



**BAMANPUKUR HUMAYUN KABIR MAHAVIDYALAYA**

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

**Webinar on ‘Right to Privacy and it’s emerging challenges in this era of Infodemic’**

**Organized by**

**Department of English,**

**Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya**

**Date: 19.05.2020**

**Time: 3.00.pm**

**Venue: Zoom platform.**

**Organizing Secretary**

**Mrs. Madhu Sriwastav, Head Department of English,**

## Report on Webinar on ‘Right to Privacy and it’s emerging challenges in this era of Infodemic’



The poster is a light blue rectangular card with a double-line border. At the top center is a circular logo of the institution. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Webinar on ‘Right to Privacy and it’s emerging challenges in this era of Infodemic’', '19.05.2020 at 3.00.pm on Zoom', 'Organized by Department of English Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalya', and 'Speaker: Shampa Banerjee'. A small portrait of Dr. Shampa Banerjee is centered below the text. Underneath the portrait, her credentials are listed: 'Lawyer and Teaching Faculty (Gold Medalist) L.L.M (B.U), Diploma Holder in Law and Medicine (NUJS)', 'Submitted her Ph.D. on Climate Change Law', 'She has been attached with several colleges and management Institutes', and 'Currently working at Dept. of Law and MBA Dept. (Calcutta University)'.

Department of English Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalya organized a Webinar on ‘Right to Privacy and it’s emerging challenges in this era of Infodemic’ on 19.05.2020 at 3.00.pm on Zoom platform. The speaker for the webinar was Dr. Shampa Banerjee Ghosh, Lawyer and Teaching Faculty (Gold Medallist) L.L.M (B.U), Diploma Holder in Law and Medicine (NUJS).

The session was conducted by Prof. Madhu Sriwastav, Head Department of English, Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalya. The webinar was inaugurated by Dr. Subhash Biswas, Principal of Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalya with his kind words of approval and encouragement.

Dr. Shampa Banerjee Ghosh spoke on ‘Right to Privacy and Its Emerging Challenges in this Era of Infodemic’. She said that the COVID-19 crisis had now assumed unsettling global proportions and was spreading like wildfire. It was a pandemic of the kind which the modern world had never encountered and the States were making all attempts to flatten the curve. Faced with this unprecedented challenge, different countries were now attempting to find unique and innovative ways to track the spread of the disease and prevent it by all possible means. Epidemic modelling, contact tracing lockdowns and the documentation of quarantine patients had now become the priority for most countries and they were increasingly relying on technological tools to carry out these processes. The alarming rise in the number of fatalities had necessitated prompt and large-scale action by governments across the world and we were all convinced of the negative impacts on human rights flowing from this pandemic. This was probably the first instance in the history of India where an infectious

disease was testing itself in the Constitutional waters. Although lockdown was the need of the hour, it would be worse for the economy and it would have a significant impact on a spectrum of Fundamental Rights of the people. Her paper tried to exclusively look into how the Right to privacy which had been interpreted by the judiciary was encompassed within our Right to life under Art 21, was being infringed by the State while trying to control this pandemic. The novel circumstances which nations were facing induced reflection on the need of redefining the right to privacy as there was interference of authorities in how we managed our lives like never before.

There was an engaging question answer session after her lecture, where teachers and students alike put forward their queries. The vote of thanks was given by Prof. Ashis Biswas, faculty of the Dept. of English, Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalya. It was an informative and enriching session. About 80 people participated in the Webinar.

### Screenshots of Webinar:

