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NOTICE

A Webinar on "Reflections on Pandemics in Colonial India: An Unfurled Chapter in History" will be held on 4th September 2020. The event has been organised by the department of History in association with IQAC.

All Teaching and Non-teaching members along with the students are requested to attend.

Platform: Google Meet and to be streamed live on YouTube.

Time: 4 P.M. onwards.

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Report on One-Day International Webinar on “Reflections on Pandemic in Colonial India: An Unfurled Chapter in History”

Introduction: The department of History, Sarojini Naidu College for Women organized an International Webinar on “Reflections on Pandemic in Colonial India: An Unfurled Chapter in History” in collaboration with IQAC, Sarojini Naidu College for Women on 4th September in 2020 on online platform due to Covid-19 Pandemic situation.

Objective: The main objective of this webinar was to know the history of pandemic in the history of world civilization. In these trying times, we are going to take part in an academic discussion on pandemics hitherto remained untold in our regular teaching learning process. Before this world wide Covid-19 situation reaching a catastrophic level within a short span of time, we were rather apathetic to the profound effects of pandemics on societies as revealed in history. This webinar will help us to explore the impact of pandemics on societies with reflections on how these examples can be torch bearer to combat similar issues in the present scenario.

Content: The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Urmila Ukil, Principal of Sarojini Naidu College for Women. Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry & Coordinator, IQAC, Sarojini Naidu College for Women presented the inaugural speech. Dr. Basab Chaudhuri, the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of the West Bengal State University, delivered his insightful key-note address and the invited lecture was delivered by Prof. Arabinda Samanta, Former Professor, Department of History, University of Burdwan on “The First Cholera Pandemic in History: Indian Experience.” Another valuable invited lecture was presented by Prof. Mahfuz Parvez, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh on “Colonial Legacy of Pandemic.” Prof. Sujata Mukherjee, Professor, Department of History, Rabindrabharati University, West Bengal, India delivered her nice



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presentation on “Colonial Health Care and the Challenge of Pandemics.” Interactive Session was conducted by Prof. Azizul Biswas, Assistant Professor and HOD, Department of History, Sarojini Naidu College for Women. This session was chaired by Dr. Sukanya Sarkar, Associate Professor & Joint Convenors of the Organising Committee, Department of History, Sarojini Naidu College for Women. A short but meaningful valedictory session was organized where Prof. Narayan Nandy, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sarojini Naidu College for Women, presided. The Valedictory Programme was ended with vote of thanks by Prof. Adarini Kanjilal Biswas, Assistant Professor, Department of History & Joint Convenors of the Organising Committee. The whole session was hosted by Dr. Nibedita Pal, Associate Professor, Department of History, Sarojini Naidu College for Women.

Outcome: The Webinar was attended by 125 delegates comprising faculties from different colleges and universities, young researchers from different universities and research institutions located in and around the city of Kolkata. Apart from, 45 undergraduate and postgraduate students also joined this Webinar. It was indeed a rare occasion for the students and the researchers in History as they got valuable opportunity to hear the lectures of eminent historians and political scientists from reputed universities. At the end there was a feedback form which was circulated among all participants to review this webinar through Mail. Some suggest more of such webinar should be organised.