

# Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya

Siliguri



ASSESSMENT PERIOD 2018-2019 TO 2022-2023

# SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS

**CRITERION – 3** 

**Key Indicator – 3.2 Innovation Ecosystem** 

3.2.2 Number of workshops/seminars/conferences including programs conducted on Research Methodology, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and entrepreneurship during the last five years.

# **Content:**

One day ICSSR sponsored National webinar on "Society, disaster and Resilience: Lessons from Literature"

# **Details of Registration**

All the participants and paper presenters will have to register themselves by paying a Registration Fee of Rs. 200/- only. The registration fee should be transferred online (Net Banking, Debit/Credit Transfer, UPI payment etc.).

Details of the bank account Name of the account holder:

**'SSM Seminar Account'** 

Name of the Bank: Union Bank of India

Name of the branch: Deshbandhupara branch

Account Number: 502102011114024

IFSC: UBIN0550213

Last date of Registration: 02.02.2021

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Payment Details must be filled in the Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya Siliguri - 734004

### **REGISTRATION AND YOUTUBE LINKS**





### MEETING PLATFORM: CISCO WEBEX

Meeting ID will be shared with the Registered participants only. Join the webinar WhatsApp group separately with the link provided after submission of Registration Form. Cisco Webex

E - Certificates will be provided to all the participants only after submission of feedback form at the end of the Webinar.

## **Organizing Committee**

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# **Experts of Academic Excellence**

Inaugurator: Dr Jaydeep Sarangi, Principal, New Alipore College, Kolkata

Keynote Speaker: Prof (Dr) Abhijit Sen, Professor of English, Department of English & OMEL, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan

Resource Person: Prof (Dr) Debarshi Prasad Nath, **Professor, Department of Cultural Studies,** School of Humanities and Social Sciences, **Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam** 

Resource Person: Dr Binayak Roy, Assistant **Professor, Department of English** University of North Bengal, Siliguri

### **Invited Speakers & Session Chair** 1.Dr Amitabh Roy Vice Principal & Associate Professor in English Alipurduar Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Alipurduar

2.Dr Joydeep Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor of English, Kurseong College, Kurseong





**ICSSR SPONSORED NATIONAL WEBINAR ON SOCIETY, DISASTER AND** RESILIENCE: LESSONS FROM **LITERATURE** 

8th February, 2021

ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH SURYA SEN MAHAVIDYALAYA SILIGURI

**SPONSORED BY** ICSSR (Indian Council of Social Science Research) -Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata

# Contextualization

Great literary narratives have a transformative potential; it challenges the way we think. While it draws our attention to diverse socio-political and cultural issues, by using various interpretative tools, a literary text can be used in triggering a positive response. The literature of disaster and ruin is wide and deep. Authors find hope in times of great upheaval by suggesting that chaos, in addition to its ill effects, offers many opportunities for transformation. Over the centuries they have charted the factors that contribute to making a community resilient to cataclysmic events. From Homer's account of sea disasters in 'Odyssey' to Robin Cook's medical thriller novel 'Pandemic' (2018), literary creations are not only graphic accounts of human confrontation with dread but also are narratives of survival, optimism and love. In an age of great calamities when anthropogenic and other disasters take a heavy toll on humanity, this web-seminar wants to explore literary motifs across genre, which highlight human tryst with disasters, both real and imagined - narratives that chronicle the surge in community spirit and help us to reiterate our faith on civilizational ethosa

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Last date for submission of abstract
11/01/2021
Abstract Acceptance Report
13/01/2021
Last date for submission of full paper
02/02/2021
Last date for Registration
02/02/2021

# Call for Paper

We invite Papers with original analysis and argument from scholars of all disciplines, having relevance to the following sub-themes:

- Literature of epidemic/pandemic and resilience
- Deprivation, threat & the narratives of resistance & survival
- Theme of self-regulation and adaptiveness in literature
- Theorizing disaster & resilience
- Philosophy of resilience
- Resilience in life writing
- Resilience and the Literature of Environmental Disaster
- Holocaust/terrorism/other catastrophes and resilience
- Resilience in the literature of postapocalyptic world order
- Resilience and post-human literature
- Resilience and zombie apocalypse
- Extinction-studies and survival strategies

Please note that the sub-themes listed above are merely indicative and not exhaustive

#### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:**

Abstracts in not more than 200 words may be mailed to english@suryasencollege.org.in on or before

11th January 2021. Please place 'The 2021 SSM-ICSSR Conference', in the email's subject line. Acceptance shall be conveyed by 13th January 2021

### **FULL PAPER SUBMISSION:**

Upon acceptance of abstracts, full papers must be submitted by 2nd February 2021

#### **PUBLICATION:**

A PDF Abstract book before the webinar.
Selected papers will be considered for publication for an edited volume with ISBN after due referring process.

### **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

8th February 2021, Monday from 10.30 am to 5.00 pm

10:30 am – 12:45 pm: Inaugural Session Compere: Puja Mahajan

10:30 am - 10:35 am: Introduction: Dr Arnab Baul, Convener 10.35 am - 10:40 am: Welcome Address: Dr P.K. Mishra, Principal, SSM

10:40 am - 10.45 am: Inaugural Comments: Prof. Sutapa Saha, Jt. Convener & HOD, Dept of English

10:50 am - 11:00 am: Inauguration: Dr Jaydeep Sarangi, Principal, New Alipore College, Kolkata

11:05 am – 11:35 am: Key Note Speech by Dr Abhijit Sen, Professor, Department of English & Other Modern European Languages, Visva Bharati

11:40 am – 12:10 noon: Invited Lecture by the Resource Person Dr Debarshi Prasad Nath, Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University

12:15 am –12:45 pm: Invited Lecture by Dr Binayak Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of English, North Bengal University

**LUNCH BREAK:** 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm

TECHNICAL SESSION:

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Technical Session: 1

Invited Speech & Session Chair: Dr Amitabh Roy Compere: Ishwar Ch Darnal Paper Presentation & discussion

3:05 pm – 4:35 pm Technical Session: 2 Invited Speech and Session Chair: Dr Joydeep Bhattacharyya, Compere: Ishwar Ch Darnal Paper Presentation & discussion

Valedictory Address: 4:40 pm -4:50 pm by Prof Sutapa Saha Vote of Thanks: 4:50 pm to 5:00 pm by Dr Sanchita Das

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# Report on the ICSSR sponsored National Webinar on "Society, Disaster and Resilience: Lessons from Literature"

A one day ICSSR sponsored National webinar on "Society, disaster and Resilience: Lessons from Literature" was organized by the Department of English of Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya on 8th February, 2021 from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The objective of the webinar was to look back at the oeuvre of literature across genres that deals with the diverse socio-political and cultural issues generated by a time of crisis such as epidemics and disasters and try to contemplate on the narratives which can restore humanity's faith at the face of great calamities. The program was conducted on Cisco WebEx platform along with YouTube live streaming. The webinar was divided into three consecutive sessions- inaugural session, technical session 1 and technical session 2.

The inaugural session of the webinar began with an elaborate introductory note by the convener Dr. Arnab Baul who introduced the objective of the webinar. Next a warm welcome address was delivered to the participants by the Principal of SSM, Dr. P. K. Mishra, It was followed by the inaugural comments forwarded by the joint convener and Head of the Department of English, Prof. Sutapa saha. The webinar was officially inaugurated with the speech delivered by Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi, Principal of New Alipore College, Kolkata, who addressed the audience with his introspective speech about the emergency caused by the pandemic and the reflection of the same in literature .Then an elaborate Keynote speech was presented by Dr. Abhijit Sen, Professor of Department of English and Other Modern European Languages, Visva Bharati University. Dr. Sen discussed at length about the widespread existence of epidemics and black death during the era of the Middle Ages. Two resource persons were invited to deliver lectures on this program. The first invited lecture was delivered by Dr. Debarshi Prasad Nath. Professor of Department of Cultural Studies from Tezpur University and the topic of his deliberation was "The Ethics of Uncertainty during Disasters". The second invited lecture was delivered by Dr. Binayak Roy, Assistant Professor of English Department from North Bengal University. Dr. Binayak's topic of discussion was "Precarity in Transit: Migrant Labour in Amitabh Ghosh's Novels". The first part of the session, thus, ends at 1 p.m. followed by the lunch break. The inaugural session was hosted by Prof. Puja Mahajan.

The first technical session was monitored by the session chair Dr. Amitabh Roy, Vice Principal and Associate Professor of Alipurduar Mahila Mahavidyalaya. It was followed by the paper presentation section where 14 participants presented their papers. After that a discussion took place between the presenters and the session chair regarding the papers. The second technical session was monitored by Dr. Joydeep Bhattacharya, Associate Professor of the Department of English from Kurseong College. In the second phase of paper presentation 16 papers were delivered followed by a discussion session. After the presentations and discussions, a valedictory address was proposed by Prof. Sutapa Saha, Head of the English Department. Finally the seminar came to an end with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sanchita Das. The technical session, however, was hosted by Prof. Ishwar Chandra Darnal.

The webinar turned out to be a fruitful endeavor on part of the English Department to provide a platform to participants who brought about their critical perspectives and understanding from the genre of pandemic literature. A diverse range of literary narratives was presented and discussed well during the webinar. The presentations revealed a wide variety of texts which not only dealt with the socio-cultural dimensions induced by a pandemic situation but also manifested a sense of resilience to counter such

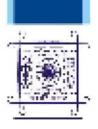
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difficult hours. The forum of lengthy discussions at the end of the presentations was extremely interesting and enlightening. A total of 142 participants joined in this webinar through the WebEx platform. Ecertificates were provided to all the participants who submitted the feedback form after successfully attending the program. Later on, an edited volume with ISBN was published by the college comprising the selected papers which were presented during the webinar. Overall the webinar was successful in inducing a comprehensive sense of speculation regarding the unimaginable crisis caused by the Covid-19 virus.





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