# International Webinar on Discourse on Digital Divide and Online Education



## Department of Teachers' Training (B.Ed.) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

**PRABHAT KUMAR COLLEGE, CONTAI** College with Potential for Excellence (under UGC XII Plan) Re-accredited by NAAC

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**SPEAKERS** 



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About the Webinar

As a result of global Pandemic, Educational Institutions barely by choice but by obligation are on the verge of embracing online education as a response to the disruption caused in education. However, a mere paradigm shift from offline to online mode would not be a rational and utilitarian alternative to address the commotion in education. In this connection, it is very imperative to understand the discourse of 'Digital Divide'. Despite the sharp rise in technology access and stupendous advantages of online education in the developing countries, one must recognize how the digital divide or the separation between those who have access to, and can effectively use technology, and those who do not is getting wider and how this growing gap between the information rich and information poor will engender more discrimination and inequality in education. Additionally, it is also necessary to explore and understand the readiness of the educational institutions from multiple perspectives to create spaces for online education by engaging in authentic dialogue about various significant variables that may wider digital divide and impede effective online education.

**Registration is Free but Mandatory Registration link:** <u>https://forms.gle/NywGmSLiduKg8B4G9</u> E-certificate will be provided to all the Participants **PRABHAT KUMAR COLLEGE** is the oldest College, located at Contai, Purba Medinipur District, West Bengal, India. It was established on July 15, 1926, as an Arts College under the University of Calcutta. In 1985, the College got affiliated to Vidyasagar University. The Institution has been re-accredited by the NAAC in 2015. It was Awarded the status of "College with Potential for Excellence (CPE)" by UGC in 2016. Presently, more than seven thousand students are studying in UG, PG and B.Ed. The College has established two Research Centres under the aegis of Vidyasagar University with an objective to undertake and promote sound and original research activities in the disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences and Natural Sciences leading to award of Ph.D. Degree. The prime objective of the College is to ensure academic excellence and shine in research activities. The College is well-equipped with many the modern facilities including a Central Library.

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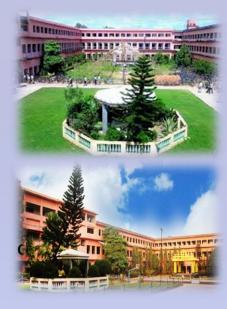
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