker: Prof. V.K.Kaul

Prof. V.K.Kaul emphasised the importance of vaccination during the period of health crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic which in turn has generated a severe economic crisis due to the prolonged restrictions on movement, ability to go out to work, sickness and mortality. Vaccinations will be the only way in which a society will be able to safeguard the health and wealth of its members in the face of such breakouts. He talked about the urgent need for removing artificial barriers like patents and intellectual property rights on vaccine manufacture to rectify the global vaccine inequity and attain health security for all.

#### **Second Session**

### Speaker: Prof. R.K.Mittal

Prof. R.K. Mittal started his talk with the importance of vaccination. He talked about geopolitics of vaccine. Currently, different countries have different capacities to manufacture or procure these vaccines, giving rise to global vaccine inequity. This inequity can be corrected by capacity building among countries for manufacturing vaccines. He also talked about licensing and intellectual property rights

The webinar was very interesting. Prof V.K Paul and Prof. Raj Kumar Mittal created the session very informative. Many queries were raised by the participants, which were explained in a very simple way. The webinar was well appreciated. At the end of the webinar, Dr. Triranjita Srivastava delivered a vote of thanks.

### Glimpses of the Webinar



