Report on International Online Conference VOLTAGE '26

We are pleased to share the Day 1 report of the International Online Conference on **'Transformative Research Methodologies: Emerging Frontiers and Future Directions'**, organized by the Faculty of Education, Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Chennai which commenced on 28th August 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

The conference is being presided over by our Honourable President, Er. A.C.S. Arunkumar Sir, whose visionary leadership and commitment to academic excellence have been instrumental for a meaningful educational advancement.

The event began with the Thamizh Thai Vaazhthu, marking the formal commencement of the conference proceedings, followed by a warm Welcome Address delivered by Dr. K. Geetha mam, Principal, Faculty of Education.

The Presidential Address was delivered by our Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. Geetha Lakshmi mam, who emphasized the importance of academic excellence, research innovation, and meaningful collaboration in addressing the emerging challenges in education and society.

The Felicitation Address was delivered by Dr. V. Cyril Raj, Joint Registrar, Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute. He emphasized the significance of research and recent methodological advancement in strengthening the academic knowledge.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Sabaratnam Athirathan, Head, Department of Social Science Education, Faculty of Education, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, delivered the Inaugural Address, sharing valuable international perspectives on contemporary research and education. He highlighted the importance of innovative research approaches, methodological advancement, critical inquiry, and academic collaboration in responding effectively to the changing needs of education and society.

The Declaration of VOLTAGE'26 Open formally marked the commencement of the academic proceedings, followed by the Vote of Thanks, expressing sincere appreciation to the dignitaries.

The first Plenary Session was conducted by Prof. Dr. Shravan Kumar, Dean, School of Liberal Arts, K.R. Mangalam University, Haryana, India, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. He delivered an informative and engaging session focusing on reference management and tools such as Mendeley, Rayyan, VOSviewer, Google Scholar, Scopus, and PRISMA. His presentation highlighted how these tools can support researchers in managing references, conducting systematic literature screening, identifying research trends, and enhancing the rigor and efficiency of the research process.

Three parallel paper presentation sessions were conducted from 2:00 p.m., each featuring 12 paper presenters, resulting in a total of 36 research presentations for the day.

These sessions were chaired by:

• Dr. S. Valliammai, Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry.

• Dr. Anuradha, Dean of adm. and Professor, Department of English.

• Dr. M. V. L. Kumari, Head, Department of Physics.

The paper presentation sessions witnessed enthusiastic participation from researchers, scholars, and academicians across various institutions. Each session featured insightful and well-structured presentations.

The Day 2 proceedings of the International Online Conference on "Transformative Research Methodologies: Emerging Frontiers and Future Directions" – VOLTAGE '26, organized by the Faculty of Education, Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Chennai, were successfully conducted on 29th August 2026.

The day commenced with Plenary Session – II from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., delivered by Dr. Priyanka Datta, Professor and Head, Department of Education, Acharya Brojendra Nath Seal College, Coochbehar, West Bengal, on "Interdisciplinary Research: Bridging Disciplines to Address Global Challenges." The session highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, diverse perspectives, and innovative research approaches in addressing contemporary global challenges.

Two parallel Research Paper Presentation Sessions – Session 4 and Session 5, conducted from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Session 4 was coordinated by Dr. C. Andal, Professor, Department of Physics, while Session 5 was coordinated by Dr. B. Latha, Deputy Dean – Consultancy & Professor, Department of Physics.

The sessions provided a platform for researchers and academicians to present their research findings, share innovative ideas, and engage in meaningful academic discussions and scholarly exchange.

The Valedictory Session commenced at 2:30 p.m.

The session began with a warm Welcome Address, extending greetings to the dignitaries, speakers, researchers, paper presenters, delegates, and participants.

A brief Conference Report highlighted the major academic proceedings, plenary sessions, research paper presentations, and significant contributions of the participants during VOLTAGE '26.

The Participants' Feedback reflected their appreciation for the well-organised conference, insightful sessions, and valuable opportunities for research presentation and academic interaction.

The Felicitation Address was delivered by Dr. S. Baskar, Dean – Research, Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute, Chennai. He appreciated the academic initiatives and contributions of the speakers, researchers, paper presenters, and participants and congratulated the organising team for the successful conduct of VOLTAGE ’26.

The Valedictory Address was delivered by Dr. Solomon Arulraj David, Associate Professor of Education, The British University in Dubai, UAE, on “Innovative & Transformative Research Practices in Social Sciences.” His address emphasised the importance of innovative, transformative, relevant, and ethical research practices and encouraged researchers to pursue impactful research in the Social Sciences.

A special highlight of the Valedictory Session was the Best Paper Declaration. One Best Paper was selected from each of the five research paper presentation sessions based on the quality, originality, relevance, and overall merit of the presentation.

The Best Paper Presenters were:

- **Session 1** – Ms. Rajashri C K

Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications, Meenakshi College of Arts and Science, Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER).

- **Session 2** – Ms. Anusree M

Co-Author: Mr. Abhinandh Jayan, Nilgiri College of Arts and Science (Autonomous).

- **Session 3** – Dr. A. Suresh John Kennedy

Principal, JP College of Education, Ayikudi.

- **Session 4** – Ms. Akshita Gupta & Dr. Deepa

Assistant Professors, MM Institute of Management, Maharishi Markandeshwari (Deemed to be University), Mullana–Ambala, Haryana.

- **Session 5** – Ms. K. Neelambari & Dr. Rita Rani Mandal, Research Scholar, Lady Willingdon Institute of Advanced Study and Education.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to the Management, dignitaries, speakers, organising team, researchers, paper presenters, and participants, followed by the National Anthem.

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Head, Dept. of Social Science Education,
Faculty of Education,
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.



Dr. Solomon Arulraj David
Associate Professor of Education,
The British University in Dubai, Dubai, UAE.

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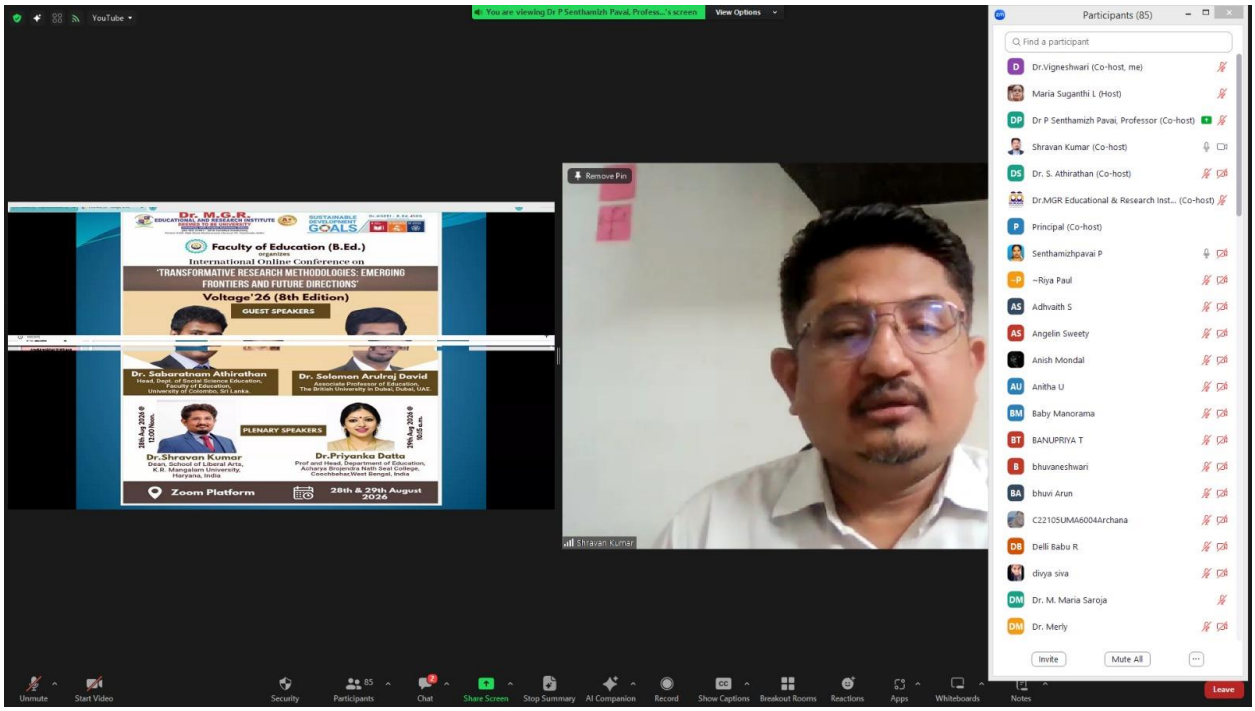
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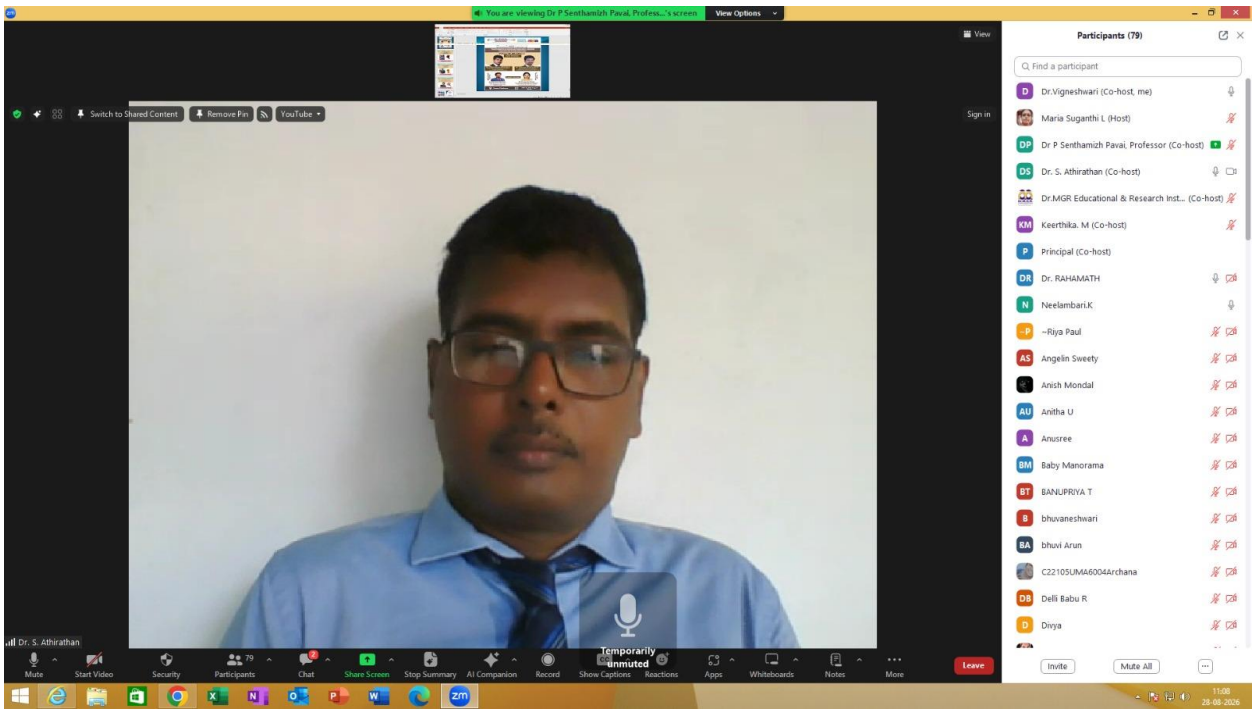
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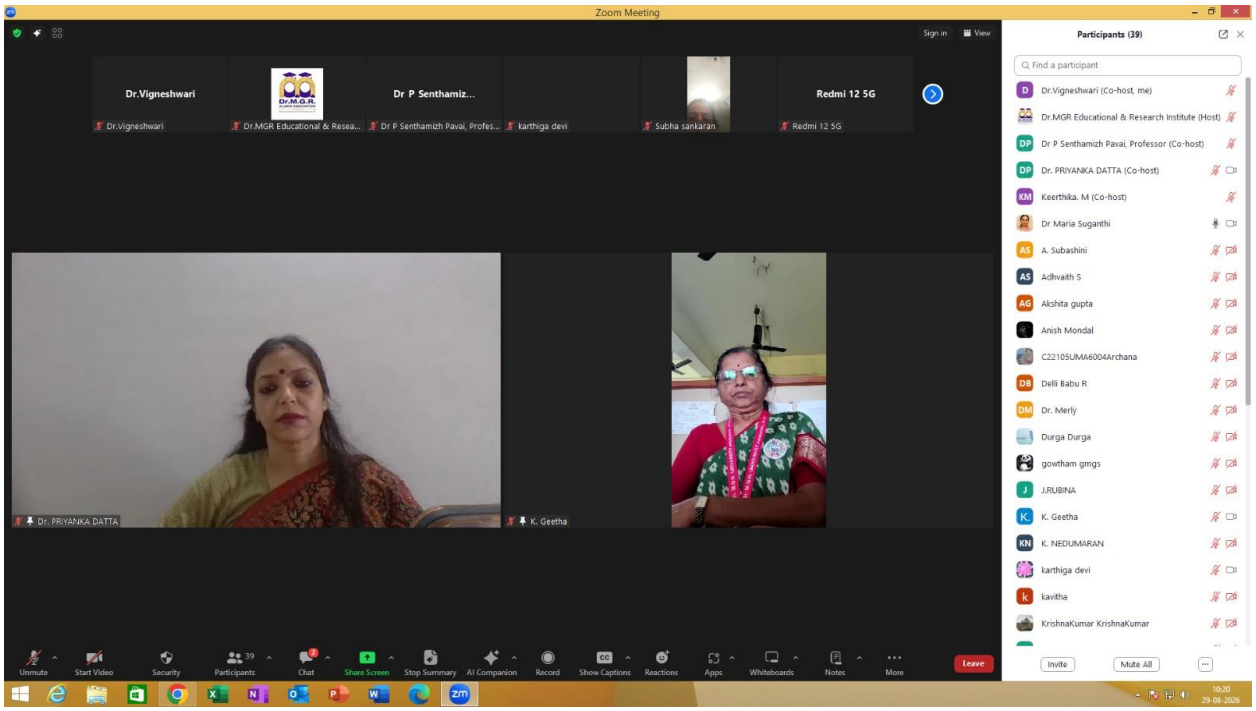
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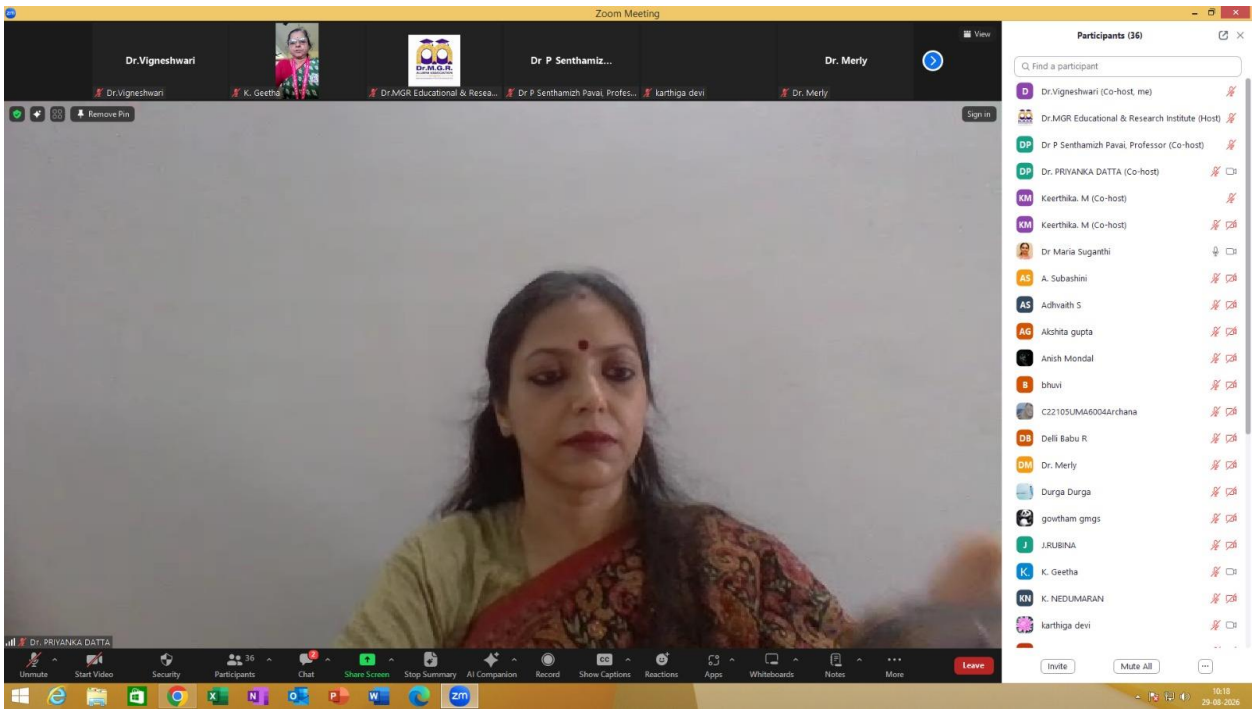
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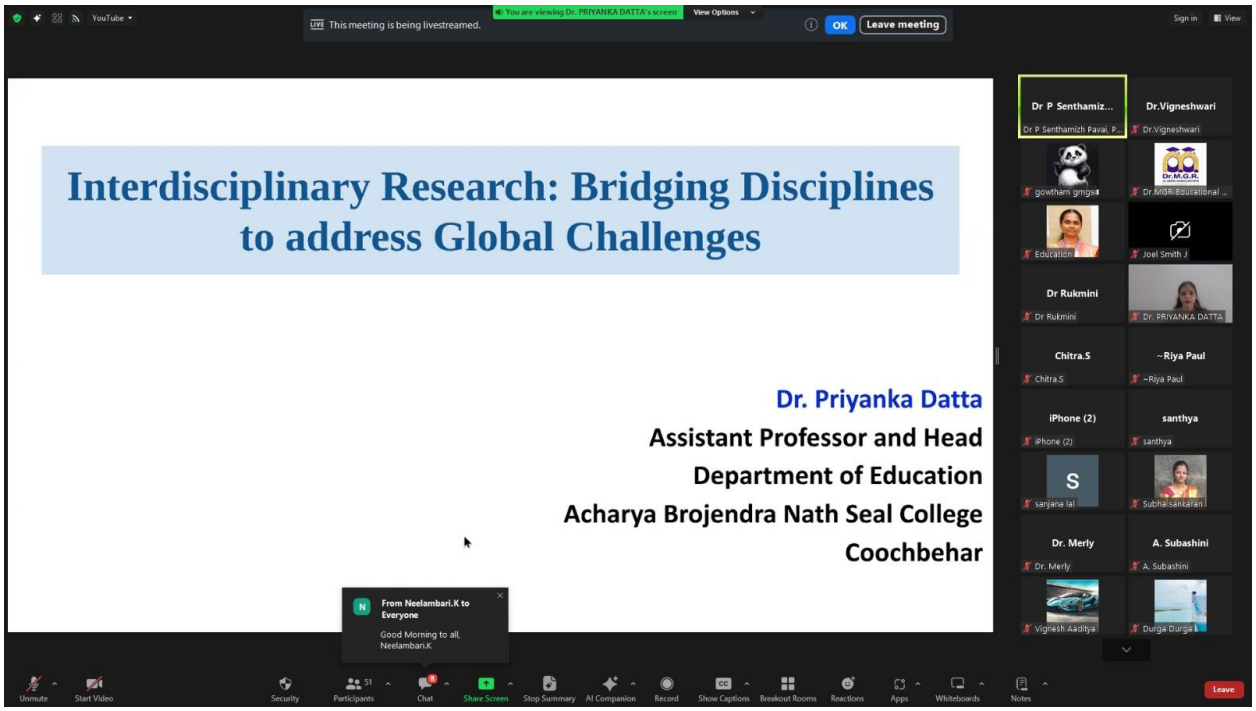
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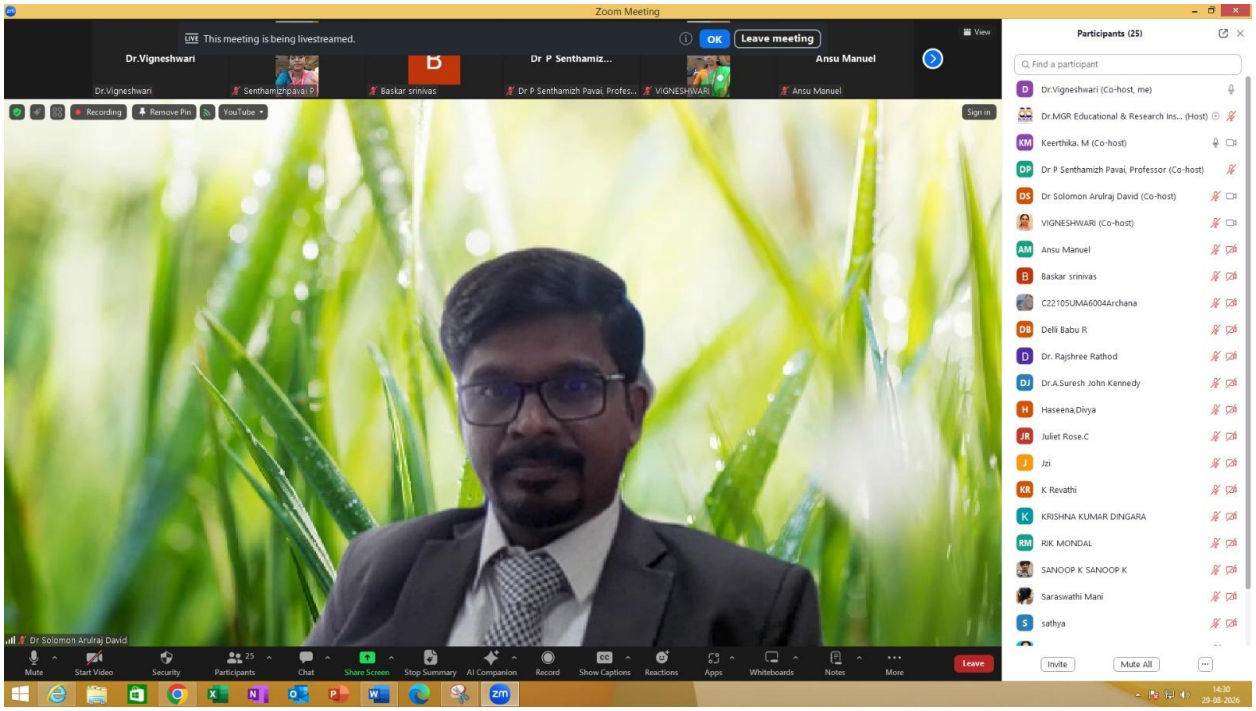

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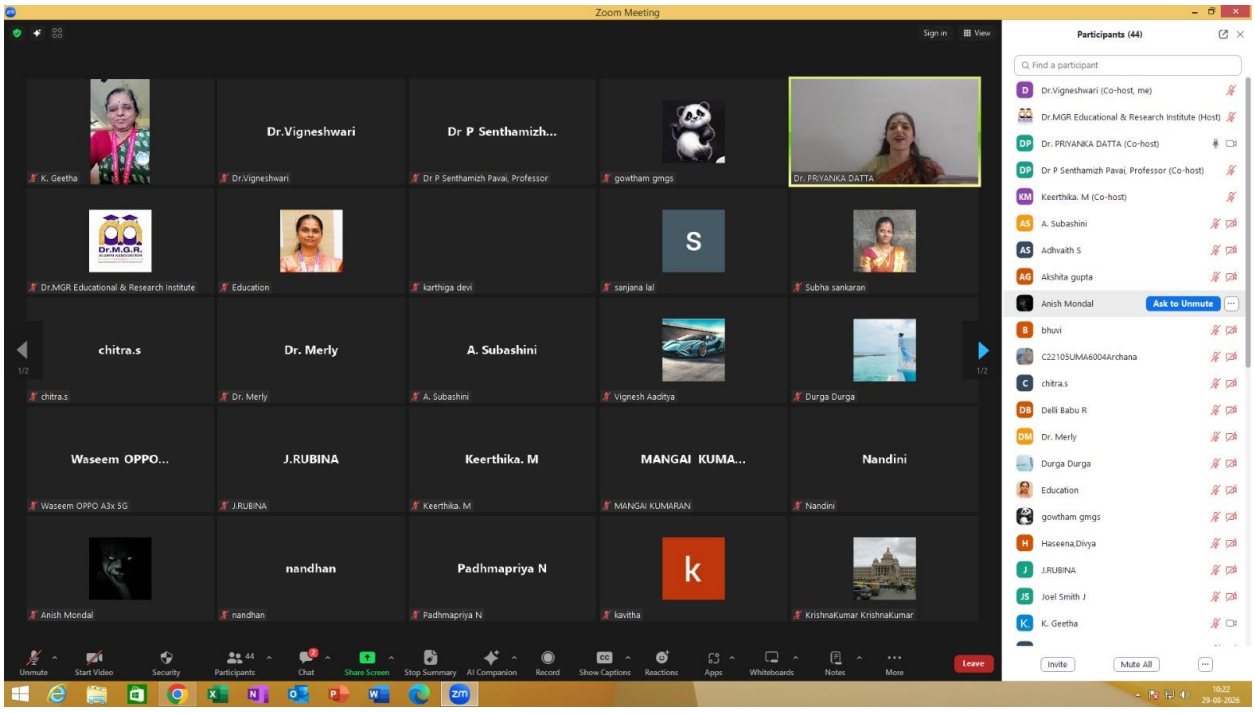

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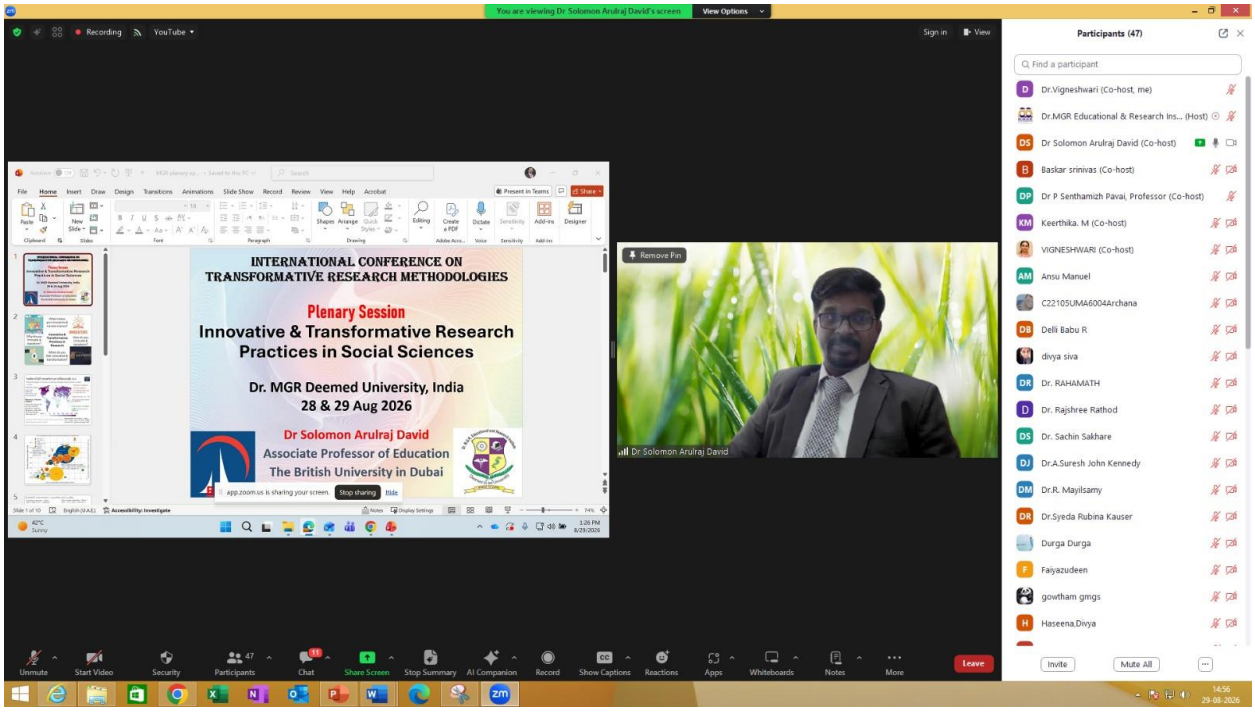

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