

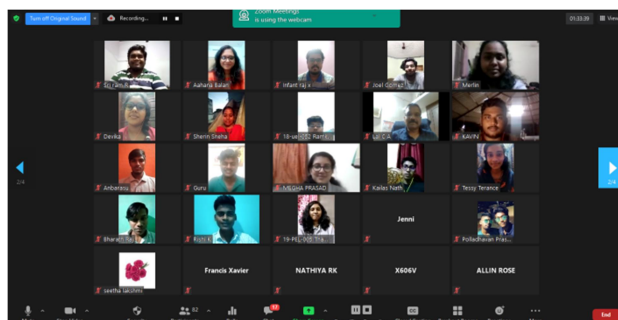
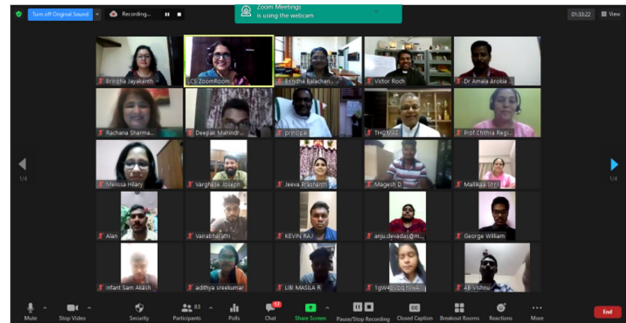
## **Virtual Graduation Ceremony of English Access Micro Scholarship Program Batch (2018-2021)**

The English Access Micro Scholarship Program offered by the U S Department of State through the Regional English Language Office (RELO), India, is an intensive training program for students from the underprivileged communities. This program was offered at Loyola College, Chennai and St. Xavier's College, Thumba, Trivandrum.

The Batch of 2018-2021 graduates had their graduation ceremony the new normal way, connecting remotely from their devices. The event was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. on zoom.

Rev. Father Dr. Francis P Xavier SJ, President of Loyola College society delivered the key note address and urged the students to adopt reading as a life-long practice to enhance knowledge and language skills. Rev Father Dr. Thomas Amirtham SJ, Principal Loyola College and Rev. Father Dr. V.Y. Dasappan SJ, Principal St. Xavier's College, Thumba, Trivandrum shared their thoughts on the unique methodology followed by Access for training the students.

The ceremony showcased the talents of the Access students and took the audience through the journey of the two years.



Mrs. Rachna Sharma, Cultural Specialist from RELO New Delhi congratulated the students on their successful completion of their journey through Access and welcomed them to be part of the Access Alumni that has a world of opportunities. Officers from the US Consulate, Chennai Ms Brindha Balachandran and Ms Brindha Jayakanthan appreciated the efforts

of the students. Rev. Dr. Victor Roch SJ, Director, LSSS expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the partners of the program and thanked them for their outstanding contribution to the success of the Access.