



ONE DAY NATIONAL LEVEL WEBINAR ON 24TH JUNE, 2020 FROM 11 AM ONWARDS



TO DELIBERATE ON

Epidemics and Society: The Present and the Past

Organised by Department of History (Hindi Shift),

under the aegis of

IQAC, Banwarilal Bhalotia College, Asansol, West Bengal

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Concept Note: Imposition of racial or communal overtone on the spread of epidemics is not a modern day phenomenon. When in 1817 Cholera epidemics started in eastern India, and spread to Southeast Asia and subsequently to Europe, Indians were blamed for spreading cholera in the west. The 'Indian Cholera' as it was called in the west, clearly pointed to a racial slur. During the nineteenth century religion and culture were among the major factors held responsible for the spread of epidemics in India. India has a long history of epidemics like cholera, malaria, plague, yellow fever etc. The cholera epidemic of 1830s, 1840s, 1860s created popular unrest, developed social conflict and paved the way for reform and development of public health policy in British India. The colonial Government had to pass the Epidemic disease act of 1897 to stop the spread of plague in India. The concepts of 'social distancing' or 'quarantine' are not new in Indian context. In this webinar we propose to probe into the history of epidemics in India and its impact on society and try to find its resonance in the present day scenario when Covid-19 is laying bare the deep-rooted insecurities of our society.

Aims and Objectives of webinar:

- ❖ To know about the history of epidemics in India and its impact on our society and its relevance in the present scenario.
- ❖ How the spread of epidemics compelled the British Government to adopt proper public health policies.
- ❖ It will inspire the students, research scholars, academicians to conduct detailed research on history of medicine, diseases, public health.
- **Target Audience:** Our beloved students, teaching community, researchers, academicians, policy makers.

➤ REGISTRATION DESK-

- ❖ **For Registration, click the link:**

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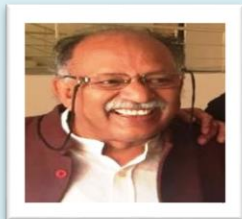
- ❖ To be conducted through 

- ❖ **Last Day of Registration:-** 23rd June, 2020 till 5pm.

In case of any query, please contact:

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INVITED SPEAKERS



Prof. Deepak Kumar

Retired Professor of History of Science and Education
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He is a pioneer of History of Science, Technology and Medicine in India. His ground breaking work is *Science and the Raj: A Study of British India*, Oxford University Press, 2006

Prof. Arabinda Samanta

Retired Professor and Head
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Prof. Samanta has authored many articles and books pertaining to social history of science and medicine and environment. A glowing example is *Living with epidemics in Colonial Bengal, 1818-1945*, Manohar, 2017

ABOUT THE ORGANISER

Banwarilal Bhalotia College

Established on 16 July 1944, Banwarilal Bhalotia College has been pioneering higher education of quality in Asansol and beyond for more than 75 glorious years. Presently affiliated to Kazi Nazrul University, B. B. College is one of the leading educational institutions in Asansol, providing both general and technology-based education. The college has been re-accredited (cycle 2) by the NAAC with grade B+ in 2020.

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Programme schedule

11 am- Welcome address by Dr. Debashis Mandal
11.05am- Inaugural speech by Prof. Amitava Basu
11.10.am – 11.40am- Lecture by Prof. Deepak Kumar (In Hindi)
11.40am- 12.10pm- Lecture by Prof. Arabinda Samanta
12.10pm- 12.25- question and answer session
12.25pm- Thanks giving and end of Webinar by Dr.Sandip Chatterjee

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- **Dr. Kajal Krishna Dey (IQAC Coordinator and Advisor), Associate Professor, Dept. of Physics, Banwarilal Bhalotia College, Asansol**
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