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### **Report for National Science Day Celebration**



The transition towards a sustainable energy future hinges on the development and adoption of effective energy storage solutions. To explore the current state and future trajectories of energy storage, a webinar titled "Energy Storage Solutions: Present Day and Future Perspectives" was convened to celebrate National Science Day Celebration. This report synthesizes the insights shared during the webinar, highlighting existing technologies, emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities in the realm of energy storage.

The Webinar "Energy Storage Solutions: Present Day and Future Perspectives" on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 organized by Department of Physics in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Y.S. Palpara Mahavidyalaya, Palpara. The Session was started with the introductory speech by Dr. Arindam Pal, Head of the Department, Physics & IIC Vice-President of the College. Next, Prof. (Dr.) Pradipta Kumar Mishra, Principal & IIC President of the College delivered a welcome address and the importance of celebration of the Day. Then, our main speaker, Dr. Jagadish Chandra Mahato, Asst. Prof., Department of Physics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, delivered a full of informative lucid speech on the topic "Energy Storage Solutions: Present Day and Future Perspectives". Around sixty participants are attended the session. And finally, the session was concluded by giving the vote of thanks by Dr. Aminur Rahaman, Asst. Prof., Department of Physics & IIC convener of the College.

The webinar commenced with an exploration of the prevailing energy storage technologies that are shaping the present-day energy landscape.

Lithium-Ion Batteries: Lithium-ion batteries emerged as a cornerstone of contemporary energy storage, owing to their versatility and widespread adoption across various sectors. The speakers highlighted the pivotal role of lithium-ion batteries in powering electric vehicles, facilitating renewable energy integration, and bolstering grid stability. However, concerns regarding material scarcity, safety, and environmental impact underscored the need for continued research and development.

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*Pumped Hydro Storage:* Pumped hydro storage was underscored as a stalwart in grid-scale energy storage, utilizing gravitational potential energy for electricity storage and generation. Despite its high efficiency and reliability, speakers acknowledged the geographical constraints and environmental considerations limiting the expansion of pumped hydro storage facilities.

Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES): CAES systems, which leverage compressed air to store energy in underground caverns or depleted natural gas reservoirs, were identified as promising solutions for grid-scale energy storage. While acknowledged for their scalability and relatively low operating costs, speakers cautioned against challenges related to efficiency optimization and site-specific feasibility.

Flow Batteries: The webinar also spotlighted the growing prominence of flow batteries, such as vanadium redox flow batteries and zinc-bromine flow batteries, for grid-scale energy storage applications. Speakers lauded the inherent scalability, long cycle life, and decoupled power and energy characteristics of flow batteries. Ongoing research endeavors aimed at enhancing energy density and reducing costs were highlighted as pivotal for their broader adoption.

Future Prospects and Emerging Trends: The discussion transcended the present-day landscape, delving into emerging trends and prospective technologies in energy storage.

Advanced Battery Technologies: The Speaker Dr. Jagadish Chandra Mahato also delved into the advancements in battery technologies, particularly solid-state batteries and lithium-sulfur batteries. Solid-state batteries garnered significant attention for their potential to mitigate safety concerns associated with liquid electrolytes and enhance energy density and cycle life.

Hydrogen Storage and Fuel Cells: Hydrogen storage and fuel cells emerged as transformative technologies poised to revolutionize long-duration energy storage and zero-emission power generation. The speakers highlighted the declining costs of electrolyzers and hydrogen fuel cells, underscoring the growing momentum behind hydrogen as a clean energy carrier for diverse applications.

Smart Grid Integration and Demand-Side Management: The webinar emphasized the pivotal role of smart grid integration and demand-side management strategies in optimizing energy storage deployment and operation. Speakers underscored the significance of advanced control

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algorithms, predictive analytics, and real-time monitoring technologies in maximizing the value proposition of energy storage assets and enhancing grid flexibility.

Challenges and Opportunities: Amidst the promising outlook for energy storage solutions, the webinar delineated the inherent challenges and opportunities confronting the sector.

Cost Reduction and Scalability: Cost reduction and scalability emerged as central challenges impeding the widespread adoption of energy storage technologies. The Speaker Dr. Mahato also stressed the significance of achieving economies of scale, technological innovations, and supportive policy frameworks to drive down costs and facilitate market expansion.

Integration and Grid Interconnection: The seamless integration of energy storage systems into existing grid infrastructure posed a multifaceted challenge necessitating coordinated efforts among stakeholders. Speakers emphasized the need for standardized grid interconnection protocols, market mechanisms, and regulatory frameworks to streamline the deployment and operation of energy storage assets effectively.

Sustainability and Environmental Impact: Sustainability considerations assumed paramount importance, with discussions revolving around responsible sourcing of raw materials, recycling initiatives, and mitigating the environmental footprint of energy storage technologies. Speakers underscored the significance of adopting holistic lifecycle assessments and implementing sustainability best practices to ensure the long-term viability of energy storage solutions.

#### Summary:

The webinar served as a beacon illuminating the multifaceted landscape of energy storage solutions. By elucidating existing technologies, emerging trends, and associated challenges and opportunities, the webinar underscored the pivotal role of energy storage in advancing the transition towards a sustainable energy future. As stakeholders continue to collaborate and innovate, the prospects for energy storage solutions to catalyze transformative change in the global energy landscape appear increasingly promising.

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#### **Photos of the Session**



Dr. Arindam Pal, HOD, Physics & IIC Vice-president gives introductory speech of the Session



Prof. (Dr.) Pradipta Kumar Mishra, Principal & IIC President delivered welcome Adreess of the Webinar



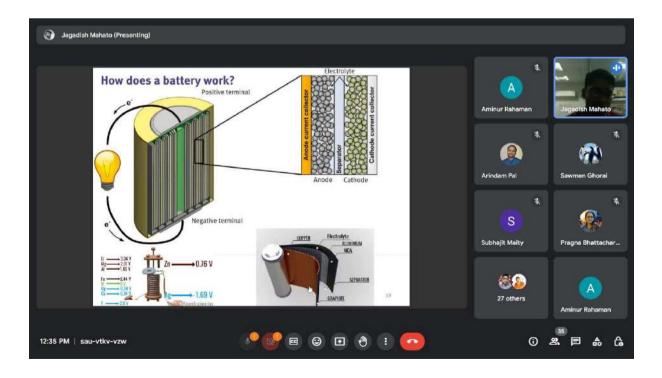
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Dr. Jagadish Chandra Mahato, Asst. Prof., Department of Physics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, was delivering the talk



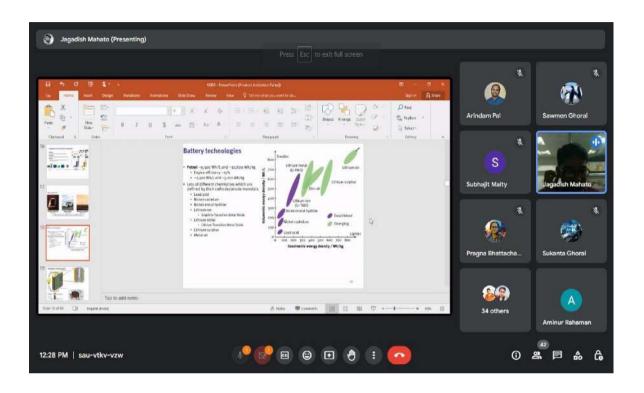


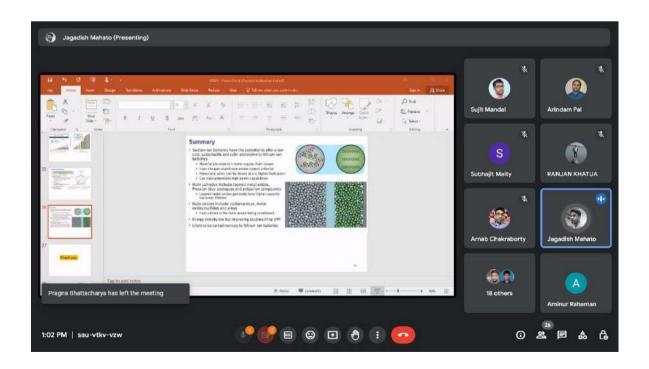


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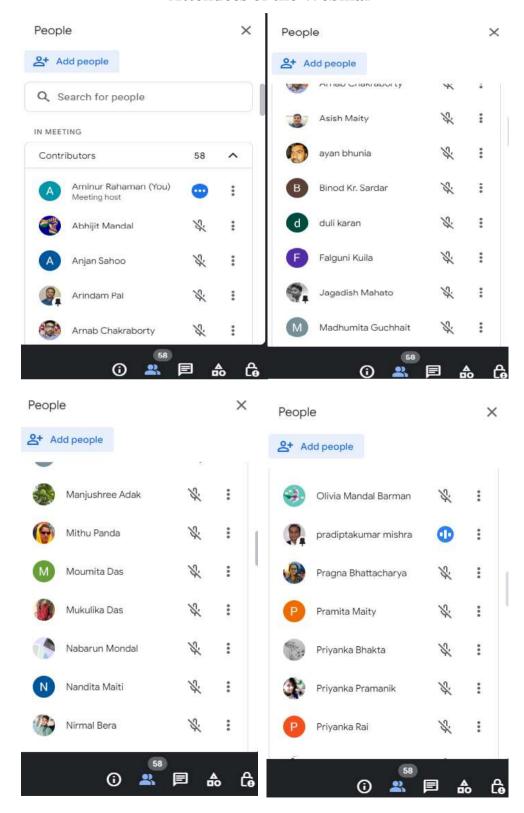


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#### **Attendees of the Webinar**

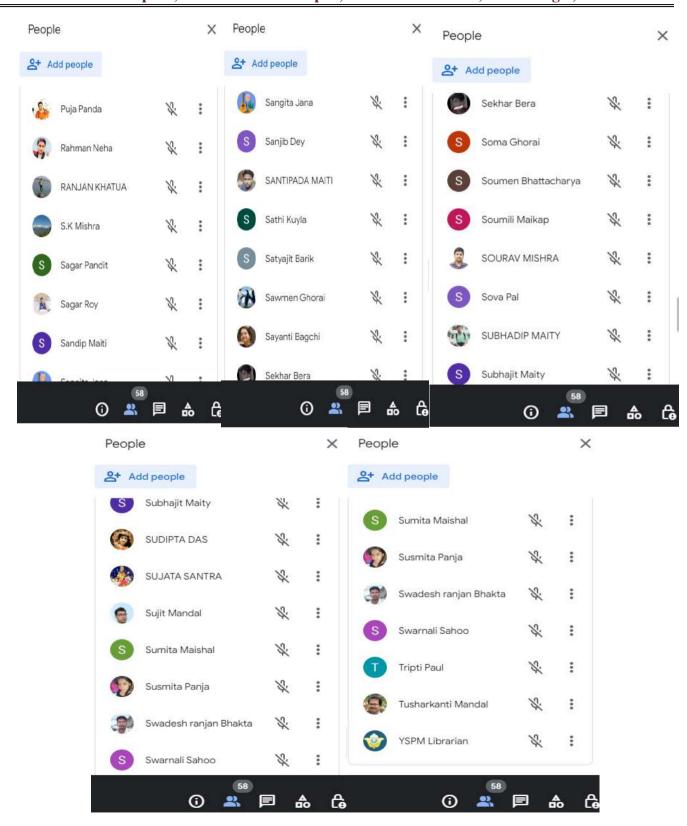




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### **National Science Day Celebration**

Webinar on "Energy storage solutions in present day and in future"

#### Speaker

Dr. Jagadish Chandra Mahato Asst. Prof., Department of Physics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal



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#### **Chief Patron**

Prof. (Dr.) Pradipta Kumar Mishra Principal, Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya, Palpara West Bengal



Date: 28th February, 2024

Time: 12.00 PM Webinar Link:

https://meet.google.com/sau-

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#### Programme Schedule

DATE	TIME	TOPICS	RESOURSE PERSONS
28/02/2024	12.00 p.m. to 12.15 p.m.	Introductory Speech	Dr. Arindam Pal (Asst. Prof., Department of Physics & IIC Vice- President,Y. S. Palpara Mahavidyalaya)
	12.15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Welcome Address	Prof.(Dr.) Pradipta Kumer Mishra (Principal & IIC President, Y. S. Palpara Mahavidyalaya)
	12:45 p.m. to 02:15 p.m.	"Energy storage solutions in present day and in future"	Dr. Jagadish Chandra Mahato (Asst. Prof. Department of Physics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan)
	02:15 p.m. to 02.30 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Aminur Rahaman (Asst. Prof., Department of Physics, & IIC Convener, Y. S. Palpara Mahavidyalaya)

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Date: 20.02.2024

#### Notice

It's a pleasure to inform all the students of Y. S. Palpara Mahavidiyalaya that Department of Physics in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of our College is going to organize a session on "Energy Storage Solutions in Present Day and in Future" on February 28, 2024 at 12 p.m. onwards through online mode (Google Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/sau-vtkv-vzw). Willing students must have to actively participate in this session.

Arrindam Pal

HOD, Physics

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To
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Sub: Invitation as Resourse Person for National Science Day Webinar on" Energy storage solutions in present day and in future" on 28.02.2024 at 12~p.m

Sir.

Purba Medinipur

We have pleasure to inform you that the Department of Physics in collaboration with IIC and IQAC of our college is going to organize a National Webinar on "Energy storage solutions in present day and in future" on 28.02.2024. In this regard, you are cordially invited to deliver a lecture as resource Person on the date stated above in online mode (through Google Meet Platform).

Wating for your kind consent in this regard.

Prof.(Dr.) Pradipta Kumar Wishra Principal

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To Dr. Jagadish Chandra Mahato Asst. Prof., Department of Physics, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India

#### Letter of Appreciatioin

Sir.

We are glad to convey our gratitude by honoring our invitation as an honorable speaker in a session of the National Science Day Celebration on a webinar on "Energy Storage Solutions in Present Day and in Future" organized by the Department of Physics in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Y.S. Palpara Mahavidyalaya, Palpara, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal, on February 28, 2024.

Your speech on the above topic enlightened our participants a lot. Hence, our appreaciation with due regard may kindly be acknowledged by you with expecting your kind co-operation in future

intellectual discourse.

With Warm Regards,

Prof. (Dr.) Pradipta Kumar Mishra

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