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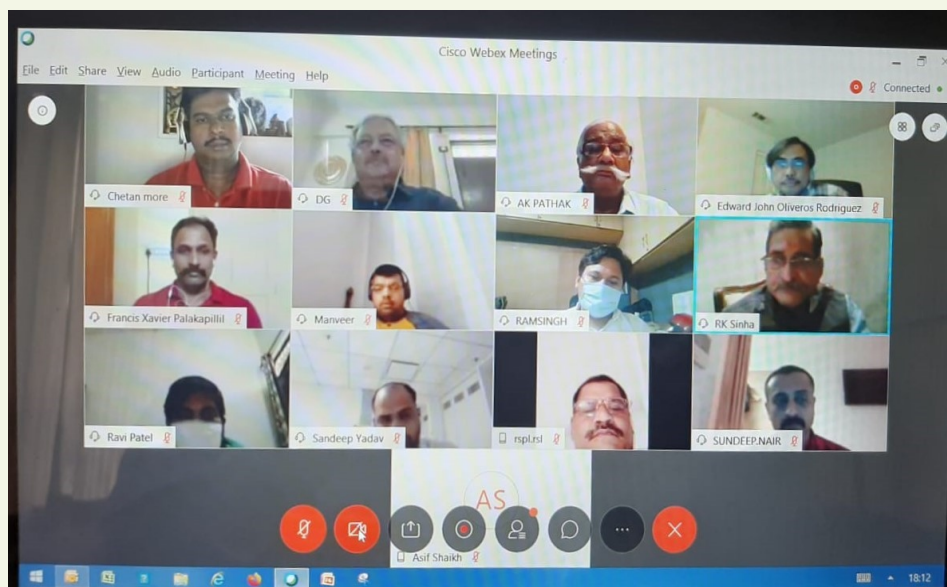
Certified Security Practitioner Course (VC)

The First online virtual classes for the Certified Security Practitioner Course (VC) conducted by IISSM from 20 – 23 May 2020 was a Great Success. The participants were from Mumbai, Bengaluru, Gurugram, Faridabad & Patna. There were two participants from abroad, one from USA (Greater Los Angeles) and one from Canada.

The sessions were conducted on Risk Management, Incidence Response System & Crisis Management Framework, Disaster Risk Management, Fire Safety Management, National Building Code & NFPA Standards, Latest Technology in Fire Fighting, IED and Bomb Threat Handling, Arms Act and Arms Licensing, PSAR

Act-2005: Need for Review, ESS & Technological Applications in Security Management, Corporate Vigilance, Business Continuity Planning (BCP), Pandemics & their Management, Cyber Security & Data Protection and Public Places & Business Complex Security. In addition, a Virtual Class Room Crisis Simulation Exercise, on Flood Situation Management was conducted.

It was very heartening to witness very healthy online interactions between the participants and the Faculty members. The Classroom Exercise received an Excellent Response from the Participants.



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CLOSING ADDRESS OF THE CSP (VC) BY SHRI R K SINHA, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, IISSM

The Faculty Members who conducted the Course were Brigadier AK Pathak (Retd) & Col M P Sen (Retd), both from IISSM and Brig Vinod Dutta (Retd), Col Vishu Sikka (Retd) and Col Gopal Verma (Retd), all three being Guest Faculties.

All Participants have recommended that they would propagate this programme to be attended by their colleagues in the Profession. They felt that this course would help them to rearrange/ improve their Security Management Planning.

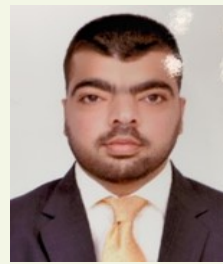
Overall the online classes for the course were very well appreciated.

Few Quotes from Participants on Overall Assessment of the Course are mentioned below :-



Mr Francis Xavier Palakapillil, Circle Nodal Officer, OYO ROOMS, Bengaluru

"Very good. Well organized and Well conducted."



Mr Manveer Singh Cheema, G M Finance, Five force Security Solutions Pvt Ltd, from Canada

"It was a very knowledgeable course I learned many new concepts."



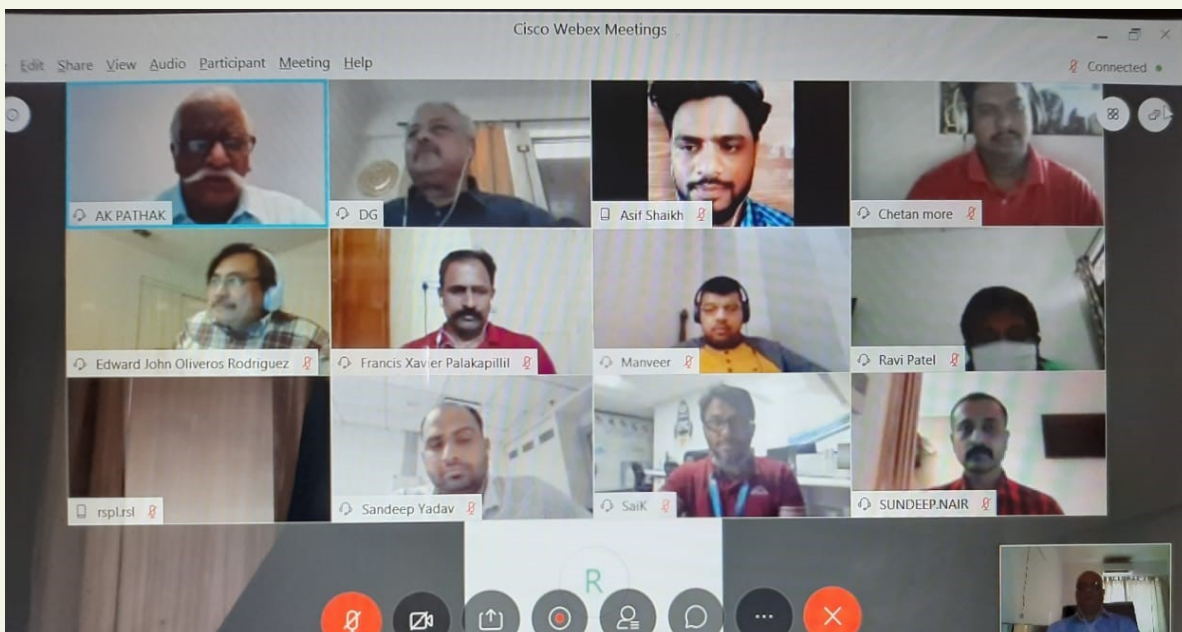
Mr Sundeep Nair, Head of Risk Management, InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG), Gurugram

"Overall, the program was a good value add for me in the domain of security and safety, many learnings have been gathered through the training."



Mr Edward John Oliveros Rodriguez, Certified Fitness Coach, Wellspring Center for Prevention, USA (Greater Los Angeles)

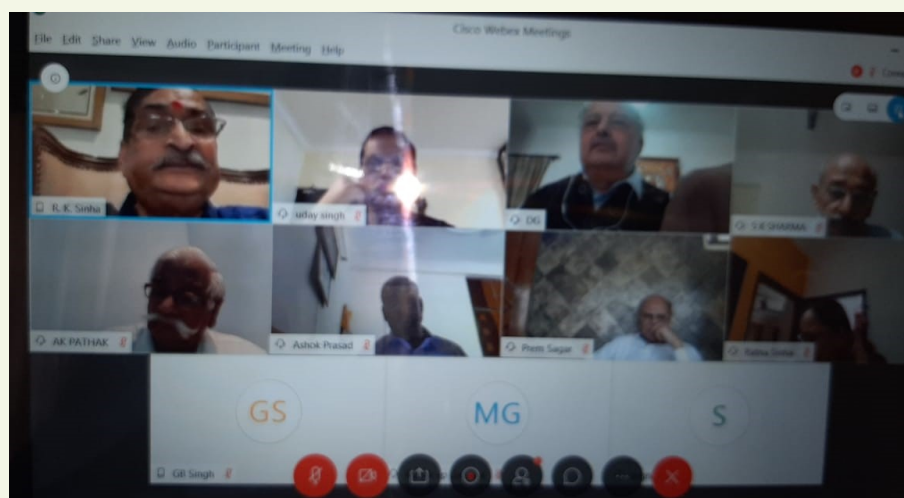
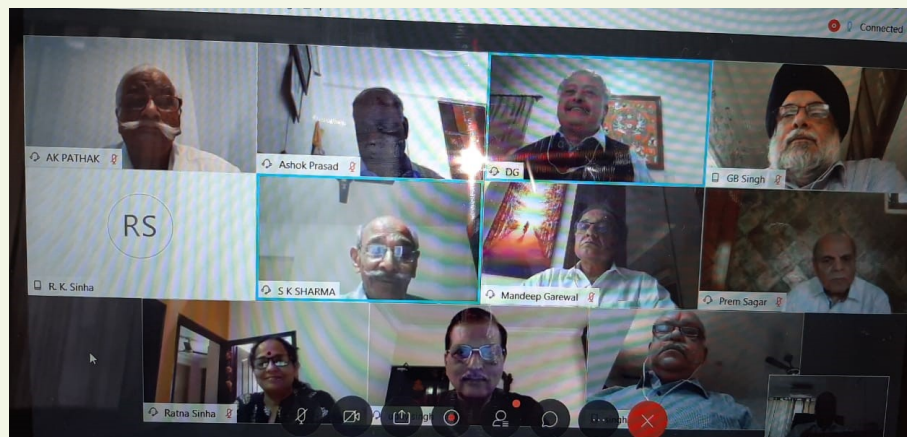
"Excellent Program."



CLOSING SESSION BY SHRI RAJAN K MEDHEKAR, DG, IISSM

Executive Committee Meeting on Virtual Platform

With the changes in the world due to Corona, business model and working also has undergone a great change and will continue to disrupt the models in a way that was never before. The Executive Committee Meeting of the IISSM was also held on 30 May 2020 on the virtual platform wherein all the attendees logged on remotely and discussed various issues. It was heartening to note that all the teething problems of getting onboard lasted for initial few minutes and rest of the period was a seamless experience for all.



Dear Readers,

Greetings to you all!

This is for the first time in our history of the IJSSM that we as a team didn't get an opportunity to meet ever since we started 'Working from Home' (WFH) from 18 March'20. We celebrated Holi in our respective places with a subdued tone. There was a latent fear in our minds that we just didn't know who is infected (of Covid-19) and who is not. Cautious people didn't even venture out to play with colours. But those who came out were facing an unseen dagger dangling over their heads. When we switched to the WFH mode of working, we didn't have an idea or a thought that we will be locked inside for months now with a possible respite in near future.

It all began in the last week of November 2019 when people at Wuhan started falling sick with a kind of Common Flu. It is said that a lady named Wei Guixian, possibly not the **Patient Zero**, who eked out her living by selling shrimps at the Huanan Seafood Market developed cold on 27 November 2019. She

reported to local doctors for treatment initially but to no avail and later she reported to **Wuhan Hospital on 10 Dec 2019**. There were couple of more patients by then already admitted with similar symptoms in the hospital. Chinese medical professionals were talking in hush-hush tone that it was a new virus with unknown etiology. But officially Chinese authorities reported to the **WHO (World Health Organisation)** about a cluster of Pneumonia cases on **31 December 2019**, a serious delay of about a month. They informed the WHO authorities by **03 Jan 2020** that 44 cases of Pneumonia of unknown etiology have been admitted in the hospital. **On 11 -12 Jan '20**, WHO received further detailed information from the National Health Commission China that the **outbreak is associated with exposures from the seafood market of Wuhan**. The Chinese scientists had been successful in isolation of the virus on **07 Jan 2020** and plotted the genome sequence on **12 Jan 2020** presumably.

Today whole world is asking the source of the Virus

and that can only be found from the **Patient Zero**. But question comes that who was the patient zero? As per some Chinese reports, it was Ms. Wei Guixian, possibly she may not be. The scientists can trace the roots back and find out the Patient Zero but that may never be possible as China has systematically destroyed all the old samples which were taken in the initial days. Thus suspicion increases that whether it is a manmade virus or it has originated from the wet market (possibly from bat). When and how this transition from bat to human took place and later it started a chain of human to human transaction which has infected over 6.2 million people and taken 3.73 lakhs plus lives across the world by now.

India got its first case on 31 January 2020 by then it had already been reported by 21 other countries. Initially, many Indians thought it will not come to India at all and continued to travel across the globe and brought the virus home. By the time, Government of India realised that this is a pandemic and we have no worthwhile med-

ical infrastructure to deal with the spread, it had already started receiving thousands of Indians from all over the globe including China, a *fait accompli*. Moreover, the government had to evacuate many Indians from Wuhan amid serious Lockdown. Action began on war footing and it was felt that we will be able to control it by quarantining the people who were coming from abroad. Military facilities were used to keep them at a bay, but not all went through the quarantine specially when huge rush started pouring in from USA and other countries who were by then infected, but asymptomatic and thus they became transmission agents of first generation. This started raging like jungle fire and India did not have any choice but to do what others did, the **Lockdown**. We started it with the Janata Curfew with great enthusiasm and thought Corona will just be over in a day but the government had its plan ready and then implemented it on 25 Mar 2020. On that day, India had 657

infected cases with 12 deaths. In the name of readiness to fight the pandemic, we had only one testing lab (National Institute of Virology, Pune), but we neither had sufficient beds nor PPE kits or ventilators. This is just to bring out a fact that we were about to take off and add serious numbers to the world figures (world had 471,721 reported cases with 19,157 deaths) but Lock down put a break on it. We all are the witnesses to the devastations that Corona virus has brought to USA, UK, Italy, Spain, France and China in last few months. Now we also are experiencing the similar kind of problems in India, Brazil, Russia, Chile and Peru wherein new cases of infections are spiking every-day after easing out of the Lockdown.

Not only India, other countries have started easing out on the restrictions as the economy of the world has come to a grinding halt and billions of people have lost their jobs. It is being said that approximately 40 % of the world population is staring at another

pandemic i.e. hunger. Thus, the governments are forced to open up and Unlock the economy albeit with cautions. Majority of the countries have had to seek bailout from IMF and other agencies to give stimulus to the economy. India government too has announced 20 Lakh Crore of economic package to kick start the economy and received a loan of \$2Bn. We have already experienced silent roads and streets, shortage of food and vegetable items, specially in initial days but all those are things of the past. Now we are on the mode of Unlocking which begins on 08 June 2020. A major concern with the opening up is the spread of the virus in the coming months. Till now, the Corona cases were limited to the boundaries of cities but with the migrant labourers movement to the remotest corners of the country, a mega outbreak of the pandemic appears to be inevitable.

While at IISSM, we have been working from home (WFH), a model being fol-

lowed worldwide. Schools and colleges were shut down but how long they could remain shut and yet were expected to complete the syllabus. So the classrooms started, examinations are being conducted on virtual platforms across the world. We also took a cue from that concept and planned one CSP course on a trial basis (Virtual Classroom based) and ran it successfully from 20-23 May 2020.

At last, I would like to say that it may be possible that next month or so the gates of the IISSM will be opened and we all will be meeting in flesh and work with great enthusiasm again but certainly many of the practices of the past will have to be forgotten, forever. We will always be conscious of the unseen threat till the world finds an answer in terms of vaccine or a drug else we will have to learn to live with it. Come what may, we will continue to work, talk, laugh and cry together as before but still the world will no more be the same!

Jai Hind!

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