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*Virtual Lecture Series on*

**The Global Pandemic – Implications, Challenges and Way Forward**

**Organised by: School of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Date	Time	Topic	Speaker
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	11 AM	Inaugural Speech	Fr (Dr) Stephen Mavelly, Vice Chancellor, Assam Don Bosco University
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	11 AM	Introduction “The Global Pandemic– Implications, Challenges and Way Forward”	Dr. Riju Sharma, Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	11 AM	Revisiting Pandemic preparedness in Social work education and practice: lesson from COVID 19 Pandemic.	Mr. Victor Narzary, Faculty, Department of Social Work
6 <sup>th</sup> November	11 AM	Current Growth in Indian Economy: Its future prospects	Mr. Jugal Kumar Deka, Faculty, Department of Economics
9 <sup>th</sup> November	11 AM	Student Mental Health and Pandemic: It's Psychological Management	Ms. Procheta Mahanta, Faculty, Department of Psychology and Counselling
14 <sup>th</sup> November	11 AM	Medical Misinformation	Mr. Kaushik Bhuyan, Faculty, Department of Mass Communication
16 <sup>th</sup> November	11 AM	Effect of Global COVID-19 Pandemic on the Teaching-learning Process and quality of Education	Prof. K.C. Kapoor, Head, Department of Education, ADBU
28 <sup>th</sup> November	11 AM	Tantalus and the Fruit: Reflection on the Post-pandemic Psychology and Literature	Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Department of English, Faculty, Department of English

## Concept Note

Nearly seven months from the time it was declared a pandemic, COVID-19 continues to affect our lives in unprecedented number of ways. It has profound impact on every sector of human activities ranging from education to health and economics to environment, thereby threatening healthy lives and well-being of people worldwide. No immediate possibilities of respite from this crisis, place before us two dimensions which draws attention –that of combating this pandemic and also that of adapting to this ‘new normal’. This calls for the need to look at the pandemic beyond the ‘virus’ to economic instability, widening inequality, social disengagement and addressing inconsistencies in social policies. This poses a challenge to policy makers, government officials, health professionals, academics, students, researchers, and civil society to understand, analyse and create mechanisms and strategies towards building sustainable communities. Academia has also witnessed an unprecedented disruption in its regular functioning and institutions have faced rapid close down bringing the education system to a standstill. It is heartening to note that these institutions are making every effort in trying to adapt to the virtual space in teaching and learning and are striving to provide quality education, ensuring uniformity and accessibility to all sections of learners.

As the world is beginning to step into the unlock stages and educational institutions gradually and steadily setting into the digital spaces, a task that lie before academia is in engaging with this public health crisis from a multi-dimensional approach – social, political, economic, behavioural, cultural, and epidemiological –for establishing conceptual and theoretical foundations, policy framework, intervention strategies and practice models that will ensure stability, sustainability and also enhance the existing body of literature. Taking this endeavor forward the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is organizing a discourse for students, faculty and researchers on themes relevant to human lives at this critical juncture, facilitating a platform for exchange and pursuit of knowledge, gaining an understanding of the ecosystem and the processes and structures for ensuring equity and justice, promoting academic thinking and rigour and creating an environment that promotes human security and wellbeing. All the Departments of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (Social Work, Education, Psychology, English, Economics, Philosophy and Mass Communication) will present from discipline perspectives and approaches and stir young minds for critical thinking in theory and practice.

**Platform:** Zoom Meet

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