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ON

PANDEMIC REALITIES: EMERGING ISSUES & PERSPECTIVES

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CONCEPT NOTE

As the world inside and outside our homes grapple with the pandemic that's at its peak in India, humanity is waiting with bated breathe for the much needed vaccine to show us some light at the end of the tunnel. COVID-19 pandemic has turned our worlds upside down and has had its cascading effects on human security, economy, society, politics, geopolitics and upon almost every aspect of human existence. As we brace ourselves for a possible second wave of the pandemic, as predicted by the leading epidemiologists worldwide, it is time for stocktaking and introspection. The academia needs to engage itself in constructive dialogue in order to both diagnose and come up with a prognosis on the fallout of the pandemic and suggest course corrections, if any.

With a view to having a meaningful discourse on the multi-dimensional repercussions of the raging pandemic, this academic engagement has been conceived where scholars, students and the academia in general, can debate and discuss some of the pertinent issues that this pandemic has brought to the surface. As an academic community, we need to discard our ivory-tower existence and come up with policy prescriptions that should mitigate the real life problems that we are dealing with. Herein, lies our solemn responsibility towards humanity in general.


SUB-THEMES

Abstracts (within 250 words) are invited on any one of the following sub-themes:

- Reconfiguring the geopolitics and international politics in a post-COVID world.
- Implications of the pandemic on the domestic politics and federal structure of India.
- Impact of COVID-19 on the formal and informal workers in India.
- Rethinking Public Policy, Governance and the role of the State in the wake of COVID-19.
- Post-pandemic Economy: Challenges & Possibilities.
- Addressing Gender issues and concerns during COVID-19.
- Implications of COVID-19 pandemic for human security.
- Pandemics and epidemics in colonial India: Lessons learnt.
- Pandemics and it's reflections in Literature.
- Dealing with Mental health issues of educators and students during COVID-19.
- The future of Higher education: teaching, learning and research in the wake of COVID-19.
- Media, social media and the COVID-19 pandemic.

GUIDELINES

- **There is no Registration Fee.**
- The last date for submitting abstract is 10 August 2020.
- Abstracts are subject to review. Abstracts which will be selected shall be communicated to the presenters by 12 August 2020.
- Abstracts should not exceed 250 words.
- All abstracts should be accompanied by a title, maximum five keywords and a brief bio of the author which shall include his/her designation, institutional affiliation, correspondence address, phone number and email. Incomplete abstracts will not be accepted.
- Abstracts must be in MS-WORD format, in Times New Roman font with font size 12 and double spaced.
- For abstracts on the theme 'Pandemics and it's reflection in Literature', multi-lingual abstracts can be submitted. Please use AVRO Software for abstracts in Bengali.
- Abstracts should be mailed to intwebinarmc@gmail.com

- E-certificates shall be given to all the participants and the paper presenters after successful submission of the Feedback Form which will be provided after the valedictory session.
- Webinar Platform: 
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