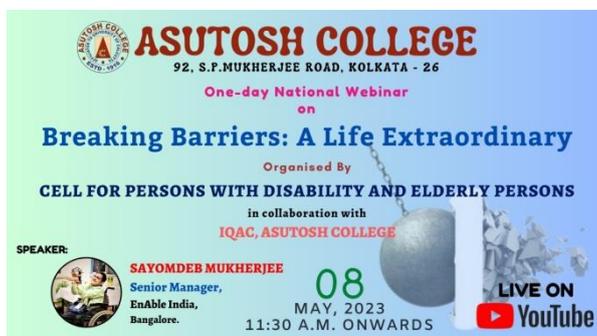


REPORT ON ONE-DAY NATIONAL WEBINAR *BREAKING BARRIERS: A LIFE EXTRAORDINARY*
ORGANISED BY CELL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND ELDERLY PERSONS
IN COLLABORATION WITH IQAC, ASUTOSH
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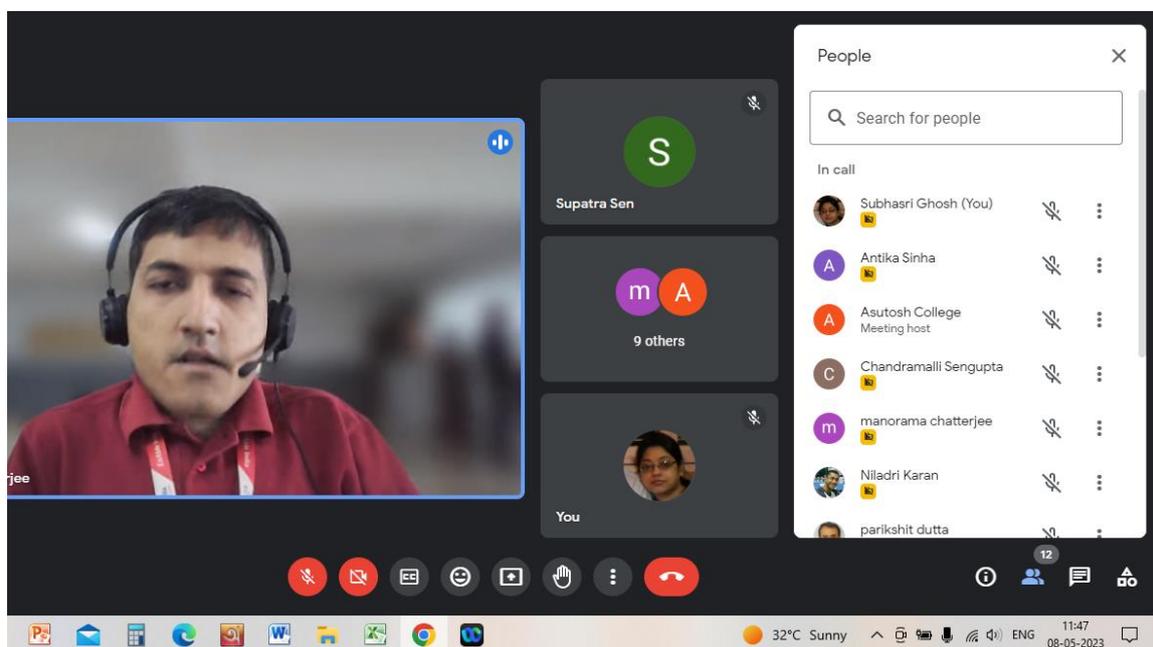
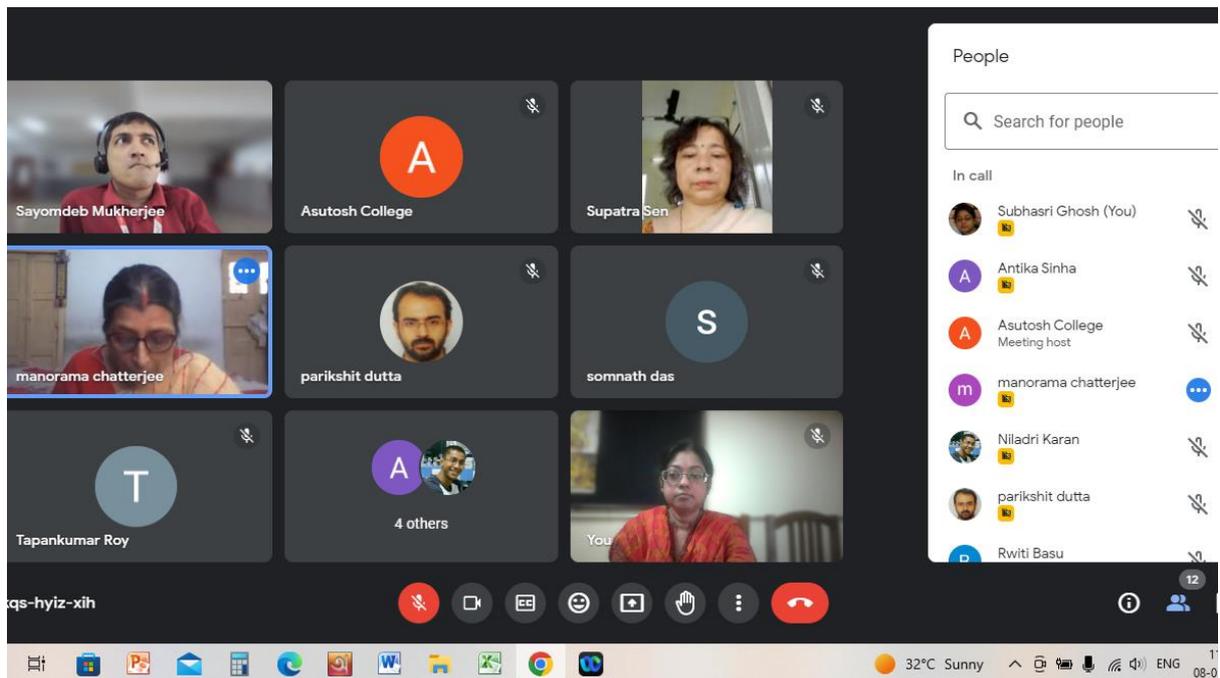


A national level webinar titled *Breaking Barriers: A Life Extraordinary* was organised by the Cell for Persons with Disability and Elderly Persons of Asutosh College in collaboration with IQAC, Asutosh College, on 8 May 2023, from 11.30 AM. It was essentially mooted as an inspirational talk, to enthuse the audience, faculties and students alike, as how to overcome the hurdles in life, how to internalise the never-say-die attitude. To this end, the speaker Mr Sayomdeb Mukherjee, Senior Manager of EnAble India, presently based in Bangalore, was an apt choice as he personifies courage, perseverance and serves as an idol for thousands.

The session was introduced by one of the conveners of the Cell, Dr Subhasri Ghosh, followed by a brief narration of the inception of the Cell, its work and future plans by Dr Manorama Chatterjee. Dr Supatra Sen, the other convener of the Cell, introduced the esteemed speaker. Mr Mukherjee, also known as RJ Den, mesmerised the audience with his life-story. Afflicted with a rare genetic disease Dopa Responsive Dystonia, he became wheelchair bound. He hardly had any motor movements. However, he never let his physical immobility overshadow his mental strength. Egged on by a supportive family, Sayomdeb completed his schooling with flying colours and did his graduation in English literature. A stint as a successful RJ, made him a household name. His early morning programme *Haal Chhero na Bondhu* helped him reach out to millions. Listeners would wait for his show to imbibe positive spirits from his words. Mr Mukherjee also detailed his work at EnAble India where he is involved in the managerial capacity overseeing training and livelihood opportunities for the disabled. He ended his speech with a short feature cataloguing a day in his life, where right from waking up in the morning, till he goes to sleep at night, how he tackles his disability and leads an extraordinary life has been beautifully captured.

A lively question and answer session, helmed by Dr Parikshit Dutta, followed, where Mr Mukherjee expressed his wish to tie up with Asutosh College to explore further possibilities

of collaboration, especially for hands-on-training to the specially abled students and prepare them for the job market. At the end the vote of thanks was delivered by Smt Antika Sinha.



The image shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a large video window displays a man wearing a red shirt and a headset, looking towards the camera. To the right of the video window is a grid of nine smaller video thumbnails, each with a name and a mute icon. The names are: Sraboni Roy, parikshit dutta, Supatra Sen, manorama chat..., Asutosh College, somnath das, Antika Sinha, 2 others, and You. Below the video windows is a toolbar with icons for mute, video off, chat, gallery view, hand raise, help, and end meeting. At the bottom of the screen is the Windows taskbar, showing the Microsoft Edge taskbar, a taskbar with icons for various applications, and a system tray with weather information (32°C Sunny), date (08-05-2023), and time (12:07).