



## **SSHP's International Webinar**

On

**Relevance of Sociology in Post COVID-19 World (SSHPWEB-1)**



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### **Call for Papers**

In the journey of development of Sociology, the year 2020 is a unique junction between yester decades and hereinafter. This year witnessed and still continuing unprecedented onslaught of corona pandemic globally cutting across continents, nations, regions, communities, classes, races, castes, religious adherents, other territorial and ethnic groupings and without any distinction between developed and developing nations, urban and rural communities, haves and have-nots, rulers and the ruled, industrialists and workers and educated and uneducated. The invisible but common enemy in the form of virus found all human beings off the guard, horrified them, mercilessly human beings. From the city of Wuhan in Hubei province, China, the epicenter of COVID 19 where suspected corona infected patient was diagnosed at the close of 2019 and first known death from an illness caused by the corona virus was reported on 11 January 2020. The virus spread in most of the countries of the world taking the toll to about a million and infected whopping above twenty five million people. Tireless efforts are being made to arrest COVID pandemic and the war between corona and human beings is still going on.

Sociology, the study of human society, social relationships, actions, processes, institutions, communities and social life turned 100 as an academic discipline in 2019 in demographic billionaire Indian society. It is quite a long period to sociologically study, explore, analyze, interpret and understand human society and also to arrive at objective conclusions. However, when we stand in fourth quarter of 2020, it is observed that owing to the ongoing fight against COVID, web of human relations, behavioral patterns, institutional practices, social processes, normative system, social life and functioning of communities have already undergone significant changes. Besides, mortality and morbidity trends, pedagogical

practices, work culture, economic activities, socio-political dynamics, social mobility, cultural and leisure practices are also changing.

Imposition of series of lockdowns, clamping of curfews restricting human movements whether international, intra-national, inter-state and intra-state, together created a sort of fear psychosis in citizenry. Shutting down of industrial units stopped earnings of industrialists. Stoppage of manufacturing pushed the workers towards pauperization without regular or reduced income. Governments pumped huge funds for health care and free food grain to millions of people. Further millions of people rushing to their native places with or without any conveyance created a situation putting governments in triple jeopardy. Masses resorted to panic buying of goods from shops allowed to be opened for a limited time for selling essential goods. Closure of educational institutions and laying norms for the people to stay in-doors for months created an unprecedented situation bringing behavioral changes in everyday social and economic life.

Emergence social issues like Social Distancing, sanitization, Communication, restricted interactions & virtual relationships, domestic violence, suicides and psychological phenomena like consciousness about hygiene, immunity; fear, anxiety, depression, detachment, loneliness, etc. are indicative of metamorphic changes in societal realism. Further, health issues including fear of getting corona virus infection, problem of seeking treatment and coping with health problems and trauma have become an integral part of life across the globe.

In such testing times governments, Non-governmental organizations, civil societies, various organizations, groupings and individuals are coming forward to help the needy. Corona warriors are offering their invaluable services to the aggrieved and endeavoring to lessen the stress of the distressed. Multipronged strategies are being employed to maintain health and hygiene systems. Most of the nations across the world, global organizations like World Health Organizations, premier health & other institutions and experts of the domain are on the mission to search the ways and means to diagnose and cure COVID and to help the world to get rid of this pandemic.

On finding being surrounded by the prescription of series of dos and don'ts in day today life the people are craving for caring, sharing, communicating and socializing. Staying at home if not essential to move out, working from home, maintenance of two yards of social distancing, bearing of masks, cleaning of hands with soap for twenty seconds several times a day, sanitization of hands, eatables, doors, vehicles, machines, furniture and accommodations have emerged as an essential part of new normative system.

The process of restricted manufacturing, limited movement of vehicles, controlled opening of industrial units helped in cleansing environment in the scale and magnitude not known to humankind in the

industrial world. Science and technology became panacea and the savior of humankind as well as a factor of COVID. Thus hasn't the situation arisen from the deadly virus of rearrangement of social relations and social life? Isn't there an urgent need to ponder on the appropriateness of anthropocentric (human centric) approaches in vogue for centuries neglecting delicate balance between society and environment? Is the time not ripe to analyze societal realities in view of the ongoing impact of COVID and also to visualize relevance of Sociology keeping in view metamorphic changes human society is undergoing?

With this background in mind following are the **sub-themes** for this Webinar;

1. COVID-19 Pandemic and Response of Society
2. Upsurge in social, psychological and economic issues and behavioral changes in everyday social and economic life
3. Issues of Health - Problems and Challenges
4. Explosion of Digital Culture in Education, Health, Corporate and Public Sectors during COVID era: Impact, Problems and Challenges
5. Migrant Laborers and Human Movements During and Post-COVID-19 Period
6. A Symposium on 'Relevance of Sociology' during and Post-COVID-19 Pandemic

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Its members include sociologists, social scientists consisting of academicians, research scholars, PG students, public servants, consultants, members of NGOs, social researchers etc. SSHP is committed to promote sociology as an academic discipline and develop sociological thinking and to facilitate sociological research and enhance professional development of its members. It aims to work for Sociology in India and the world in general and in the state of Himachal in particular providing a network of sociologists at various levels. It attempts to link students and teachers of sociology with other sociological associations at national and international level also with its sister disciplines like anthropology, psychology, environmental sociology and social demography etc. SSHP is also committed to address various issues relating to Sociology including its introduction as a subject at all levels i.e. at senior secondary, college, university and research institute etc. in the state.

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Shaheed Captain Vikram Batra Government College, Palampur, named after martyr Captain Vikram Batra, the valiant son of Palampur came into being in 1995. Nestled in the splendor of the Dhauladhar, the college has been running courses in all the three streams of Humanities, Commerce and Science since its inception. To cater to the changing educational needs, self financing professional courses like BBA and BCA, Add on courses on Television and Video Production and Master in Economics have also been introduced. The College was recognized by UGC under section 2(f) & 12(B) of the UGC Act. 1956, vide letter no. 8-471/2008(CPP-I) dated 29 Sep, 2009. The college is affiliated to Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hill, Shimla-5.

The college functions in its own spacious building consisting of spacious Lectures Room and Lecture theaters, separate Labs for Botany, Zoology, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics and Computer Department and also has Wi-Fi facility and impart regular education to about 4000 students. The college has a Hostel with the capacity of one hundred plus occupants. The college has a well equipped Computer lab. The college has excelled not only in academic activities but also distinguished itself in sports and cultural activities as well.



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