



Concept Note

The world has been affected by the novel corona virus (Covid-19) pandemic since November 2019. The virus causes respiratory diseases in human beings from common cold to more rare and serious diseases such as the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), both of which have high mortality rates (WHO 2020). The UN Secretary General described it as the worst crisis being faced by mankind since World War-II. It may lead to enhanced instability, unrest and enhanced conflict (The Economic Times, April 1, 2020). There is a high risk associated with this disease as it is highly fatal and contagious. The infection of Covid-19 was first detected in Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province of China in November 2019 when the Wuhan hospital reported that there was a cluster of unknown pneumonic cases related to Huanan Seafood Market. Subsequently, Wuhan became the epicenter and it spread rapidly in China and abroad (The Economic Times, March 13, 2020). On January 8, 2020, a new coronavirus was identified as the cause of the pneumonia by the National Health Commission of China.

The disease rapidly spread to most of the countries of the world and became a pandemic within a short span of time. The lightning spread of the disease across the world is due to very high degree of global economic integration and boom in the international movement of people (Harilal 2020). The global Covid-19 cases exceeded 3 million across over 200 countries which continued to be wreaked by its havoc (Kant 2020). The most affected regions in the world are the European Region (47.84 %) followed by the Regions of the Americas (39 %) (Situation Report, WHO, 2020). The Covid-19 pandemic has ruptured the world system. The economic impact of the pandemic is expected to be enormous as it has stopped the engines of the world economy at once leading to loss in production, income and employment (Harilal 2020). According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projections the global economic growth in 2020 is likely to be -3 % (Gopinath 2020). The world trade in goods is projected to decline by 13 % to 32 % in 2020 (WTO 2020). Thus, the pandemic is going to inflict a deep impact on the world economy, if it is not contained soon.

India has also been facing the problem of Covid-19 since January 2020 when the first case of Covid-19 in the country was reported from Kerala. The number of cases in the country has been increasing rapidly despite stringent measures of nationwide lockdown imposed in the country from mid night of 24 March, 2020. In India, the most affected States are Maharashtra, Gujarat and Delhi. The pandemic has inflicted huge blow to Indian economy and its GDP growth is expected to go down to negative. It has also put huge pressure on fiscal health of the country. Among the various sections, the worst sufferers are the migrant workers, poor households, marginal farmers, artisans, traders and those involved in tourism and hospitality industries. In this background, the webinar has been proposed to discuss and debate the impact of the pandemic on global economy with special reference to India and suggest the strategies to minimise adverse economic impact.

Themes

THE THEMES OF THE WEBINAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. INCIDENCE AND FATALITY OF COVID-19
2. IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON GLOBAL GDP GROWTH
3. IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON GLOBAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT
4. COVID-19 AND JOB LOSSES
5. COVID-19 AND MIGRANT WORKERS
6. COVID-19 AND TOURISM INDUSTRY
7. IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INDIAN ECONOMY
8. IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON EDUCATION

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Speakers

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PROFESSOR BARBARA HARRISS-WHITE

Prof. Barbara Harriss-White Senior Research Fellow, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies; Professor Emeritus of Development Studies; Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College, University of Oxford, Oxford UK.

Professor Harriss-White's research interests have developed from the economics of agricultural markets to India's socially regulated capitalist economy and corporate capital; and from the malnutrition caused by markets to many other aspects of deprivation: notably poverty, gender bias and gender relations, health and disability, destitution and caste discrimination. She has a long term interest in agrarian change in southern India and has also tracked the economy of a market town there since 1972. She held academic posts at Oxford from 1987 until her retirement in 2011. Since then she has directed an ESRC-DFID research project entitled Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Technology And Work In Production And Distribution Systems: Rice In India. She has been an advisor to the UK'S Department of International Development (DfID) and to seven UN organisations; as well as a trustee of the International Food Policy Research Institute and of Norway's Institute for Environment and Development.



PROFESSOR NIROD CHANDRA ROY

Prof. Nirod Chandra Roy is currently a Senior Professor in the Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. He has served in the department in various capacities for more than 30 years. He received his education and obtained his Masters from University of Dhaka and Katholieke University Leuven, Belgium and did his pre-doctoral in Population Studies from IIPS, Mumbai and his PhD from Kalyani University. His area of specialization is development Economics, Population Economics and Monetary and Financial Economics. He has co-authored an often cited pioneering book on Land Reforms in Arunachal Pradesh, (Classical Publishing Company, 2001) and has Co-ordinated and co-authored the prestigious Human Development Report of Arunachal Pradesh (2005). He has also contributed to the Arunachal Pradesh State Development Report (2010) and has contributed in projects like the Evaluation of Flagship Programmes and Evaluation of State Finances of Arunachal Pradesh (2019).

PROFESSOR SUSHANT KUMAR NAYAK

Prof. Sushant Kumar Nayak is a Professor of Economics at Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. He has served in the department in various capacities for more than 25 years. He received his education and obtained his Masters and PhD from Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, and his M.Phil from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. His area of specialization is Public Economics, International Trade, Mathematical Economics and Econometrics. He has co-authored the prestigious Human Development Report of Arunachal Pradesh (2005) and has Co-ordinated and contributed to the Arunachal Pradesh State Development Report (2010). He has also coordinated in projects like the Evaluation of Flagship Programmes and Evaluation of State Finances of Arunachal Pradesh. He has recently co-edited a book titled Hill Economies and Sustainable Development in India: Emerging Realities (2019).



PROFESSOR DEEPAK K. MISHRA

Prof. Deepak K Mishra is Professor of Economics at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi. His research interests are in the areas of the political economy of agrarian change, rural livelihoods and agrarian institutions, labour migration, gender, and human development. He has co-authored The Unfolding Crisis in Assam's Tea Plantations: Employment and Occupational Mobility (Routledge, 2012) and has edited Internal Migration in Contemporary India (Sage, 2016). Recently, he has co-edited Rethinking Economic Development in Northeast India: The Emerging Dynamics (Routledge, 2017) and Land and Livelihoods in Neo-liberal India (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2020). Before joining JNU, Prof Mishra taught at the Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University and contributed to the first Human Development Report of Arunachal Pradesh (GoAP-UNDP-Planning Commission, 2005) and Arunachal Pradesh Development Report (Academic Foundation, 2009). During 2008-9 he was a Commonwealth Visiting Fellow, Department of International Development, University of Oxford, UK. In 2012, Prof Mishra was ICCR Chair Professor, International Centre for South Asian Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow. He was a Visiting Fellow at the York Centre for Asian Research, York University, Toronto in 2019.



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Rajarshi Majumder is Professor of Economics at the University of Burdwan, West Bengal. Gold-medallist in Graduation and Post-graduation, UGC Research Fellow, and a Doctorate from Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, he has written on issues related to Infrastructure, Regional Development, Labour, and Human Resource. His works have been published in Asia Pacific Development Journal, Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy, South Asia, Indian Economic Review, Indian Journal of Labour Economics, as also in various edited volumes. He has also authored chapters in several District Human Development Reports of West Bengal, and also in both Assam and Mizoram State Human Development Reports. He has three books to his credit. He is also a Visiting Professor for the Dialogue of Civilizations program of Northeastern University, Boston, Mass. since 2013.



PROFESSOR S. MAHANDRA DEV

Prof. S. Mahandra Dev is the Director and Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai. Prof. S. Mahendra Dev has been the Director and Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) in Mumbai, India since 2010. Prior to this position, he was Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, Ministry of Agriculture from 2008 to 2010. He was Director, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, India for 9 years from 1999 to 2008. He is Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C. He was Acting Chairman of the National Statistical Commission, Government of India. He received prestigious Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for outstanding research work on development studies. He received his Ph.D. from the Delhi School of Economics and did his postdoctoral research at Yale University. His main areas of interest are development economics, employment, poverty, inequality, agriculture policies, rural development and social sector. He has around 120 research publications in national and international journals. He has written or edited 19 books. He has been a member of several government committees in India, including the Prime Minister's Task Force on Employment, member of the Committee on Financial inclusion, member of the Expert Group on Poverty chaired by Dr. C. Rangarajan. He is the Chairman of the Committee on Terms of Trade on Agriculture constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture. He has received honors for eminence in public service.



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Prof. Hiranya K Nath is a Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics and International Business, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, USA. He received his education and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas in 1998 and 2002 respectively, M.Phil in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India in 1996 and his masters and bachelor degree in Economics from the University of Delhi, Delhi in 1992 and 1990. His areas of teaching and research interests are Macro and Monetary Economics, Development Economics, Information Economics and Applied Econometrics. He has been a Fellow in the School of Economics and Finance, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia, during 2011-2012 and 2013-2014 and a visiting Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati during 2016-2017. He has to his credit a number of research publications in various prestigious and reputed International Journals.

PROFESSOR K.P. KANNAN

Prof. K P Kannan, a development economist, has worked extensively in the area of labour, employment and development. Currently, he is an Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum and Chairman of the Laurie Baker Centre for Habitat Studies (LBCHS), Trivandrum, Kerala. He is a Member of the International Panel on Social Progress, a collective of social scientists across the globe, and is engaged in preparing a report on Society in the Twenty First Century. Earlier, he was a Professorial Fellow and Director at the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Trivandrum. He was also a Member of the erstwhile National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganized Sector



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How to apply?

There will be no registration fee for the participants. The registration opens from 19th June, 2020 and will close on 21st June, 2020 at 12.00 Noon. For online registration please click- <https://forms.gle/nR7GyXhW7E27VK546>

Important Note

Live web sessions will be conducted through Zoom Platform from 10.00 am onwards. Number of seats are limited. Selected participants will be communicated through registered email with programme schedule and detailed guidelines.

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
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**International Webinar on:
Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Global Economy during 22-23 June 2020**

Programme Schedule

Day 1: 22nd June 2020

Inaugural Session (10.00-10.30 AM)

10.10-10.15: Welcome Address by **Prof. Vandana Upadhyay**, Head, Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University

10.15-10.20: A few words by **Prof. Tana Showren**, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Rajiv Gandhi University

10.20-10.30: Address by **Prof. Saket Kushwaha**, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University

Lecture	Time	Topic	Resource Persons
1	10.30-11.00	Covid-19 and Indian Economic Growth	Prof. S. Mahendra Dev , Director and Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai
2	11.00-11.30	Implications of Covid-19 for employment and livelihoods in India	Prof. Alak N. Sharma , Director Institute of Human Development, New Delhi
3	11.30-12.00	Globalization at a Turning Point: Will Covid-19 lead to an alternative vision	Prof. K.P. Kannan , Honorary Fellow at Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum and Chairman, Laurie Baker Centre for Habitat Studies Trivandrum
	12.00-13.20	BREAK	
4	13.20-14.00	Covid-19 and UK's Economy and Society	Prof. Barbara Harris White , Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom
5	14.00-14.30	In the Mirror of a Crisis: Vulnerable Migrant Workers in Globalising India	Prof. Deepak K. Mishra Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
6	14.30-15.00	Pandemic and Migration	Prof. Rajarshi Majumder , University of Burdwan, West Bengal

Day 2: 23 June 2020

Welcome Address

Lecture	Time	Topic	Resource Persons
7	10.00-10.30	Reimagining Education in Post Covid-19 World	Prof. Hiranya K. Nath, Sam Houston State University, USA
8	10.30-11.00	Covid-19: Fatality Differentials among the countries	Prof. N.C. Roy, Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University
9	11.00-11.30	Covid-19 and the Role of PRIs and Finance Commission	Prof. S.K. Nayak, Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University

Valedictory Programme

11.30-11.35: Brief Remarks by **Prof. Vandana Upadhyay**, Head, Department of Economics

11.35-11.40: A few words from **Prof. Tomo Riba**, Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University

11.40-11.50: Address by **Prof. Amitava Mitra**, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University

11.50-11.55: Vote of Thanks by **Dr. M. Lama**, Coordinator of the Webinar