



# इन्दिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय Indira Gandhi National Tribal University

One Day National Webinar on “Indian Society in the Era of Pandemics”

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**Prof. Shri Prakash Mani Tripathi,**  
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNTU has  
kindly consented to chair the webinar.

**Convener**  
Dr Kasi Eswarappa, Asst Professor, IGNTU

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India has been experiencing many pandemics in history. Indian society had to bear the burden of the deadly diseases during different historical periods. Every time certain sections of the Indian society has been affected. During the COVID-19 as well, there has been an enormous impact on women, migrant workers, farm labourers, frontline staff or service providers, tribal communities and children from different social spheres. Its impact is even more severe on vulnerable sections, such as tribal people, women, children, persons with disability and among others, who cannot afford to maintain social distance and also cannot afford to pay for the COVID-19 tests and medical services. Keeping this view in the background, this webinar is being organised.

### The main objectives of the webinar are:

- to discuss the pandemic situation.
- to analyse the current situation.
- to plan for the way forward for the Indian society, and
- to manage the current pandemic situation in the years to come.

### Key Speakers

- Prof. R. Siva Prasad, Honorary Professor in e-Learning Centre, University of Hyderabad, Formerly Professor of Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad.  
Topic: Vulnerable Groups and Pandemics
- Prof. Debi Chatterjee, Rtd. Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, and Founder Editor, *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, Sage Journal.  
Topic: Child Rights under Threat: The COVID 19 Experience
- Dr. Ajit Kumar, Teacher-Researcher based in Nagpur, Maharashtra.  
Topic: Silence and the Life within Pandemic India
- Atrayee Saha, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Muralidhar Girls' College, Calcutta University, Kolkata & Ph.D., Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.  
Topic: Pandemics and State Response: A View from West Bengal

**Mode of Webinar:** Google Meet with restricted participation. Interested scholars can contact the Convenor at 91-7648976436/9866028289; Email: kaside030873@gmail.com