

Decryptifying exams in CORONA times

COVID – 19 pandemic is causing a lot of disturbance in every one's life. Students are not immune to it & are facing lot of difficulties in studies and preparation for exams. Alumni association of NKP Salve Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre and Lata Mangeshkar Hospital (NKPSIMS & RC and LMH), Nagpur conducted an online webinar "Decryptifying exams in CORONA times" recently to guide under-graduate and post-graduate medical students for preparing university exam, NEET PG entrance, superspeciality NEET and PLAB exams. Dr. Supriya Bulchandani (1991 batch Alumnus) guided students for preparation of PLAB exams. She is a Urogynaecologist practicing in the United Kingdom. Dr. Shraddha Iyer (2017 PG Alumnus), currently pursuing MUHS Fellowship in Cytopathology at NCI, Nagpur, guided students for post-graduate and Superspeciality NEET exam. Dr. Avantika Thombre (2015 batch), a recipient of 3 academic University Gold medals, shared her experience of P.G. NEET exam preparation. Dr. Aditi Modak, presently an Intern at NKPSIMS & RC and LMH, guided undergraduate students for MUHS University MBBS exam preparation. Students preparing for Under Graduate exam and Post Graduate Entrance preparation benefited from this webinar.

The challenges of online examinations in the medical field were discussed at length. The speakers also motivated the students regarding the mental stress that students are undergoing because of the repeated postponement of examinations. Dean, Dr Kajal Mitra advised the students to prepare for case scenarios for the viva voce examination in case the practicals are also held online. Dr. Mohana Majumdar Director General Administration and Dr. Sushrut Fulare, Associate Professor of General Surgery were the organizers.

The screenshot shows a video player interface. The main content is a blue slide titled "PLAB Exam" with a yellow square in the top right corner. The slide lists four bullet points: "Professional & linguistic advisory board", "Doctors who qualify outside the European union/Switzerland", "PLAB 1 - written MCQ, with 180 single best answer questions within 3 hours. Each starts with a short scenario followed by a question. You need to choose the right answer out of the five possible answers given", and "PLAB 2 - practical objective structured clinical exam, known as an OSCE. 18 scenarios - each lasting eight minutes & aims to reflect real life settings including a mock consultation or an acute ward". A small video inset in the top right shows a woman, Dr. Supriya Bulchandani, speaking. The video player controls at the bottom show a progress bar at 0:19:13, a volume icon, a chat icon, a 10-second rewind button, a play/pause button, a 30-second fast forward button, a share icon, a download icon, and a full screen icon. The total duration of the video is 0:55:52.

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Dr Supriya Bulchandani (1991 Alumnus), delivering her talk from Coventry & Warwickshire, UK