



A One-Day Program of International Webinar and District Level Elocution Competition

As Part of the
Celebration of International Youth Day 2020 (12th August)

Jointly Organized by

Nehru Yuva Kendra, Paschim Bardhaman (Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India)

&

NSS Unit of Banwarilal Bhalotia College, Asansol, West Bengal, India

In Association With

West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society (WBSAPCS)

Date: 10th August, 2020 & Time: 10:30 AM Onwards

(To be Hosted Through ZOOM & YouTube Live)

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About Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS):

Nehru Yuva Kendras were established in the year 1972 with the objective of providing rural youth avenues to take part in the process of nation building as well providing opportunities for the development of their personality and skills. In the year 1987-88, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) was set up as an autonomous organization under the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, to oversee working of these Kendras. NYKS is the largest grassroots level youth organization; one of its kind in the world. It channelizes the power of youth on the principles of voluntarism, self-help and community participation. Over the years, NYKS has established a network of Youth Clubs in villages which are working for community development and youth empowerment in rural areas. These Youth Clubs and its member volunteers form the base of the NYKS's vast national rural network.

About the NSS Unit of Banwarilal Bhalotia College:

Banwarilal Bhalotia College (B. B. College) is committed to the institution's presence in the immediate neighbourhood and the larger realm of social concerns. This is ensured by integrating community exposure into the routine practices of teaching and pedagogy. The National Service Scheme (NSS) wing of the college has contributed immensely through volunteering in community education programmes, creating awareness drives, teaching underprivileged children and in many other ways. The B. B. College NSS Unit is very actively involved in the service of the underprivileged sections of the society. It aims at inculcating human values, dignity of labour, self-confidence and discipline among the volunteers. The cardinal principle of the NSS Unit is that it is organised by the students themselves, and both students and teachers through their combined participation in community service get a sense of involvement in the job of nation building. The Unit works on Education, Health, Environment, Disaster Management, Personality Development among many other areas.

About West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society (WBSAPCS):

West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society was registered under the Society Registration Act 1961 vide registration no. S/90724 of 1998-99. According to the World Bank directives the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) took up the initiative to launch the National AIDS Control Programme through the state registered societies of each state. The aim of this initiative was implementation of the programme through quick decision making and to allow smooth flow of funds. Two major goals of this organization are: to reduce new infections by 50% and to provide comprehensive care, support and treatment to all persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Program Schedule (in Indian Standard Time)

10:30 AM – Inauguration and Welcome Address by **Dr. Amitava Basu**, Principal, Banwarilal Bhalotia College

10:50 AM – International Webinar on “**COVID-19 Pandemic and How to Cope Up With the Problem: Special Reference to HIV/AIDS**” by **Dr. Suman Ranjan Das**, Associate Professor in Department of Medicine, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA

11:30 AM – District Level Elocution Competition on “**The Challenges Faced by the Youth During COVID-19 Pandemic**”

12:30 PM – Declaration of Result for the District Level Elocution Competition & End of the Program

There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes for the Elocution Competition. All the participants in the Competition will be awarded certificates.

About the Speaker



Dr. Suman Ranjan Das
Associate Professor in Department of Medicine
Division of Infectious Diseases
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee, USA

Dr. Suman Ranjan Das is one of the foremost renowned scientists in USA in the field of Virology. He has received Ph.D. in Virology from the International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi, India, where he studied molecular pathogenesis of HIV-1 subtype C Indian isolates. Dr. Das is presently working as an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in the Division of Infectious Diseases. Using genomics tools, his group is trying to understand the underlying mechanisms that contribute to evolution of RNA viruses (i.e., influenza, RSV, rotavirus EEEV, and enterovirus). For the past four years, his lab is also interested in understanding virus, host and microbiome interactions, to identify if the host microbiota contributes to disease severity and long-term outcomes. Further, employing a two-pronged research approach, his lab is currently developing *in vitro* and *in vivo* models to understand the underlying mechanisms that contribute to antigenic evolution of influenza virus to escape the host immune response. By combining bioinformatics and synthetic genomics, his lab is evaluating the experimental data to better predict the future evolutionary path of influenza virus.