

## **CALL FOR PAPERS FOR AN EDITED VOLUME WITH ISBN**

### **PROPOSED TITLE:**

## **India and the Pandemic**

**The Trajectories of COVID: 19 & its Corollaries**

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### **CONCEPT NOTE:**

The current COVID-19 global pandemic has shaken the edifice of our social systems in multiple ways. With millions of death all over the world, food crisis and the rising cases of unemployment, the virus has exposed a different reality before us which was hitherto lying hidden behind the façade of our apparent 'normalcy' of existence. Different countries have shown diverse strategies of coping up with the crisis. In the case of India, the pandemic has already reshaped this country beyond imagination. Since the day of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appearance on national television on 24th March 2020, to announce that the country would go under lockdown to fight the coronavirus, forcing 1.3 billion Indian stays indoors, we have witnessed several upheavals in the country. Its economy, which was faltering much before the lockdown, has worsened with every passing day. Against the backdrop of ingrained social inequalities, the intrusion of the pandemic has further led to the emergence of varied instances of deprivation, disorderings and victimization. The wretched condition of the migrant workers, the agony of the marginalized, vilification of the vulnerable, the sufferers of poor healthcare systems, the contorted education sector-- we are all habituated with this by now. These issues are not pandemic specific but have gained new visibility because of the spreading of the contagion. The magnitude of the crisis we are facing may be new but not structures of crisis that define our society.

The calamitous situation creates an urgency where the here and now takes primacy over the long-existing fissures in our socio-political systems and practices, which may temporarily blur one's critical aptitude in analyzing a specific issue in the right perspective. Again, one should also be aware that the moments of crisis are also opportunistic moments for the policy-makers to use the crisis as an alibi in camouflaging their failure in addressing the basic issues that concern the day to day life of the citizenry. While on the one hand, we should keep in mind these cautionary facets while analyzing COVID-ridden reality of the nation, on the other hand, we should explore the opportunity that the pandemic has opened before us in conceptualizing a better India.

The book is aimed at addressing the problems that concern our nation as a result of the outbreak of the pandemic and seeks to explore its social, psychological, cultural, creative and other ramifications, as our nation is trying to grapple with it. As editors of the volume, our aim is to charter here your critical responses in the form of articles which will analyze the listed issues in the right perspective. It is expected that the analysis of our lived reality during this pandemic time from varied perspectives as categorized below, will help one to map the real impact of COVID: 19 in the context of the nation.

We are open to critical research papers which fall in any one of the following categories:

### **THE ECONOMICS OF PANDEMIC**

What is the impact of COVID:19 on the state of Economy of the nation? How do you interpret the deep recession and a looming economic crisis? Is there any way out?

### **SOCIETY, PANDEMIC & POLITICS**

What is the social politics of pandemic in India? How would you interpret the government's act of administering the pandemic? What is the nature of human tragedy in India? How can the issues of race, gender, inequality and marginalization be viewed through the lens of the pandemic?

### **LESSONS FROM HISTORY, LITERATURE & PHILOSOPHY**

How our historical consciousness can help us interpreting the pandemic? What is its relation to ethics, our conduct and thoughts? How all the disruptions will shape the contours of new literary works?

### **EDUCATION AND PEDAGOGY IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC**

What is the impact of COVID-19 pandemic in the field of education in the country? Do we foresee the emergence of a new educational philosophy? How does the new-normal scenario in the field of education affect the nature of the relation between the teacher and the students? What will be its possible impact?

### **ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT & SCIENTIFIC PRACTICES**

How does novel coronavirus allow us to question anthropocentrism? How can the spread of the contagion be viewed and linked with various ecological and environmental issues in Indian contexts? What is the social dimension of our scientific knowledge of COVID-19?

### **PANDEMIC, POPULAR CULTURE & MEDIA**

How newspaper scoops, blogs, films or other mediums capture the cultural anxiety of the pandemic? What is the relation between consumer culture and media representation of COVID-19? What are the deeper connotations of the prevalence of a culture of fear about the contagion?

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINE:**

### **KEY ELEMENTS FOR ABSTRACTS:**

- Title:
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- **Last Date: 19 December 2020.**

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3. **Title:** 14-Point at the top of the document followed by the author's name
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5. Use 'Reference List' as per APA style.
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8. Suggestion for revision [if any] by the external editors, should be followed within 10 days of communication.
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