NEW HORIZON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELLING

Report - International Webinar on Mental Health and Bipolar Disorder

Dept of counselling successfully organized *International Webinar* on *Mental Health and Bipolar Disorder* on the occasion of *World Mental Health Day* **2020.** Webinar was conducted on 9th October 2020 at 3.30 pm Indian time and 6am USA time. The objective of the webinar was to spread awareness about mental health and elucidate mental illness like bipolar disorder. A total of 231 students including parents and staff from India and USA registered for the webinar.

Webinar was started with the welcome address by Ms Rosina, student counsellor and handed over to our first speaker (Dr) Starr B. Merritt, Mental Health Technician/Counsellor at Discovery Behavioural Health in Stamford, C.T.,USA. She spoke about the significance of mental health, role of counsellor and compassion of mental health. Ms Arghyasri, student counsellor thanked her for beautiful presentation. Ms Rosina welcomed our second speaker Dr Reena Jain, Chief Counsellor, NHCE, Bangalore and handed over the session to her. She gave a PPT presentation on mental illness and bipolar disorder. She explained the difference in mental health and illness. Procedure to approach help about mental health related issues and what is bipolar disorder, symptoms, classicification, etiology and treatment.

Participants asked many questions regarding mental illness, medication and how can they help anyone who is suffering from mental health issues. Dr Reena Jain answered all the questions patiently. Participants were satisfied with all the answers. All the participants enjoyed the session and gave positive feedback about the program. Webinar was ended by the vote of thanks by Student counsellor Ms Arghyasri.

Regards

Dr Reena Jain

Chief Counsellor





