

# Sociological Illuminations

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From the desk of Convener, Seminar and Research Forum, BHKM...

It is my privilege to congratulate the Department of Sociology, BHKM for its sustained and continuing commitment to academic activities, even during these difficult times of the pandemic, evidence of which is the second issue of the first volume of *Sociological Illuminations*.

May the faculty and students of the department continue to embody the motto of BHKM 'Thirst for Knowledge, Courage to Learn'.



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# Getting Started Online

## Editorial

There is a global recognition of the need for inclusive education policies during the pandemic. To make online education more effective, accessible and safer, various online resources, training programs and schemes have been developed by the Government of India for students, teachers and educational institutions.

However we need to realize that education is not just about subject knowledge but also about developing social skills and sportsmanship among the students, which is built over years. Relying solely on online education may hinder the holistic development of children, and many may underperform later in their professional and personal lives.

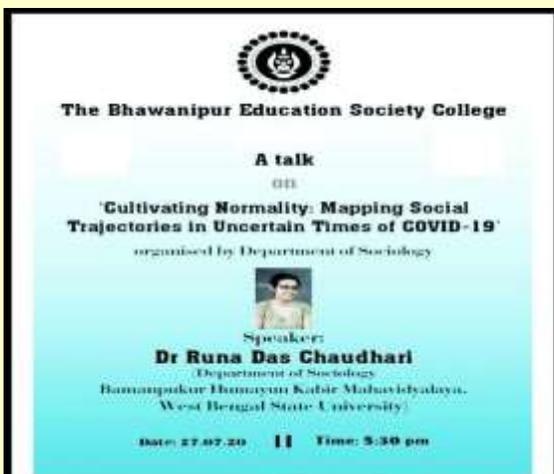
While India enjoys a wide geographic and cultural diversity, it also suffers from a huge socio-economic divide. Only a small part of the Indian population has access to online education right now. Interrupted power supply, weak or non-existent internet connectivity, and unaffordability to buy necessary devices are major concerns.

Online education opens up a lot of possibilities for students and teachers alike. Yet, it may also widen the inequalities in the socio-economic fabric of India. All our policies and interventions with regard to online education should strive to be inclusive. Good vision, sincere efforts and time will show India the way ahead.

***“Teaching in the Internet age means we must teach tomorrow’s skills today.”***

**Invited Lecture by Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri at The Bhawanipur Education Society College, University of Calcutta on 27.7.2020**

*Brochure of the webinar*



## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS MAKES TO THE WEBSITE

<https://www.thebges.edu.in/cultivating-normality-mapping-social-trajectories-in-uncertain-times-of-covid-19/>

Cultivating Normality: Mapping Social Trajectories in Uncertain Times of COVID-19

By [admin](#) on July 27, 2020

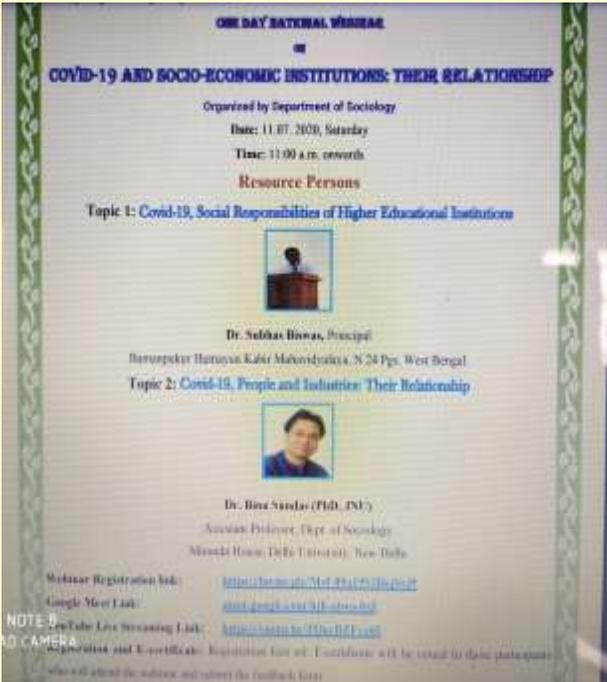
Department of Sociology, The Bhawanipur Education Society College organised a talk on Cultivating Normality: Mapping Social Trajectories in Uncertain Times of Covid – 19. This talk was given by Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri, Assistant Professor in Sociology at Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya, WBSU on 27th July, 2020. The talk was held on the virtual plane (Google Meet) and attended by 45 participants with equal enthusiasm on the part of teachers and students alike.

Presenter tried to analyse the fallouts of the covid crisis, specifically in terms of the casualties of this pandemic including the health crisis, the mass displacement and movement of the working poor and the loss of livelihoods for hundreds of millions of people. The presenter argued however that an infodemic of misinformation constituted of life-endangering consequences of supposed cures, misleading claims and conspiracy theories about the outbreak was leading to the pandemic's most serious casualty- namely, truth. Additionally, Dr. Das Chaudhuri also interpreted the pandemic in terms of social class pointing out the differences between the harrowing stories and images of those who are bearing the brunt of this pandemic versus the insouciant celebration of life under lockdown among the upper classes. Next she focused on one of most frequently used terms of today the new normal, the ideology of social distancing and the ramifications of these, but mostly those which are related practice of shaming people. The talk concluded by outlining what a post-pandemic humanity might turn out to be.

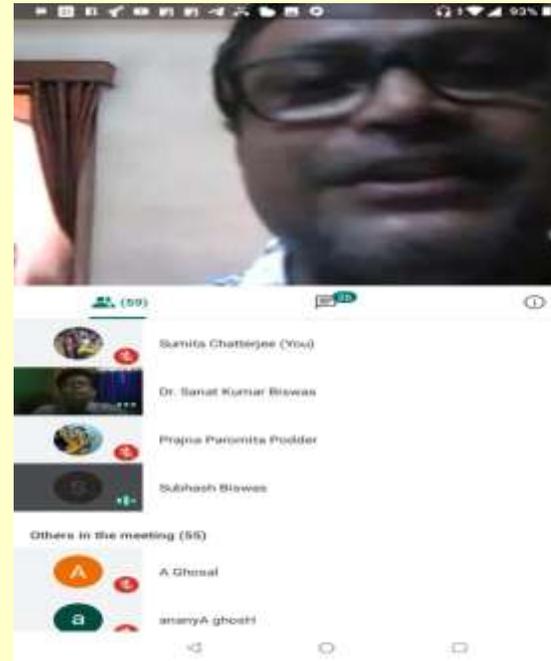
The talk was followed by a question answer round conducted by the moderator, and host of the event, Dr. Aniksha Roy. This was again followed by the vote of thanks given by Dr. Kamalini Mukherjee. The talk ended with keeping the audience thinking about the current health crisis as a threat to human existence and how the existence can be sustained through trials and tribulations.

Posted in [Bhawanipur Bytes](#), [Workshops & Seminar](#).

## Covid 19 and Socio-Economic Institutions: Their Relationship



Dr. Binu Sundas (PhD, JNU) Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology Miranda House, Delhi University, New Delhi, the second resource person delivering his talk on Covid 19, People and Industries: Their Relationship



Dr. Subhash Biswas, Principal Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya, North 24 Pgs, West Bengal, the first resource person of the national webinar delivering his talk on “Covid-19, Social Responsibilities of Higher Educational Institutions”

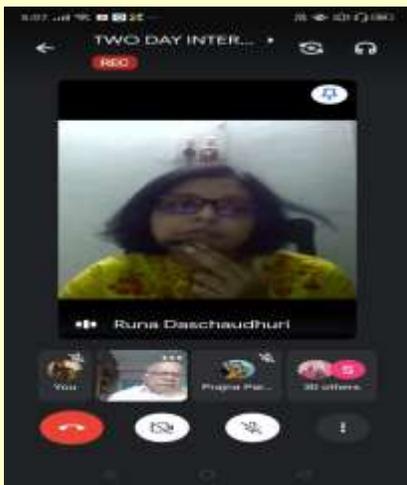




Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri introducing the resource person in the One-day state level webinar on ‘Covid and it’s Impact on Women’ organized by the Women’s Cell, BHKM on 14.8.2020. She was also a member of the organising committee of the same.



Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri introducing the resource person in ICSSR-ERC SPONSORED TWO-DAYS INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES on 27.9. 2020 organised by Department of Education in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya. She was also a member of the organising committee of the same.



Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri has anchored the entire proceedings of the second day of the Two-day international level webinar on “Revisiting History from Different Dimensions: Bengal in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century” organized by Vidyasagar Metropolitan College in collaboration with Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18th October, 2020. She was also a member of the organising committee of the same.



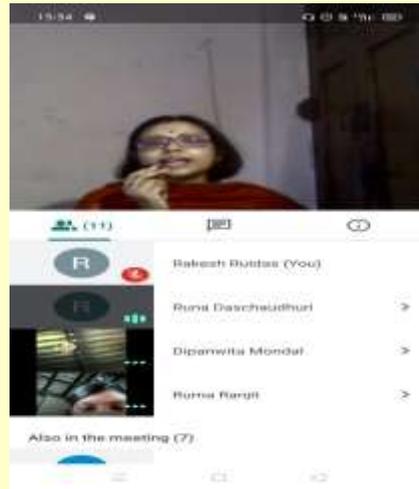
Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri has anchored the entire One-day national level webinar on ‘Rethinking Information Flow: Social Media in Times of COVID-19’ organized by the BA General Program Cell , BHKM on 8.9.2020. She was also a member of the organising committee of the same.

## Selected Departmental Events

Orientation Programme, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Semester, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 2020



The Orientation Programme for First Semester students was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> September online, 2020 by Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri, HOD, Department of Sociology, BHKM.



Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri conducting an online quiz with Sociology Third Semester students on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020. Ruma Ranjit and Dipanwita Mondal jointly won the first position.