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## **WEBINAR REPORT OF 'GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19: A GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVE'**

### **Rajiv Gandhi University conducted International Webinar on 'Global Health Crisis and Socio-Economic Impact of COVID-19: A Geographical Perspective'**

The Department of Geography conducted an International Webinar on topic 'Global Health Crisis and Socio-Economic Impact of COVID-19: A Geographical Perspective' on Thursday.

522 participants comprising students, researchers, academicians, administrators and scientists from all over India and International participants from Africa and South Korea actively participated in the webinar conducted via cloud app.

Prof. Kiran Kumari, Head, Department of the Geography delivered welcome address and introduced about the webinar topic that how the global health crises caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has lead wide ranging socio-economic impact across all sectors, stratum of society and showing grave deterioration of socio-economic development. She emphasized that discipline of geography can very well explain the growth and nature of this pandemic and its socio-economic impact in spatial and temporal context and keeping this in mind that webinar shall possible pave the way for better ideas to tackle present and future problems..

In his inauguration address as the Chief Patron, RGU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha, greeted the esteemed resource persons and appreciated the topic relevant as per need. He emphasized about how geographical boundaries are shrinking and there is need to discuss the problems in different dimensions of global pandemic.

Dr. Pragya Tiwari Gupta, Associate Professor, Ethiopian Civil Services University, Ethiopia, gave a synoptic view of the recent urban exodus led by migrants, and how the failure of the health system cum administration have somewhat become responsible for spreading COVID 19 infection in rural areas. She tried to explain how the frontline health workers, street level bureaucrats also suffered due to neglect of the health system and administration both.

Prof. V.C. Jha, Former Vice Chancellor, TM Bhagalpur University and Former Head, Department of Geography, Vishva-Bharti University gave an elaborative speech pandemic and social responses, he emphasized how digital technology is playing an important and wider role in tracking, detecting and mapping COVID-19 in spatial context.

Prof. R. B. Singh, Secretary General & Treasurer-IGI and Former Head, Department of Geography, University of Delhi, very in-depth highlighted the spread of viral disease Ebola, SARs and COVID-19 and how this urban health crisis has emerged as a new challenges for regional development in India in a geographical perspective.

Prof. K.N. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Open University, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh focused on COVID-19 and spatial organization, he elucidated that it is the need of hour to strategically dealt with this pandemic and for this he emphasised to adapt regional

approach planning for spatial resource evaluation and to assess the agriculture potential that can only be improved by Integrated Resource Management.

After having interaction with webinar participants, Prof. Tomo Riba, Professor, Department of Geography and Registrar In-charge lauded the initiative taken by the department.

Prof. Amitava Mitra, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University as an economist also focused his views on the changing current global scenario due to this pandemic.

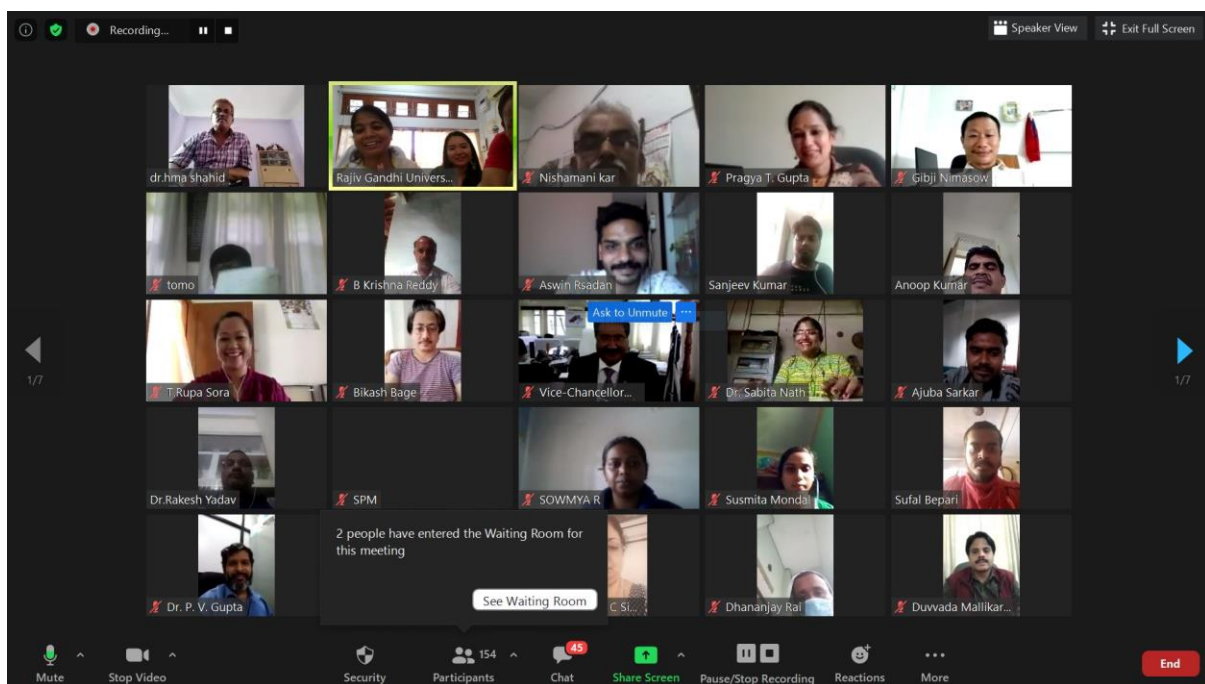
Finally, vote of thanks was given by Dr. Taje Rupa Sora, Associate Professor, Department of Geography to the organizers, to all the participants and those who made this webinar directly or indirectly successful.

Yours Faithfully

With warm regards  
Encl: Photographs

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**Prof. Tomo Riba**  
Registrar In-charge &  
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**Prof. Kiran Kumari**  
Convener  
Head & Professor  
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*Cordially Invites to ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR at 11.00 AM on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2020*

## Global Health Crisis and Socio-Economic Impact of COVID-19: A Geographical Perspective

The ongoing global pandemic, COVID-19, has become a part of our conversation everywhere. A pneumonia of unknown cause detected in Wuhan, China was first reported to the WHO Country Office in China on 31 December, 2019 and was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January, 2020. The virus follows a wave pattern, abating and then peaking again in multiple global geographies. This pandemic is not just a global health crisis; it could spark global recession, while undermining globalism, cooperation and multilateralism, ushering in a renewal of authoritarianism, isolation and open conflict between powers. It has led to wide-ranging socio-economic impact across all sectors, stratum of society with a grave deterioration of socio-economic development. COVID-19 with its manifold impact - on health, education and income - may change global scenario year-on-year. As COVID-19 impact spreads around the globe, geographers need to understand the crisis not only in their own country but in other countries as well. Keeping this in mind the International webinar shall endeavour to pave the way for informed and insightful ideas to strategically address the current and future concerns.

### Objectives

- ❖ To share the insights on various issues and challenges on COVID-19 with researchers, administrators and educators, and
- ❖ To understand health crisis and socio-economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic, globally in geographical perspective.

### Programme Outcome

- ❖ To gain knowledge from eminent experts in this field.
- ❖ Understanding health crisis and socio-economic impact in the current geographical scenario

Live WEB Sessions will be conducted through **ZOOM**. Log in starts at 10.50 am.  
Participants will be given e-Certificate of participation on being present in the sessions.

There is **no registration fee**. Registration will be closed on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 2 PM. Shortlisted participants will be communicated through registered email with day-wise programme schedule.

For Registration Please click on Link :

<https://tinyurl.com/yc3bk3b4>

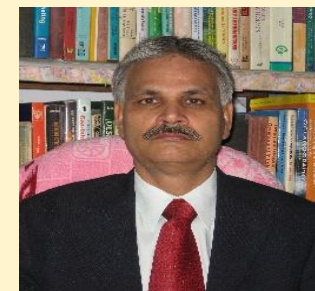
## RESOURCE PERSONS



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