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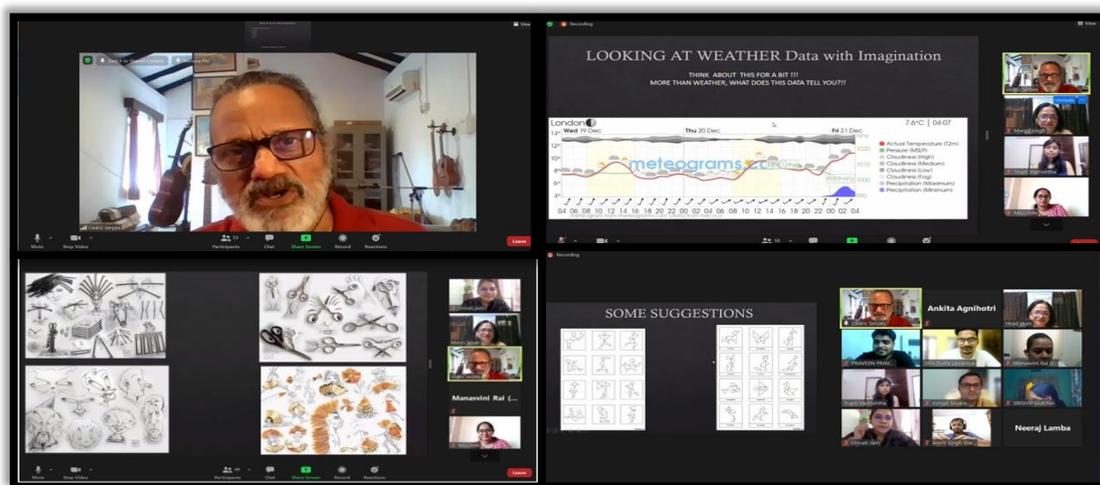
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

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A report of online workshop on 'Creativity and Imagination' Organised on 21 April 2021

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (DHSS) in collaboration with HUM PALS organized an online workshop on 'Creativity and Imagination'. Prof. Manju Singh, Head, Dept. of HSS was the Convenor of the workshop and it was coordinated by Dr. Nidhi Bansal, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. The facilitator for the workshop was Cedric Serpes visiting faculty: NID-National Institute of Design-Ahmedabad; IIT-Gandhinagar; IIT-Jammu; IIT GOA; Accenture India; PAGE Junior College; Naval War College, Goa. The workshop aimed at elucidating the importance of imagination over knowledge with various hands on exercises and theories. To improve imagination via various object images were shown and learners were asked to imagine beyond their normal thinking and come up with imaginative and creative ideas.



A Remote Association Test (RAT) was also conducted to measure creativity; each RAT question listed a group of words, which required to be complemented with a word that can link all the words in the list together. This exercise was conducted to perceive the ability of the learners in building the interesting connections from among given words.

In the next half of the session the Scholars were given a TANGRAM exercise consisting of seven pieces and were later asked to rearrange them and configure any object based on their imagination. Methods to improve imagination and creations were also discussed during the session. The session explained well on how imagination works as a key ingredient for fostering creativity and how skills work as the basis for innovation. It was a really insightful session for the scholars which instilled in them ability to think out of the box and be more imaginative. Sir also shared the recipe for great research is collaborating as it creates room for more creativity and imagination.

Overall, 53 students have participated in the workshop. At the end, a token of gratitude was presented to the guest speaker and his session was acknowledged as a gem for all the participants by the head of the department.
