Prof. Gagandeep Kang delivered a special talk titled "Preparedness, Response, and Research when Epidemics and News go viral" at Vigyan Bhawan on 28th February 2020 on occasion of National science Day celebration. The event was inaugurated by Honourable President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and attended by the Minister of Science and Technology, Health and Family Welfare and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan and other dignitaries. The event was organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), government of India.

The speech was an important in wake of the COVID-19 epidemic that has killed close to 4,088 (as on March 10, 2020) people across the globe. Prof. Kang is among the leading experts monitoring the progress of this outbreak closely being the Vice-Chair of the Coalition of Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), the organization which is leading global efforts to develop a vaccine for the 2019-nCoV virus.

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