## Health Awareness Programme on "Poly Cystic Ovarian Syndrome" in collaboration with AMIIS 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021

A one-day national webinar under the umbrella of online health awareness program on the topic "Poly Cystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS)" was organized by the Centre for Women's Studies and School of Studies in Physical Education, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur on 06.02.2021 from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Dr. Priyamvada Shrivastava Co-Director, Centre for Women's Studies, welcomed the expert of the program Dr.GaiveeVinam Meshram, Junior Medical Officer (Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology) from Indian Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur. In the webinar very important information was given by the expert regarding the symptoms of PCOS and also discussed about the measures to be taken for its prevention. In our country, this problem is being seen in about 70-80 percent of women and the disease is most common among the females in the age group of 18-40 years and the interesting fact is that mostof women are not aware about it. Even today, there is a lack of information related to PCOS in our country, so it is very important to bring awarenessabout the diseases especially amongst the youth. If information about PCOS isreceived at the right time, then its treatment is possible. The easiest way for this is to do self-examination. Apart from this, women and girls between the age of 18 to 40 years should get tested by the doctor once every year. After the age of 20 to 35, the possibility of PCOS also increases. She also points out that if the women see any symptoms like absence of menstruation for two months, excessive hair fall, darkening of the skin, acne, obesity etc., then definitely she had to consulther doctor. Also, women should not be careless in whose family this problem is already exists, because it increases the risk of genetic cases.Dr.Gaivee Vinam Meshram described about the symptoms of PCOs and insisted to intake Balanced diet rich in both the micronutrients (Zinc,Copper, Iron,Magnesium)and macronutrients (Carbohydrates, Proteins, Fats and Vitamins) in food.She also talked about the importance of physical exercise, balanced diet, relaxation and mental stress management. At the same time, she also gave information that there is a counselling cell in AIIMS Raipurfor PCOS where its treatment has been given to the patients. Dr.Reeta Venugopal, Director, Centre for Women'sStudies shared her views about the importance of physical exercise so that the problem of PCOS can be corrected to some extent. At the end of the program questions were also raised by the participants After the program many questions were asked by the which were answered by the team of experts. The program was conducted by research scholars

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