

## “CORONA PE CHARCHA” - Online NDDP Alumni Session

Amid nation-wide lockdown, social distancing advisory, and the crisis, we took the opportunity to reunite with the NDDP alumni online. Using digital channels, the CSR team reconnected with the alumni and conducted NDDP sessions, as the students during the telephonic interviews conveyed how much they missed these sessions.

Newgen’s CSR team conducted online NDDP sessions on 6th and 8th May, with two different groups - Pearl Alumni and Emerald Alumni. The session was attended by 34 participants.

The topic of the session was COVID-19. During the session “Corona Pe Charcha”, we shared some facts and debunked myths of COVID-19. The session focused on the positive effects of lockdown on the environment - improved air quality, clear blue sky, cleaner Yamuna, and others.

Also, we conducted a quiz in which all the attendees participated with full zeal and enthusiasm. During the session, the participants shared stories about how they are coping with the COVID-19 crisis and what are they doing to keep their families and themselves safe. They also described how the government is helping them by providing ration and food. Some of them even shared how they used the digital skills, acquired during NDDP sessions, to apply for online ration cards to avail various government schemes.

Post the session, we asked the participants to research some fun keywords related to COVID-19 and wildlife. All the participants shared their work through WhatsApp. Also, they shared their feedback about the session and said they were happy to join the online session.

Newgen’s CSR team looks forward to conducting more informative online sessions. This session was a success as it highlighted some facts about the current crisis and apprised the participants of ways to deal with it. We believe that everyone’s active participation makes NDDP sessions highly interactive, exclusive, and fun.

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