

REPORT

TWO DAYS INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON LEARNING TO LIVE WITH COVID-19: SOCIOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE IN DIGITAL CULTURE

The Department of Sociology and Social Work has organized a two days international webinar on Learning to Live with COVID-19: Sociological Landscape in Digital Culture on July 09 and July 10 in 2020. The webinar was chaired by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar Prof. R.P. Tiwari who has given welcomed the participants with his enlightening words. Prof. R.P. Tiwari has remarked the phenomenon of COVID-19 and emphasized the importance of the webinar in building sociological knowledge. He also applauded the efforts of the department for organizing the webinar which will prove fruitful for the sociological landscape. The inaugural address was presented by the Member Secretary, ICSSR, New Delhi Prof. V.K. Malhotra. He spoke about the various aspects of COVID-19 and its impact on various facets of the society. The webinar was co-convened by the Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work Dr. Kalinath Jha. The webinar was attended by more than 300 academia, civil society members and the social practitioners from India and abroad. The eminent speakers of the webinar included professionals from varied countries and backgrounds. Prof. R. Indira, the former President of the Indian Sociological Society has emphasized on the conceptual and theoretical perspectives of sociology related to the central theme of COVID-19. Prof. H.R. Mishra from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi has enlightened on the civilizational perspectives for learning to live with COVID-. Prof. D.K. Verma from MHOW has put light on the importance of sociological understanding of the contemporary global crisis in the COVID. Prof. Mohan Gautam from the European University of West and East, Netherlands has emphasized on the role and importance of culture, community, institution and traditional knowledge for health in the public health policy formulation. Carolyn Heising from the IOWA State University of United States of America has put light on the discourse of 'globalization' that emerged in the decade shaping through a 'digital world' during the COVID-19 pandemic. Casey J. Hughes from California, U.S.A. has presented the changing concept of livelihood and employability under the influence of digital world. Prof. CSS Thakur from R.D. University, Jabalpur has explained on the understanding of the rurality and the issue of migrant labour during the COVID-19 crisis. Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhary from the



Department of Sociology in Lucknow University has discussed the changing nature of gender socialization of Indian society in the COVID-19 pandemic. Prof. Manish K. Verma from BBAU University has emphasized on the changing nature of livelihood and the current state of unemployment in India. Prof. Madhav Govind from Jawaharlal Nehru University has also presented his views on the employability opportunities in the digital era under the influence of COVID pandemic. Prof. A.K.S. Jha from South Bihar University, Gaya has emphasized the emergence of the concept of smart village in his speech. Dr. Ram Sharma from J.V. College, Bagphat, U.P. has spoken about the online teaching mode as a 'self-empowering' project in the pandemic era. Dr. Neha Jain from PDDU G.G. PG College, Lucknow has emphasized the gender inequalities in the different opportunity levels in the COVID-19 era. The valedictory address was given by Prof. Prakash Mani Tripathi Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the IGNTU, Amarkantak. The co-convener and Head of the Department of Sociology and Social work Dr. Kalinath Jha of the webinar has proposed the vote of thanks.

