



Activity report of a State Level Webinar on a “Public Health, Epidemics and State: A Legacy of Colonial Bengal”.

1. Name of the Seminars/Conference/Workshops:

Public Health, Epidemics and State: A Legacy of Colonial Bengal

A State Level Webinar organized by the Department of History, Gokhale Memorial Girls' College

2. Name of the Department: Department of History, Gokhale Memorial Girls' College.

3. Date: 27th June, 2020 (1 day Seminar).

4. Number of hours spent: 3 hours

5. Number of Participants: 800 (Eight hundred).

6. Name of Speakers with title of their speech, designation and Affiliation:

Sl. No.	Name of the speakers	Designation	Affiliation	Title of the Speech
1	Dr. Arabinda Samanta	Former Professor of History	The University of Burdwan	Public Health, Epidemics and State: A Legacy of Colonial Bengal.
2	Dr. Sujata Mukherjee	Professor of History	Rabindra Bharati University	

7. Sponsoring agency:

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8. Sponsored amount: 2000/-


9. Aim of the Seminars/conferences/workshops : This is the first Webinar of the History Department and was held quite early into the lockdown. It was an attempt at placing the Pandemic in a historical perspective because of the popular perception prevailing then, that Covid 19 was unique. Pandemics of Plague and Flu have devastated the Earth time to time and again cholera pandemic even had its origin in Bengal. Our aim was to revisit those situations and how the colonial government dealt with it.




10. Outcome of the Seminars/conferences/workshops : It was a huge success, participation of 800 people far exceeding our expectations. It was later uploaded to YouTube and was hit several times till recently.

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Speakers:



Dr. Arabinda Samanta
Retd. Professor of the History
Department, Burdwan University



Dr. Sujata Mukherjee
Professor of the Department of
History,
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Of
Gokhale Memorial Girls' College
Organizes
A State Level Webinar On
***Public Health, Epidemics and
State; A Legacy of Colonial Bengal***
Date: 27th of June, 2020.
1st session (6:00pm-6:50pm)
**Topic: "Differing Perceptions of Epidemics in
Colonial Bengal"**
Prof. Arabinda Samanta
2nd session (7:00pm-7:50pm)
**Topic: "Public Health and Pandemics in
Colonial Bengal"**
Prof. Sujata Mukherjee
Chairperson: Dr. Sarmila Sarkar
Convener: Prasanta Kumar Pal