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Press Release

**JMI organises webinar on Social Vulnerability and Health Equity-Emerging Issues of
Access and Utilization in the times of Covid-19**

The Department of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia(JMI) organised a webinar on ‘Social Vulnerability and Health Equity-Emerging Issues of Access and Utilization in the times of Covid-19’. Prof. Sanghamitra Sheel Acharya from Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University(JNU) was the main speaker in the webinar. It was organised under the aegis of UGC DRS-1 Programme organised the 1st Webinar in the Webinar Series/Extension Lecture-2020 on 26 th June, 2020.

The program was attended by learned scholars like Prof. P.K.Joshi, Chairperson ,Special Center for Disaster Research, Prof. J.S. Rawat , Chair Professor, Garhwal University, Almora and Prof. Syed Masood Ahmad and Prof. Shakeel Ahmed, (Chair Professors, Jamia Millia Islamia), besides faculty members from the Department of Geography, JMI , JNU and other parts of the country, scholars, researchers and students.

The Program began with the introductory remarks by Prof Atiqur Rehman (Coordinator, UGC DRS-1). This was followed by the welcome and introduction of the speaker by Prof Mary Tahir (Dy Coordinator, UGC DRS-1 and Head, Department of Geography).

Prof Sanghamitra gave a very lucid lecture explaining the intricacies of the problem related to the topic with the help of various examples and supported data and facts. She reiterated the fact that very negligible amount of GDP is spent on Public Health Infrastructure. In the Covid scenario she stressed upon how the front line workers, the real Covid warriors need special consideration, for they are in direct contact with COVID 19 patients.

She spoke on the problems of hospital helpers and students facing anxiety issues pertaining to their exams and careers need to be addressed properly. She also touched upon the genuine requirements of poor and migrant people.

Prof. Acharya also spoke about the issues related to women, children and elderly. Last but not the least she advocated disease distancing rather than social distancing. The lecture was followed by an array of questions and observations from the renowned guests and students.

The formal vote of thanks was given by Dr Taruna Bansal. She expressed sincere thanks to the Vice-Chancellor JMI Prof. Najma Akhtar for encouraging the teachers to engage in academic endeavours through webinars and seminars in lieu of the current covid scenario and also to do so on as part of the centenary celebrations of the university. She thanked the speaker profusely for her deliberations and all other dignitaries and students too for participating in the webinar.

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Social Vulnerability and Health Equity – Emerging Issues of Access and Utilization in the Times of Covid-19

Invited Speaker

Prof. Sanghamitra Sheel Acharya

CSRSD, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Sanghamitra S Acharya is a Professor in the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She was Director, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi (2015-18). She has been a Visiting Fellow at CASS, China; Ball State University, USA and UPPI, Manila, The Philippines; East West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii and University of Botswana. She was awarded Asian Scholarship Foundation fellowship in 2005. She has chaired sessions, given keynote addresses in national and international conferences. She has published extensively in peer reviewed journals on the issues of health and social exclusion with focus on youth in development; gender in urban spaces; and North East India. Her current work is on social discrimination in health care access among cleaners (sanitation workers). She has three books and about thirty articles to her credit. Prof. Acharya co-edited book on *'Marginalization in Globalizing Delhi- Issues of Land, Labour and Health'* (2020) Springer.

Date: Friday 26 June, 2020

Time: 11 a.m.

Please join at

Goggle Meet: <https://meet.google.com/>

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