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### PRESS RELEASE

India Meteorological Department is celebrating "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" w.e.f.18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021, under which many informative and entertaining programs are being organized by the department.

During this period, "Lecture Series" is also being organized by the Scientists of the department on the topics related to Meteorology. In the same series, in coordination with Dr.K.K.Singh, Scientist 'G' and Mrs. Sarita Joshi, Asstt. Director (Official Lang.), a webinar was organized by IMD during 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. for the differently abled students/ teachers , Shri. Anand Kumar Sharma, Scientist-G(Retd.) delivered a lecture on "Weather and Climate Services" to the differently-abled students and teachers, which was easily explained by Mrs. Sonia Sharma to the students in sign language. Live streaming of the webinar was also done through YouTube. A large number of differently-abled students/ teachers participated in the webinar.

Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, felicitated the invited guest for the lecture, Shri Anand Kumar Sharma, and sign language expert Mrs. Sonia Sharma and extended warm greetings to all the students and teachers connected in the webinar. He said that this is the first such effort of the department and the purpose of organizing this webinar is to provide information to the differently-abled students of the country on important topics related to the common man like 'Weather'. Organizing such programs especially for differently abled students will surely motivate them to know more about weather and climate.

Shri Anand Kumar Sharma, in his lecture provided information about 'Weather Forecasting System in India' to the differently abled students in his lecture, including Surface instruments, Upper Air instruments and Satellites used in the weather forecasting services of the Department. He also explained about the need of collecting data, locating the places likely to rain in the next 2 to 4 hours by Radar, collecting data on real time basis and issue forecasts.

At the end of the lecture, students and teachers associated with the webinar asked many interesting questions in sign language, which Mrs. Sonia Sharma told to Mr.Anand Kumar Sharma and through them, answers were provided. Program coordinator Dr.K.K.Singh told that e-certificates will also be provided to all the students connected through virtual medium in the program for their participation.

The Principals and Coordinators of the Schools associated with the webinar praised the webinar organized by the India Meteorological Department. At the end of the program, Mrs.Sarita Joshi, Assistant Director (Official Language) thanked Mr.Anand Kumar Sharma, Mrs. Sonia Sharma and all the students & schools for their cooperation in the successful conduct of the webinar.

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