

**INTERNATIONAL  
WEBINAR**

**ON**

**South Asia Beyond  
Covid-19 Challenges and  
Opportunities**

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**On 18/06/2020 , At 10:30am to 4:30pm**

**Dear Sir/ Madam,**

*We are gratifying to inform you that the Department of Political Science, Prabhat Kumar College, Contai, Purba Medinipur West Bengal, is going to organize one day National Webinar entitled “South Asia Beyond Covid-19 Challenges and Opportunities” on 18/06/2020. On behalf of the Webinar Organizing Committee, we cordially invite you to participate in the said Seminar. Your presence is highly solicited.*

**With warm regards**

**Dr. Chandan Mandal,**

**Assistant Professor & Head,  
Convener,**

### Theme of the Webinar

Covid-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered corona virus. The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in the large-scale impact on the political, Economic, religions and financial structure of not only South-Asian countries like India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri-Lanka, Maldives but also the whole of the world. South Asia has some of the highest population densities in the world, particularly in urban areas. This makes contagion easier, especially among the most vulnerable people:

slum dwellers and domestic migrant workers. These poor people also have lower access to health services or even to water and soap.

It has substantially weakened the outlook as it exacerbated an already challenging macroeconomic situation of low growth rates and significant fiscal pressures. The slowdown in economic activity will trigger sharp jobs and earnings losses.

Topmost economic world such as the USA, China, Japan, India and many others have been severely affected due to this pandemic. Stock markets around the world have been pulverized and there has been steep fall of oil prices. The pandemic has exposed the weakness of major powers and America's inability to provide the much-needed leadership at this juncture.

Global institutions like the UN and WHO have miserably failed to live up to our expectations to tackle the burgeoning challenges. Healthcare systems in many countries – even the advanced

ones – have demonstrated their limited capacity to absorb massive shocks caused by the pandemic. At the individual level, all countries - including South-Asia have been trying to cope with the daunting task of restoration of normal activities in their own ways.

Trends indicate that South-Asian politics is on the verge of a new direction. In this context, the most pertinent question is what would be new Challenges and Opportunities? Will the arena of South-Asian politics in the post-Covid-19 period be marked by more conflict or there will be a coordinated approach to address the rising challenges regionally? The one-day national webinar aims to address these issues with a focus on South-Asian Countries and also special focus on India.

### **Sub-Themes:**

**1. Political Dialogues and Conflict about the sources of Corona Virus.**

**2. Impact of Corona Virus on national and South Asia politics, Impact of Corona in local politics**

**3. Impact of Corona in South Asia Democracy**

**4. Corona and Centre-State relations in India**

**5. Position of India in International Politics after Lockdown.**

**6. Corona and problems of nation-Building in India.**

**7. Political domination in South Asia Politics.**

**8. Bourgeois society Vs Socialist society and Covid-19**

**9. Migrants Workers and Role of State in India.**

**10. Role of Religion in Politics and Covid-19.**

**11. Economy and polity after Corona in South-Asia.**



- 12. Impact of Covid-19 on State, society and individual Relationship.**
- 13. Jobless-Unemployment crisis and Role of the States in South Asia.**
- 14. Role of International Organizations in combating Covid-19.**
- 15. Regional cooperation and Covid-19.**

## **Resource Persons:**

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## **Call for Abstract and Full** **Papers:**

**Abstract:**

**Last date for the submission of abstract by 15.06.2020, within 250 words**

**Submission of Full Papers:**

**Last date for the submission of Full Papers by 15.06.2020**

**Registration Fees:**

**There is no Registration fee, Last date for registration by 15.06.2020 (Limited Seat, Registration May be closed before the last date)**

Paper Presenters Registration

Participants Registration