

Report

Programme Name: One Day Webinar

Topic: "The Current Covid-19 Pandemic and the Need for Philosophical Perspective".

Venue: Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Time: 10:00 AM

Date: 10th July, 2020

Organisers: Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Department of Philosophy, Lakhimpur Girls' College

Lecture Coordinator: Mr. Babyson Terang

In the surge of the First Phase Covid-19, when everyone was hopeless and disoriented with life's journey, a One Day Webinar on "The Current Covid-19 Pandemic and the Need for Philosophical Perspective" was organised by the IQAC in association with the Department of Philosophy, Lakhimpur Girls' College on 10th July, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Dr. Surajit Bhuyan welcomed the Resource Person and all the participants, and he also showered his blessing on the Webinar. The Resource Person of the day Mr. Prodip Khataniar, a Retired Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy, Cotton University gave an enlivening lecture to more approximately 490 participants joining from across the Nation. Mr. Khataniar pointed out that

Pandemic, Social distancing, Quarantine and Sanitizer are not a new concept, but mankind since ancient time has dealt with, which can be found in various writings. He further said that it is in the nature of man wanting to escape from our 'selves'. Important programme to be taken during pandemics and which political philosophers has undertaken are-

- Containing the spread of the virus
- Delaying the spread of the disease
- Medical Research
- Mitigating the impact of this pandemic (the economic impact and the educational impact are some of the most important impacts)



He brought forth the fact that 'The way up is the way down...the way down is the way up - No seminars, but we have webinars; No travels, but contact through Social media; No printed newsletter and magazines but we have e-paper; No way of bringing the new book, but we have kindle e-book. Thus, a way down is a way up.

In his concluding remark, he stated that "The worst of man can bring out the best in human being". We are just facing a pause and it has given us:

- Opportunity for re-examine the nature of human predicament
- Opportunity for self-renewal
- Let our sanitization accept to our mind
- Let us do away with our negativistic ideas and hope for a better future. Mankind had faced many pandemics, but the spirit of man has triumph over it.

Dr. Bhupen Chutia, the IQAC Coordinator delivered the vote of thanks to the Resource person and all the participants present.

The Webinar has received lots of positive feedback for which the Department of Philosophy will always indebted to.

Certificates were also issued to all those who have submitted their feedback form during the stipulated time.

The Resource Person has also contributed books to the Department on the occasion of the Webinar. We shall always remain grateful to him.

Thank you


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Lecture Coordinator

