

Two-Day State Level Webinar on Environment and Present Crisis: The Steps Forward

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About the Webinar

COVID-19 outbreak is changing the dimensions of human society and civilization throughout the globe in every possible sphere of thought, planning and action. This pandemic has radically changed the way people take up issues related to environment. As a drastic measure to combat the situation, several countries including India have imposed a lockdown of varying period in which activities and mobility of people have been severely restricted to control the spread of this marauding viral infection. This is having a massive impact on human society in various ways. This pandemic has already caused huge job losses and threatened the sustenance of millions of people, as private and public enterprises have been shut down to control the spread of virus. In almost all affected countries public transport systems including flight and railways have also been closed. All these have given a severe jolt to the economy in all the affected countries. Along with this, the mandatory use of protective gears like masks, gloves and hand sanitizer on a daily

basis has resulted in generation of a massive amount of medical wastes in the environment, introducing a sudden and unprecedented rise in this new class of pollutants in environment. However, with all these troubles, the lock down of the COVID-19 pandemic also caused an improvement in the air quality in many cities across the globe and a drop in water pollution in some parts of the world. A positive effect of all these on biota is gradually emerging in many parts of the world including our country. As it seems, the effect of the pandemic on environment in the coming days is going to be decided by multiple novel and hitherto unknown parameters. In our state, an added issue in this respect is the impact of a devastating cyclone during the lockdown period which added to the already existing misery of people. In this backdrop, the proposed webinar will provide a platform for brain storming regarding the future of the planet after the combined effect of global issues, complicated by a local one.

Program Schedule:

Day 1 : July 25, 2020 (5 - 8 pm)

Inaugural Address: Principal, Serampore College

Keynote Address: Principal, Barrackpore Rastraguru Surendranath College

Lecture 1 : Dr. Anirban Roy,

Research Officer, West Bengal Biodiversity Board

Title of the Talk: Agro-biodiversity and crop wild relatives.

Lecture 2 : Dr. Santanu Saha,

Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Bidhannagar College

Title of the Talk: Mangroves vis-à-vis Sundarban - Utilities, Threats & Challenges.

Lecture 3 : Dr. Arup Kumar Sen,

Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Serampore College

Title of the Talk: Imagining Post-Pandemic India.

Day 2 : July 26, 2020 (5 - 8 pm)

Lecture 1 : Dr. Suman Bhusan Chakraborty,

Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Calcutta

Title of the Talk: Fisheries in Post-COVID Scenario:

balancing act on fine thread

Lecture 2 : Dr. Ashim Kumar Nath,

Professor, Dept of Zoology, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia

Title of the Talk: Approaches to bring about Blue Revolution through

sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector- amidst

COVID-19 and Amphan

Lecture 3 : Mr. Agni Mitra, IFS

Title of the Talk: Possible Effect of COVID-19 Pandemic on Wildlife Crime

Registration Process :

Webinar will have invited lectures and will be conducted in virtual mode through Google Meet. Students from colleges and universities, teachers, research scholars and members from civil society may participate. The participants are requested to attend all the deliberations in two days keeping their microphone and video off during the

lectures. The meeting code will be sent to the participants after successful registration. E-certificates will be issued to registered participants after successful submission of feedback form. For registration, click on the given link available at the two college websites.

Registration Link : <https://forms.gle/qsDiD71bHQqQaajy9>

Last Date of Registration: 24.07.2020

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