



**BAMANPUKUR HUMAYUN KABIR MAHAVIDYALAYA**

**Minakhan, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal**

**National Webinar on  
“Rethinking Information Flow: Social Media in Times of  
COVID-19”**

**Organized by  
BA Program Cell  
Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September'2020**

**Time: 6.00 pm – 8.00 p.m.**

**Venue: Google meet platform**

**Organizing Secretary:**

**Dr. Minakshi Biswas, Asst. prof and Convenor,  
BA Program Cell of BHKM**



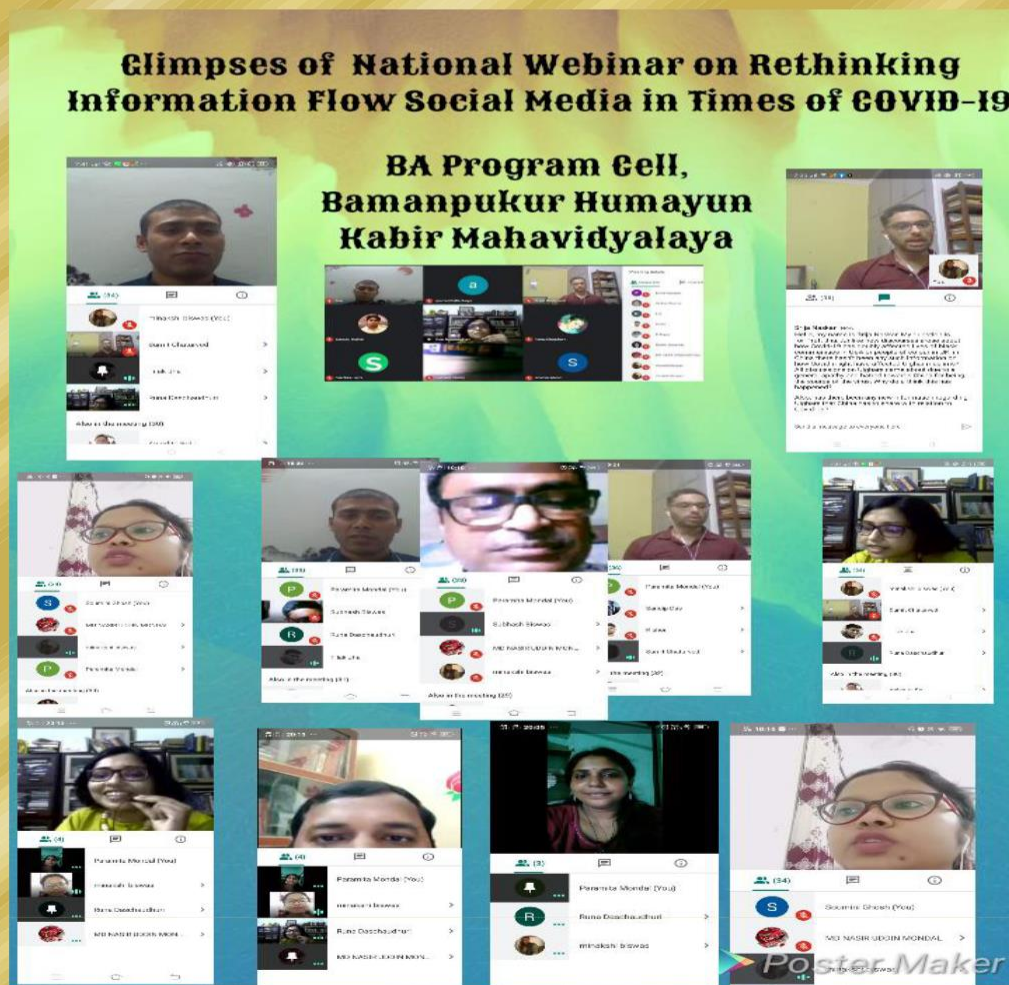
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Profile of National Webinar on

**"Rethinking Information Flow: Social Media in Times of COVID-19"**

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BROCHURE OF THE NATIONAL WEBINAR ON "RETHINKING INFORMATION FLOW:  
SOCIAL MEDIA IN TIMES OF COVID-19"

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BA Program Cell Presents  
National Webinar on

**Rethinking Information Flow: Social  
Media in Times of COVID-19**

Convenor September 8, 2020. Tuesday. Time: 6-8 PM

Minakshi Biswas

Chief Patron  
Dr. Subhash Biswas  
Principal

**Keynote Speakers**

Dr. Tilak Jha, Asst Prof;  
Bennette University, Former  
BBC Journalist



Mr Sumit Chaturvedi, Independent  
Journalist and Researcher



**Social Media and Democratisation-  
Reactionism from Dominant Groups  
against Progressive Democratisation**

**Covid-19 : Social Media  
Perspectives from China and the  
World**



Organising  
Committee

Dr. Runa  
Das  
Chaudhuri

Dr. Md. Nasiruddin  
Mondal

Ms. Paramita  
Mondal

Mr. Tapas  
Patra

Total Number of Participants permitted 100

E-Certificates will be provided to the Participants

 Poster Maker



## Program Schedule of the National Webinar

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### National Webinar on **Rethinking Information Flow: Social Media in Times of COVID-19**

Program Schedule

September 8, 2020 Tuesday 6-8PM

Welcome Note: Minakshi Biswas,  
Convenor

Principal's Address: Dr. Subhash Biswas

Introduction of the first speaker: Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Keynote  
Speaker:

**Covid-19: Social Media Perspectives from  
China and the World: Dr. Tilak Jha**

Introduction of the second speaker: Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Keynote  
Speaker:

**Social Media and Democratisation- Reactionism  
from Dominant Groups against Progressive  
Democratisation: Mr. Sumit Chaturvedi**

Q&A Session: Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Md Nasiruddin Mondal

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Notice

Date: 16.08.2020

BA General Program

Respected members,

I request all the heads of the BA Program Departments (Sociology, Philosophy, Arabic and Geography) to be present at a meeting that is scheduled on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at 7 pm in Google meet platform. The link will be shared in due course.

*Minakshi Biswas*

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 18.08.2020  
BA Program Cell  
BHKM

Members Present: Ms.Minakshi Biswas, Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri, Ms. Paramita Mondal, Dr. MD. Nassiruddin Mondal, Mr.Tapas Patra.

Agenda: To organize a national Webinar in the month of September under the banner of BA Program Cell, BHKM.

Title of the Webinar: Rethinking Information Flow: Social Media in Times of COVID-

19. Action Plan

The concerned members would take up different responsibilities with respect to organizing the webinar.

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To  
Dr. Subhash Biswas  
The Principal  
BHKM

Date: 18.08.2020

Subject: Application to the Principal for Permission to conduct a National Webinar

Respected Sir,

This is to inform you that the BA Program Cell is keen to organize a National Webinar on the issues of Social media in times of COVID-19. All the members of the cell have consented with regard to this.

We look forward to hearing from you on this webinar and request your kind approval and support for the same.

Thanking You  
Yours Sincerely  
Minakshi Biswas  
Convenor, BA Program, BHKM

(P.S All official applications have been sent to the concerned persons via email)



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To  
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The Convenor  
Seminar Research Forum

Date:19.08.2020

Subject: Request to pass a resolution for conducting a National Webinar by BA Program Cell

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I, Minakshi Biswas, the convenor of the cell request you to convene a meeting of the seminar research forum and approve the event.

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To  
Mr. Arghadip Paul  
Convenor  
The IQAC, BHKM

Date: 19.08.2020

Subject: Information/Record of Communication regarding organizing a National Webinar under the banner of BA Program Cell, BHKM

Respected Convenor, IQAC

This is to inform you that the BA Program Cell, BHKM has decided to conduct a National Webinar on “Rethinking Information Flow: Social Media in Times of COVID-19” in the second week of September. Two speakers have been contacted for the same.

The Principal, BHKM has been notified about the event. The head of the Seminar Research forum will be convening a meeting in order to formally pass a resolution to conduct the event.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely  
Minakshi Biswas  
Convenor  
BA Program Cell, BHKM

A meeting was convened  
By the Seminar Research Forum, BHKM  
On the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.  
It passed a resolution to conduct the National Webinar on  
“Rethinking Information Flow: Social Media in Times of COVID-19”



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(NAAC ACCREDITED)

Date. 23 .08.2020

**NOTICE**

This is to inform all the members of seminar research forum that an online meeting will be held on **24.08.2020** ,time **6.30 p.m.** onwards (**platform google meet** ) regarding the Webinar organized by B.A. Departments of B.H.K.M.All members are requested to present in the meeting for discussion and suggestion.

**Agenda**

1. Webinar of B.A. Department
2. Misc

CC to :

Principal and IQAC

*Sumita Chatterjee*

Convener

23.8.2020





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Date: 25.08.2020

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 27.08.2020  
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**Members Present:** Ms.Minakshi Biswas, Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri, Ms. Paramita Mondal, Dr. MD. Nassiruddin Mondal, Mr.Tapas Patra.

**Agenda:** To discuss the distribution of task for the upcoming National Webinar.

#### **Action Plan**

Ms. Minakshi Biswas: Brochure making and enabling the registration process. Communicating with the speakers and establishing other communications with persons concerned. Giving the welcome address on the day of the Webinar (as convenor and organizing secretary of the webinar) and acting as the rapporteur for the event.

Dr.Runu Das Chaudhuri: Conducting the proceedings for the National Webinar (Introduction of the speakers and Q&A Session)

Dr. Md. Nassiruddin Mondal: Delivering the formal Vote of Thanks



Ms. Paramita Mondal: Process of Certification.

# Registration Form for the National Webinar

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## Rethinking Information flow: Social Media in the Times of COVID-19

Dear All,

Greetings from BA Program Cell, Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya, Minakhan, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. We are extremely happy to invite you to join the National Webinar.

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Kindly join the whatsapp group for more information:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JTItvNOERW39WFN5D2gaHc>

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Email Address \*

Short answer text

Designation \*

☐ Assistant Professor

☐ Associate Professor

☐ Professor

☐ Journalist

☐ Researcher

☐ Student

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Salutation\* \*

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☐ Ms

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☐ Other...



## Glimses of Registered Participants: Total 144

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## CONCEPT NOTE OF THE NATIONAL WEBINAR

Social Media has come to occupy a very significant position in our daily lives. Most of us are connected with social media platforms like twitter, facebook, instagram, youtube and the likes. These platforms play a major role in shaping information flow with respect to diverse issues and aspects in the contemporary world. While the social media platforms have acquired the role of spreading information as a primary source, what cannot be ruled out as a fact is that these platforms many a times serve as carriers of fake news, misinformation and also act as machineries for building propaganda thereby politicizing and sensationalizing matters.

Hence this medium through which information and misinformation gets channelized has both positive as well as negative impacts upon shaping public opinion at large. It is believed that prudent usage of social media can be instrumental in altering people's behavior positively while misleading content can only create further divide, fear and stigma across places among people.



## PROFILE/BIO-NOTE OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS OF THE NATIONAL WEBINAR

The first Keynote speaker, Dr. Tilak Jha is currently an Assistant Professor at Times School of Media, Bennett University. He teaches journalism and offers an Open Elective on China to engineering, management and law grads. He last worked as a China Specialist with the BBC where he covered the country's annual parliament session and the Sino-US trade war, among others. Dr. Jha was also a Bai Xian Scholar on the Asian Future Leaders Scholarship between 2014-2016 at China's Zhejiang University, Hangzhou. Dr. Tilak has nearly a dozen book chapters in edited volumes on China by reputed publishers and is a regular contributor to media and policy forums both at the national and the international level. His upcoming publication is a chapter on "Welfare Communication and Poverty eradication in India, China", (to be published in September 2020), in Jianguo Gao, Baikady, R., Lakshmana., G., Sheng Li, C. (Eds.), Social Welfare in India and China- A Comparative Perspective (2020), ISBN 978-981-15-5647-0, Palgrave Macmillan, Beijing, China.

Second Keynote Speaker, Mr. Sumit Chaturvedi is an independent journalist and researcher. He has worked as the Right to Information Fellow with Government of India, Public Policy Scholar with The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy and the UNESCO-Sahpedia Research Fellow. He writes on politics, public policy and socio-political issues. His works have been published in various print and online publications such as Economic and Political Weekly, First Post, India Spend, The Wire and The Polis Project. Two of his publications have been included in the libraries of Indian Parliament and the United States Congress. He maintains a blog by the name of [OpinionTandoor.in](http://OpinionTandoor.in).

## REPORT OF THE NATIONAL WEBINAR

ON

### “RETHINKING INFORMATION FLOW: SOCIAL MEDIA IN TIMES OF COVID-19”

The Principal, Dr. Subhash Biswas, in his inaugural lecture of the national webinar threw light upon several pertinent issues with respect to the growing significance of social media. He also pointed out the need for timely, reliable information on social media in times of fake news. Social media still is regarded as a source for looking for people, searching information on them and sharing of personal views by many. However, the important role that can be played by it needs to be focused upon as well, he stated.

The first keynote speaker, Dr. Tilak Jha highlighted several aspects relating to the use and misuse of social media. He stressed on the need for people to recognize the origin and intent behind spreading information. He talked about the role of social media in authoritarian regimes. He spoke on the relevance social media has come to occupy in India and many other countries across the world. He brought together the positive as well as negative role of social media.

Mr. Sumit Chaturvedi spoke on the role of social media as an instrument of democratization as well as force used by reactionary groups. He stated that social media gives space to vulnerable groups to voice their opinions on issues. The dominant groups as well use it to further squash the lesser privileged and downtrodden in many cases he suggested.

Rappoteur: Ms. Minakshi Biswas



## CERTIFICATE OF THE WEBINAR

