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Today, the world is facing an unprecedented economic crisis induced by COVID-19 pandemic. It is evident from the immediate lockdowns, ban on international and national travels, efforts to improve health infrastructure, practice of physical or social distancing etc. by the countries across the world to curtail the effects of the pandemic and thereafter the unlocks in different phases to restart the economic activities slowly. It could be a deep and widespread issue if viewed through the lens of migration.

As per the estimated numbers, Indian international migrants or diaspora is constituted more than 31.2 million (MEA, 2017) across the world. It is mainly constituted as Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) & Non-resident Indians (NRIs). These migrants' groups are geographically spread in more than 206 countries. Moreover, recent estimation made by the UN-DESA reports (2019) says that India has the largest diaspora or international migrants (17.5 million or 6.4 percent of the total global migrants' population) living abroad followed by Mexico, and China. On the other side, India has also large numbers of circular or seasonal or temporary internal migrants which constitute more than 10 million population. Out of the total population, 37 percent (Census of India, 2011) of the total population belong to the internal migrants which have many folds higher than the international migrants. The larger proportion of them belonged to an unskilled or semi-skilled population who are mainly engaged in the various urban informal activities in cities like

Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Surat, etc. It is clear from the works of various scholars that migrants, both internal and international, have done positively a lot in destinations and places of origin in India as well as abroad.

Almost all the countries of the world (developed, developing and under developing countries) have been severely affected by the Coronavirus. The impacts of COVID-19 pandemic have much larger on the world economy and almost all the countries have a significant increase in the share of GDP to save the life & livelihood of their citizens. The Government of India has taken various steps to mitigate the difficulties emerged with COVID-19 pandemic and to assure the safety & security and livelihood of many Indians in general and particular to migrants living in India and abroad, such as Vande Bharat Mission (MEA,GoI) & Aatma Nirbhar Bharat or Self-reliant India.

The different types of migrant groups within the country and across the globe have been affected by this unforeseen worldwide pandemic and impact could be seen easily as closing the borders, declining flow of remittances, mass reverse migration, burden on health facility, closed industries & services and so on. Therefore, different migrants groups have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic within national & international borders. It has many short and long-term impacts on world migrants' population and on India too because of larger number of migrants across different geographical spaces. The short- & long-term impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on different migrant groups would be varying across the countries. Keeping in view the issues of migration, policy measures and administrative framework have been initiated by the countries across the world. If this pandemic remains to continue and there is no clear-cut sign of the developing vaccine, the situation will become more uncertain.

In this above background, this International Webinar with the help of different academic panelists drawn from various reputed national & international migration/diaspora studies would share their academic expertise, existing information, causes, associated challenges, prospects and will explore the possible future strategies, plans, policy recommendations to provide safe, orderly & regular migration.

Session Sub-theme of Webinar:

- Migration & Pandemics: historical and current scenario
- The impact of COVID-19 Pandemics on global Migration, Remittances and Economy
- Brain Drain/Brian Gain and Reverse Migration during and Post COVID-19 pandemics

- Migration, urbanization, and marginalized groups during and post COVID-19: A way forward
- Migration & Diaspora Management during COVID-19: Best Practices
- Migration Policies, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Managing the future Human Mobility
- Contribution of Diasporas communities during COVID-19 pandemics at origins and destinations

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Message from Honorable Vice-Chancellor

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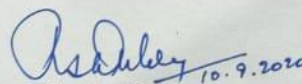
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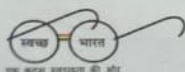


I am glad to note that Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat, is organizing the 2nd International Webinar on **“Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic”** in collaboration with Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Jawaharlal Nehru University (CSRD-JNU), International Institute for Population Studies (IIPS-Mumbai), and International Geographical Union (IGU-India) on 10-11 September 2020. **I congratulate the Centre and the Convener & Coordinator Dr. Naresh Kumar** for addressing such an important and relevant topic in this crucial period of COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 pandemic has affected the economy of various countries across world. This economic crisis has initiated a wide scale reverse migration which has posed the question of livelihood before many people. Unlocks in various phases to restart the economic activities have again posed the possibility of a wide scale migration. The governments have taken various steps to cope up with the situations created by COVID-19 pandemic. The effect of this unforeseen worldwide crisis on different migrants groups vary across the countries. Therefore, it is significant to look at the short- and long-term impacts of COVID-19 pandemic through the lens of migration.

I must acknowledge that this webinar is first of its kind during the crisis period where five prestigious universities/institutions of India are collaborating for a thoughtful discussion and deliberation on a topic of current relevance. I appreciate the kind gesture of these institutions for their collaboration. I am happy to know that around four thousand distinguished professors, scholars and students from the leading universities and institutions in India and abroad have shown their interest in this webinar by registering themselves. It is great pride of the CUG that The Head of International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN (Division of Migration), Expert from the World Bank, UNICEF and other prestigious institution abroad will also be addressing this webinar. This international webinar will surely be a platform for the dialogue and deliberation on short and long term impact of COVID-19 from migration point of view which will open up a new space for the field of migration and provide insights for the policy makers and civil society organizations in India and abroad. I convey my warm greetings and best wishes to the organizers and the Convener Dr. Naresh Kumar for thoughtfully organizing this international webinar and the participants for showing interest in this knowledge enriching learning process.


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Date: 08/09/2020

Message from Prof. Alok Gupta

We are very glad to note that Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat, is organizing the 2nd International Webinar on “Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic” in collaboration with very renowned & prestigious academic institution(s) Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Jawaharlal Nehru University (CSRD-JNU), International Institute for Population Studies (IIPS-Mumbai), and International Geographical Union (IGU-India) on 10-11 September 2020. I congratulate the Centre and the convener & coordinator Dr. Naresh Kumar for addressing such an important and relevant topic in this crucial period of COVID-19 pandemic.

Nationwide lockdown amidst the Covid-19 pandemic has dislocated its migrant population. The graph of Covid-19 despite of lockdown is gradually increasing. So, it is very essential to understand the short- and long-term impacts of Covid-19 in context of migration studies. As India has started to give relaxation in lockdown restrictions, it is extremely important to address the issues pertaining to migration studies addressing the different migrants groups, exploring the social policy measures and employment opportunities that can safeguard the rights of informal and migrants workers from hunger and extreme poverty.

Today thousands of migrants are facing the plight and were forced to walk hundreds of miles back to their hometowns. Lack of job and money and shutdown of public transportation at initial stage put a setback to migrants. The graph of Covid-19 despite of lockdown is gradually increasing. So, it is very essential to understand the short- and long-term impacts of Covid-19 in context of migration studies. As India has started to give relaxation in lockdown restrictions, it is extremely important to address the issues pertaining to migration studies addressing the vulnerable groups, exploring the social policy measures and employment opportunities that can safeguard the rights of informal and migrants workers from hunger and extreme poverty.

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With Best Wishes

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Dr. Atanu Mohapatra
Chairperson
Centre for Diaspora Studies (Independent Centre)

Dear Participants,

Greetings from Centre for Diaspora Studies (Independent Centre), Central University of Gujarat!

It is my immense pleasure to welcome you all to this Two-day International webinar on "Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic". I am happy to note that the international webinar has received such a huge response in India and several other countries of the world.

The whole world is passing through a terrible period of suffering, uncertainty and anxiety due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This dreadful and appalling pandemic has in fact brought havoc to every sphere and section of human life and society. Internal migrants, immigrants, diaspora etc. have seriously been affected by the pandemic. Like, any other country India has also been very badly affected by the menace. But Indian government's timely interventions and very proactive actions have prevented the magnitude of devastations that the pandemic could have brought in India considering its huge population and not so developed health infrastructure. Government of India (GoI) arranged free special Shramik trains and buses to take the stranded migrant labourers, students and other migrants to their respective home villages/towns, and directed the state governments to take care of the migrants in their respective states. To address the economic and employment issues of the returnee migrants the Government of India has invested in the development of rural infrastructure and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment scheme. GoI is also providing free ration to poor people. In this period of crisis, GoI has not forgotten its overseas population. Through the Vande Bharat Mission lakhs of overseas Indians have been evacuated from different corners of the globe. The Indian embassies in their respective countries are playing very proactive role in helping the stranded overseas Indians.

Undoubtedly, despite the best initiatives of GoI, civil society organisations, self-help groups etc. the Covid-19 pandemic has very badly impacted on the life, livelihood, social relationships, and psychological state of mind of the migrants. Everybody is also apprehensive that when the pandemic will end, and till how long its impact will linger on. So, the Migration Studies is posed with the challenge of effectively addressing these serious issues. The two-day international webinar will provide a platform for the academicians, researchers, policy planners and civil society organisations from India and abroad to debate and deliberate in bringing out critical insights and frameworks to address these challenging issues and concerns.

I am grateful to our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey for his constant academic support, encouragement and guidance in organising the webinar and promoting diaspora studies.

I express our thankfulness to Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai and International Geographical Union (IGU), India for collaborating with us in organising the webinar on such a significant topic.

I wish all the success to the webinar and wish all the participants a very fruitful academic deliberation and discussion on this challenging issue.

Dr. Atanu Mohapatra
Chairperson, Centre for Diaspora Studies



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Message of Head of the Department, History, FSS, BHU

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COVID-19 pandemic has affected the world order as well as economy of various countries across globe. Obviously it has initiated a large scale reverse migration which has posed the question of livelihood before many people.

Our department is happy to collaborate in this academic venture. I am sure the deliberations will be rewarding experience.

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Professor M. Jagadesh Kumar
Vice-Chancellor



Message

I am happy that the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University has collaborated with the Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat; in organizing the 2nd International Webinar on “Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic” on 10-11 September 2020. The other collaborating institutions are Banaras Hindu University (BHU), International Institute for Population Studies (IIPS-Mumbai), and International Geographical Union (IGU-India). I compliment Prof. Anuradha Banerjee and Dr. Bhaswati Das of CSRD, JNU for the collaboration in addressing such an important and relevant topic in this crucial period of COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 pandemic is expected to leave a deep scar in our socio-economic and cultural fabric, the recovery from which would be an arduous uphill task. This large-scale reversal is pushing us to think wisely about the unprecedented scale of mobility in modern times. This economic crisis, loss of urban livelihood, wide scale reverse migration and overwhelming encroachment of information and communication technology are leaving enough scope for reshaping the theories and practices related to human migration.

I must acknowledge that five prestigious universities/institutions of India are collaborating for an insightful discussion and deliberation on an innovative and interdisciplinary topic of current relevance. I am glad to know that around four thousand distinguished professors, scholars and students from the leading universities and institutions in India and abroad have shown their interest in this webinar by registering themselves. This international webinar will surely open up a new space for academia working in the field of migration and allied areas and would certainly provide visions for the policy makers and civil society organizations in India and abroad.

I convey my warm greetings and best wishes to the organizers for a successful webinar.

M Jagadesh Kumar

Message Prof. R.B. Bhagat



We are very happy to collaborate in organising a two day webinar on “Positioning Migration Studies to Understand Short-term and Long-term Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic’ on 10th-11 September 2020 with Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University, Gujarat; CSRD, JNU; Department of History, BHU and International Geographical Union. The leading experts from India and abroad are invited to deliberate on the emerging challenges of migration studies in wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

I congratulate Dr Naresh Kumar Assistant Professor, CDS for meticulously preparing the programme and Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University, Gujarat for this grand initiative. I am sure this webinar will provide a grand platform of sharing and learning about migration and diaspora studies. I wish the programme a grand success.

Prof R.B. Bhagat

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On behalf of the IGU, I welcome the participants. I wish the International Webinar a great success.

R. B. Singh

Member-Vision India 2035, NITI Aayog, Government of India.

Message from Convener & Co-coordinator of the Webinar

Message from Dr. Naresh Kumar (Convener & Coordinator of the International Webinar)



Date: 08/09/2020

Dear Participants and invited Guests,

Hope you all doing well during COVID-19!

Greeting from Centre for Diaspora Studies (independent Centre), CUG!

It gives me proud privilege to warmly welcome you all to this 2nd International Webinar on "Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic" organized by the Centre for Diaspora Studies, the Central University of Gujarat in collaboration with four eminent institutions namely the Department of History (BHU), CSRD-JNU, IIPS-Mumbai, and IGU-India. We are delighted to share that this webinar has received overwhelming response from India and abroad. The webinar took place through the online platform of Microsoft Teams and live streaming on CUG Facebook Live. This garnered much interest and the Centre received around 4000 registered online.

Today, world is facing an unprecedented crisis induced by the COVID-19 pandemic and how these crises leave their short- and long-term impact on various spheres of society particularly Migrants & Diaspora. India has the largest diaspora or international migrants (17.5 million) are living abroad. On the other side, India has significant numbers of internal migrants, large numbers of circular/seasonal/temporary migrants which constituted near about 10 million population. It has evident from the various scholarly or academics works that migrants (Internal/International/Diaspora) have been significantly contributed to the destinations & origins places of India.

In this above background, this International webinar with the help of different academic panellists drawn from various reputed national & international migration/diaspora institutes, organizations, and universities shared their academic expertise, existing information, causes, associated challenges, prospects and explored the possible future strategies, plans, policy recommendations to provide safe, orderly & regular migration.

I am very grateful to our Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor Prof. Rama Sankar Dubey for his constant encouragement, support, motivate and keen academic support in the promotion of Interdisciplinary Research Diaspora at our university.

I am also thankful to all the collaborating institution/Universities (BHU, CSRD-JNU, IIPS-Mumbai, IGU-India) for their constant academic support and guidance.

I believe that of the quality of resources persons from different academic bodies will be beneficial for many participants and meet with the objectives and themes this international webinar.

Dr. Naresh Kumar

(Assistant Professor, Convener & Coordinator, CDS/CUG)

Brief Profile of the Distinguished Guests and Speakers



Prof. Michael E Meadows is currently president of IGU. He is Prof. Dept. of Environmental & Geographical Science, University of Cape Town, South Africa. He is a Physical Geographer Originally hailing from Liverpool, UK he obtained his BSc Honours at the University of Sussex and his PhD from University of Cambridge.

Prof. Atanu Mohapatra is an Associate Professor and Chairperson in Centre for Diaspora Studies (Independent Centre), Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. He Worked as Assistant Professor & Head of Department, Faculty of Media Studies, Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad (Aug 2008 - May 2013) and in Dept. of Extension & Communication, Faculty of Family & Community Sciences, M S University of Baroda, Gov. of Gujarat (May 2013 - January 2017). Areas of Interest/Specialization: Diaspora Studies, Media Studies, International Relations, Development Studies, Research Methodology.



Prof. Kesav Mishra is currently Head of Department in the Dept. of history, School of Social Sciences, BHU, Uttar Pradesh. He is a member of the Indian History Congress and IAAPS. His areas of specialization include Contemporary and Modern Indian History and International Relations.

Prof. Milap Punia is the Chairperson at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has worked as scientist in ISRO and adjunct

faculty to Centre for Space Science and technology education in Asia and the Pacific (Affiliated to UN). He has awarded C.V. Raman fellowship. He is member of various committees constituted by the Govt. of India (ICSSR, UGC, DST). His areas of interest are Geographic information science and spatial analysis; with applications in Regional Development, urban studies, spatial planning, disaster research, sustainability, land use change and climate change ; to bridge the research gap between social sciences and GIS to strengthen social science research.



Prof. K.S. James is the Director and Senior Professor at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. His areas of interest include formal demography including measurement, population and development, mortality, health and ageing. He has received numerous achievements and awards. Most recently he was the visiting fellow at Population Research Centre, School of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, The Netherlands and at Centre for Research on Ageing, University of Southampton, UK, May 7-17, 2014. He has published various research article and His published works include *Caring for Our Elders: Early Responses- India Ageing Report 2017*, United National Population Fund (UNFPA), New Delhi. And an edited work *Population Ageing in India*, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi, 2014 and many others.

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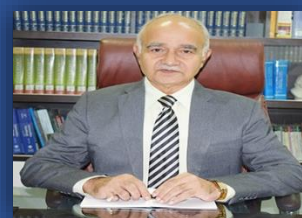


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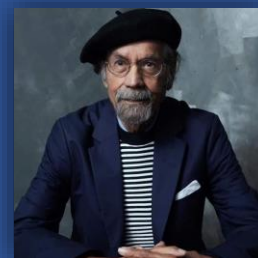
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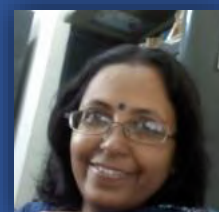
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Schedule for the Programme



Programme Scheduled 2nd International Webinar "Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic" 10 & 11th September 2020 Organised by Centre for Diaspora Studies, CUG in collaboration with Department of History (BHU), CSRD-JNU, IIPS-Mumbai, IGU-India			
Day 1: Inaugural Session 10/09/2020			
Timing 09:30 AM to 11:30AM (IST)*			
Online Platforms: Microsoft Team and Facebook Live			
<i>Session</i>	<i>Name of Designations & Address</i>	<i>Duration (Minutes)</i>	<i>Time (IST)</i>
Welcoming Dignitaries online and Playing Kulgeet	Dr. Naresh Kumar Assistant Professor, Convenor & Coordinator Centre for Diaspora Studies Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar (India)	15	09:15AM to 09:30AM
Special Welcome Address by the IGU President	Prof. Michael E Meadows President, International Geographical Union (IGU) University of Cape Town, South Africa	05	09:30AM to 09:35AM
Welcome Address by the Organising Institutions	Dr. Atanu Mohapatra Chairperson & Associate Professor CDS/CUG	05	09:35AM to 09:50AM
	Prof. Kesav Mishra HoD Dept of History Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Uttar Pradesh (India)	05	
	Prof. Milap Punia Chairperson, CSRD- JNU, New Delhi	05	
Introduction to Webinar	Dr. Naresh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Convenor & Coordinator CDS/CUG Gandhinagar, India.	10	09:50AM to 10:00AM
Address by the Chief Guest	Prof. R.B. Singh International Geographical Union (IGU)- Secretary General and Treasurer Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics (DSE), University of Delhi, India	10	10:00AM to 10:10AM
Address by the Guest of Honour	Dr. Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay Member, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, India	10	10:10AM to 10:20AM
Address by Special Guest	H.E. Arun Kumar Sahu High Commissioner of India Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	10	10:20AM to 10:30AM
Address by the Special Guest	Prof. K. S. James, Director, International Institute for Population Studies (IIPS)-Mumbai, India	10	10:30AM to 10:40AM
Address by the I/C Registrar CUG	Prof. Alok Gupta, Professor & Registrar, CUG, India	05	10:40AM to 10:45AM
Keynote Address	Prof. R. B. Bhagat, Head, Dept. of Migration & Urban Studies, International Institute for Population Studies (IIPS), Mumbai (India)	25	10:45AM to 11:10AM
Presidential Address	Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar (India)	10	11:10 AM to 11:15 AM
Vote of Thanks: Sajaudeen Chapparban, Asst. Professor, CDS/CUG (11:15AM to 11:25AM)			

Day 1 (10/09/2020)				
Plenary Session: I				
Theme: Implication of COVID-19 on Migration, Diaspora, Remittances and Economy (11:30AM to 01:30AM) IST*				
Sr. No	Name of the Speakers	Duration (Minutes)	Timing	Chair & Moderator
1	Prof. Binod Khadria, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, SSS/JNU-New Delhi	30	11:30AM-12:00Noon	Prof. K.S. James, Director, IIPS-Mumbai, India & Prof. Aswini Kumar Nanda, Population Research Centre (PRC), CRRID-Chandigarh (India)
2	Sonia Plaza Senior Economist, World Bank /KNOMAD	30	12:00 to 12:30PM	
3	Prof. Anuradha Banerjee CSRD/SSS, JNU, New Delhi	30	12:30PM to 01:00PM	
Discussion & Q/A 01:00PM: 01:25PM				

Day 1 (10/09/2020)				
Open Discussion Session: I				
Migration, Diaspora, and Pandemics: Historical and Current Scenario (02 :00 PM to 03:30PM) IST*				
Sr. No	Name of the Speakers	Duration (Minutes)	Time (IST)	Chair(s)
1	Rajeshwari Chandrasekar Chief Field Officer UNICEF (Maharashtra) India	20	02:00 PM to 02:20PM	Prof. Raymond Kwun-Sun LAU History Department, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong & Prof. Ghanshyam, Dept of History, BHU
2	Prof. Binda Paranjape, Dept of History, BHU, Uttar Pradesh, India	20	02:20PM to 02:40PM	
3	Prof. K. C. Das Dept. of Migration & Urban International Institute for Population Studies (IIPS), Mumbai (India)	20	02:40PM to 03:00PM	
Discussion & Q/A 03:00PM: 03:25PM				

Day 1: (10/09/2020)				
Plenary Session: II				
Theme: Migration and Diaspora Engagement During COVID-19: Best Practices (03:30 to 05:15PM) IST*				
Sr. No.	Name of the Speakers	Duration (Minutes)	Time (IST)	Chair (s)
1	Prof. Mohan Kant Gautam Hon. President and Chancellor, European University of West and East, The Netherlands	20	03:30-03:50PM	Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya Dean SLL & CS/CUG (India) & Prof. Manish, Professor & Dean SIS /CUG & Shri Bishan Dass Bains Former Mayor of Wolverhampton, U.K.
2	Prof. Irudaya Rajan. S Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India	20	03:50PM-04:10PM	
3	Prof. Anand Singh Discipline of Anthropology University of Kwazulu- Natal, South Africa (S.A)	20	04:10-04:30PM	
4	H.E. Arun Kumar Sahu High Commissioner of India Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago	20	04:30-04:50PM	
Discussion& Q A (04:50 PM -05:15 PM)				

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Day 2 Friday (11/09/2020)				
Open Discussion Session: II				
Theme: Migration, Urbanisation and Marginalization: An Impact of During and Post COVID 19 Pandemic (09:45AM to 11:30AM) IST*				
Sr. No	Name of the Speakers	Duration	Timing (IST)	Chair(s)
1	Dr. Sajaudeen Chapparban Assistant Professor CDS/CUG, Gandhinagar (India)	20	10:00 AM to 10:20AM	Dr. Ishmeet Kaur, Assistant Professor, CES, CUG, Gandhinagar (India) & Dr. Shailendra Kumar Assistant Professor, CDS/CUG, Gandhinagar (India)
2	Prof. Anisur Rehman, Director- HRDC/JMI- New Delhi (India)	20	10:20 AM to 10:40AM	
3	Prof. Gerise Herndon Professor of English & International Studies Program Director, Nebraska Wesleyan University, USA	20	10:40AM to 11:00AM	
Discussion & Q/A 11:00PM to 11:25PM				

Day:2 (11/09/2020)				
Open Session: III				
Theme: Migration Policies, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Managing the Future Mobility (11:30 to 01:00 PM) IST*				
Sr. No	Name of the Speakers	Duration (Minutes)	Time (IST)	Chair(s)
1	Prof. Archana K. Roy Dept. of Migration & Urban Studies, IIPS-Mumbai	20	11:30AM to 11:50AM	Dr. Reshmi R. Asst. Professor Dept. of Mi- gration & Urban Studies, IIPS-Mumbai & Dr. Shantesh Singh, Associate Prof. Central University of Haryana (India)
2	Dr. Paiman Ahmed Law and Administration Department University of Raiparin, Iraq	20	11:50AM to 12:10PM	
3	Prof. Bhaswati Das, CSRD-JNU, New Delhi	20	12:10PM to 12:30PM	
Discussion & Q/A (12:30PM-12:55PM)				

Day 2 (11/09/2020)			
Special Valedictory Session			
Timing: 02:30 PM to 04:00PM (IST)*			
Session	Designations & Address	Duration (Minutes)	Time (IST)
Welcoming All the Dignitaries	Dr. Naresh Kumar, Asst. Professor, Convenor and Coordinator, CDS/CUG		
Welcome & Introduction of Invited Guest Speaker	Dr. Naresh Kumar, Assistant professor & Convenor and Coordinator, CDS/CUG Gandhinagar, Gujarat (India)	10	02:30PM to 02:40PM
Chair	Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Gujarat (India)		
Session Moderator	Prof. Binod Khadria, Professor (Retd.), Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi (India)		
Special Valedictory Address	Dr Marie McAuliffe Head, Migration Research Division Chief Editor, World Migration Report International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Migration Geneva, Switzerland	40 Minutes	03:00PM to 03:40PM
Open Discussion Q/A: 10 Minutes (03:40PM to 03:50PM) IST			
Special Remarks (Collaborating Organisations' Representatives)		5 Minutes	03: 50PM to 03:55 PM
CSRD-JNU, New Delhi (India) - Prof. Bhaswati Das			
IIPS-Mumbai (India) - Prof. K. C. Das			
BHU-Uttar Pradesh (India) - Prof. Ghan Shyam			
CDS/CUG, Gandhinagar (India) - Prof. Atanu Mohapatra			
Vote of Thanks & Closing Remarks (Dr. Naresh Kumar), Assistant Professor Convenor & Coordinator, CDS/CUG (India)			03:55PM- 04:00PM

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2nd International Webinar

"Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic"

10 & 11th September 2020

Organised by

Centre for Diaspora Studies, CUG in collaboration with
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Inaugural Session

(09:30 AM to 11:30AM IST*)



Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,
CUG, Gandhinagar (India)



Prof. Michael E Meadows
President, IGU
University of Cape Town, SA



Dr. Naresh Kumar
Convenor &
Coordinator CDS/CUG



Prof. Alok Gupta,
Professor & Registrar,
CUG, India



Prof. R.B. Singh
Secretary General and
Treasurer, IGU
University of Delhi, India



Dr. Dnyaneshwar M. Muley
Member, National Human
Rights Commission,
New Delhi, India



Prof. K. S. James,
Director, IIPS,
Mumbai, India



Prof. R. B. Bhagat,
Head, Dept. of Migration
& Urban Studies,
IIPS, Mumbai (India)



Dr. Atanu Mohapatra
Chairperson & Associate
Professor CDS/CUG



Prof. Kesav Mishra
HoD Dept of History
BHU, India



Prof. Milap Punia
Chairperson, CSRD-
JNU, New Delhi



Sajaudeen C. Shuja
Asst. Professor,
CDS/CUG

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Day 1 (10/09/2020)

Plenary Session: I
Implication of COVID-19 on Migration, Diaspora,
Remittances and Economy
(11:30AM to 01:30AM) IST*

Chairs



Prof. R.S. Dubey,
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor,
CUG, Gandhinagar (India)



Prof. K.S. James,
Director, IIPS-
Mumbai, India

Speakers



Prof. Binod Khadria,
Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies,
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Sonia Plaza
Senior Economist,
World Bank /KNOMAD



Prof. Anuradha Banerjee
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JNU, New Delhi

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Day 1 (10/09/2020)
Open Discussion Session: I
Migration, Diaspora, and Pandemics: Historical
and Current Scenario
(02 :00 PM to 03:30PM) IST*

Speakers



Rajeshwari Chandrasekar
Chief Field Officer
UNICEF (Maharashtra) India



Prof. Binda Paranjape
Department of History,
BHU, Uttar Pradesh, India



Prof. K. C. Das
Dept. of Migration & Urban IIPS, Mumbai

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Prof. Raymond Kwun-Sun LAU
History Department, **Hong Kong**
Baptist University, Hong Kong



Prof. Ghan Shyam,
Dept of History, BHU,
Uttar Pradesh, India

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Day 1: (10/09/2020)

Plenary Session: II

Migration and Diaspora Engagement During COVID-19: Best Practices

(03:30 to 05:15PM) IST*

Speakers



Prof. Mohan Kant Gautam
Hon. President and Chancellor,
European University of West and East, The Netherlands



Prof. Irudaya Rajan. S
Centre for Development Studies,
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India



Prof. Anand Singh
Discipline of Anthropology
University of Kwazulu- Natal, SA



H.E. Arun Kumar Sahu
High Commissioner of India
Port of Spain

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Prof. Atanu Bhattacharya
Dean SLL & CS, CUG



Prof. Manish,
Professor & Dean
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Former Mayor of
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Day 2 Friday (11/09/2020)

Open Discussion Session: II

Migration, Urbanisation and Marginalization: An Impact of During and Post COVID 19 Pandemic (09:45AM to 11:30AM) IST*



Mr. Sajaudeen Chapparban
Assistant Professor CDS/CUG,
Gandhinagar (India)



Prof. Anisur Rehman,
Director-HRDC/JMI-
New Delhi (India)



Prof. Gerise Herndon
Professor of English & International Studies
Program Director, **Nebraska Wesleyan**
University, USA

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Dr. Ishmeet Kaur,
Assistant Professor, CES,
CUG, Gandhinagar (India)



Dr. Shailendra Kumar
Assistant Professor,
CDS/CUG, Gandhinagar
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Day:2 (11/09/2020)

Open Session: III

Theme: Migration Policies, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Managing the Future Mobility (11:30 to 01:00 PM) IST*



Prof. Archana K. Roy
Dept. of Migration & Urban Studies,
IIPS-Mumbai



Paiman Ahmed (PhD)
University of Raiparin,
Iraq



Prof. Bhaswati Das,
CSRD-JNU, New Delhi

Speakers

Chairs



Dr. Reshmi R.
Asst. Professor Dept. of Migration
& Urban Studies,
IIPS-Mumbai



Dr. Shantesh Singh
Associate Prof.
**Central University of
Haryana (India)**

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2nd International Webinar “Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic”

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Special Valedictory Session

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Chair



Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,
CUG, Gandhinagar (India)



Dr Marie McAuliffe
Head, Migration Research Division
Chief Editor, World Migration Report
International Organization for Migration (IOM),
UN Migration, Geneva, Switzerland



Dr. Naresh Kumar
Convenor &
Coordinator CDS/CUG

Moderator



Prof. Binod Khadria, Professor (Retd.),
Zakir Husain Centre for Educational
Studies, SSS, JNU, New Delhi (India)



Prof. Aswini Kumar Nanda,
Population Research Centre (PRC),
CRRID, Chandigarh (India)



Prof. Bhaswati Das
CSRD-JNU,
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Prof. Ghanshyam
BHU, India



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2nd International Webinar

“Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Brief Summary or Report

The 2nd International Webinar on “Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic” was organized by the Centre for Diaspora Studies, the Central University of Gujarat in collaboration with five eminent institutions namely the Department of History (BHU), CSRD-JNU, IIPS-Mumbai, and IGU-India. It was held on 10th and 11th September 2020. **The Convener & Coordinator of the International webinar was Dr. Naresh Kumar, Assistant Professor, CDS, CUG.** The webinar took place through the online platform of Microsoft Teams and on live streaming on CUG Facebook Live. This garnered much interest and the Centre received around 4000 registered participants online from across India & different parts of the world. It is important to say that participants registered themselves from across India and more than 45 countries especially the USA, Canada, Europe, U.K. Singapore, South Korea, Iran, Iraq, Singapore, Bangladesh, and so on. The webinar has been streaming live on CUG Facebook live only which has more than 10000 online viewers and itself shows the webinar become grand successful. The webinar was structured with an Inaugural session, two Plenary Sessions, three Open Discussion sessions, and the Special Valedictory session.

The Inaugural sessions began with university song and welcoming dignitaries guests, speakers, registered participants, and also the partner organizing universities/institutions online by **Dr. Naresh Kumar (Convenor & Coordinator)** Assistant Professor, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar (India).

A formal welcome address was given by the representative of all the organizing institutions. **Dr. Atanu Mohapatra, Chairperson, CDS-CUG,** gave a special welcome address. He touched on the various dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic and the many socio-economic effects it has had on the migrants and diasporas. He also recounted the many government policies and program initiated for the benefit of the people that were especially affected in and outside India.

Prof. Keshav Mishra, HoD of Department of History, Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh in his address, he emphasized on the importance of history and its involvement in migration studies and particularly during the pandemics like COVID-19.



Prof. & Chairperson Milap Punia, CSRD-JNU, New Delhi drew the attention of all present towards a lack of proper data and its analysis when it comes to the study of disasters and pandemics in India and also the different ways in which COVID-19 has affected migrants, be it economic, livelihood, food security, and other physical and mental difficulties.

The concept note of the webinar was introduced by Dr. Naresh Kumar (Convenor), Assistant Professor, CDS, CUG. He underlines the significance of the theme of the webinar entitled **“Positioning Migration Studies to Understand the Short and Long-Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic”** as the world is facing an unprecedented crisis induced by the COVID-19 pandemic today and how these crises leave their short and long term impact on various spheres of society particularly internal, international migrants or Diaspora. India has the largest diaspora or international migrants (17.5 million or 6.4 percent) are living abroad followed by Mexico, China. On the other side, India has significant numbers of internal migrants, large numbers of circular/seasonal/temporary migrants which constituted near about 10 million population. It has evident from the various scholarly or academics works that migrants (Internal/International/Diaspora) have been significantly contributed to the destinations & origins

places of India. In this above background, this International Webinar with the help of different academic panelists drawn from various reputed national & international migration/diaspora institutes, organizations, and universities shared their academic expertise, existing information, causes, associated challenges, prospects and explored the possible future strategies, plans, policy recommendations to provide safe, orderly & regular migration.

The **Chief Guest** of the Webinar was **Prof. R.B. Singh**, International Geographical Union-Secretary-General and Treasurer, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. He recounted the various pandemics that India had previously dealt with and how difficult it is for India to deal with COVID-19 as it was much more widespread and far-reaching. He says, Covid-19 adversely affected and challenged India's economy and medical infrastructure. He also looks at the opportunities that can be created from this pandemic in the fields of manufacturing and reforms in labor and migration and the importance of focusing on these avenues for the government.

The **Guest of Honor, Dr. Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay**, focused on the difficulties that led to the migrant exodus and the need for policymaking and government infrastructures to meet sustainable development goals. To make good policies it is important to get proper data and migrant studies become very important in this scenario where internal migrants moved in a large number.

The **Special Guest H.E. Arun Kumar Sahu**, High Commissioner of India to Trinidad and Tobago, touched upon the various difficulties that COVID-19 put in front of nations all over the world and challenged the existing strides made. He also remarked upon the faults that were exposed by it and the various issues of discrimination faced by international and internal migrants

in a globalized world.



The Special Guest **Prof. James, Director** and Senior Professor, International Institute for Population Sciences-Mumbai stated that generally during the outbreak of pandemics, attention is given to mortality studies or

health issues. However, COVID-19 has been emerged as a point of discussion on migrants. One of the policies which we need to suggest to Govt. of India that it is important to start counting migrants which is quite possible as there are a lot of technological improvement.

The message from **Prof. Alok Gupta, Professor**, and I/C Registrar, CUG who appreciated the timely required topic for discussion and congratulated Dr. Naresh, Convenor & Coordinator, CDS, and other organizing institutes.

The keynote address in the inaugural session of the webinar was given by **Prof. R.B. Bhagat**, Head of Dept. of Migration and Urban Studies, IIPS-Mumbai. He highlighted the academic issues and challenges that have been raised by the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, he focused on the issues of governance and policymaking about the pandemic. He has focused that migrants connect between two places (origin & destination) and play a crucial role in developing both the places. He stressed how space and place matter in the process of migration and how space and place are changing through human intervention which can be inclusive or exclusive or people friendly. Economic and social opportunities with space and time are shaped by the migrants. COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting more largely the short-term migrants (circular, sessional, or temporary migrants), those who are working in the urban informal sector and are not the vote banks of the destinations areas. He has also stressed the various programs that have been initiated by the government of India (ex: PURA & MGNERGA) to provide the basic amenities and create employment opportunities for many people in urban and rural areas.

The Presidential Address was given by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of CUG, **Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey** has stressed on the history of migration in India and Gujarat. He brings attention to the issues of family reunification, students stranded abroad, and other problems due to the economic slackening as a result of the pandemic. He also stressed upon the Government of India's various steps to mitigate the difficulties emerged with the COVID-19 pandemic and to assure the safety & security and livelihood of many Indians in general and particular to migrants living in India and abroad, through the missions like Vande Bharat Mission (MEA, GoI) & Atma Nirbhar Bharat or Self-reliant India. Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan (Self-reliant India) relief and recovery scheme as well as information about the new iteration of India's lockdown plan called "lockdown 4.0". Under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan scheme, Honourable Prime minister Narendra Modi has announced the rollout

of a 20lakh crore INR (265 billion USD) economic reform package, he also asked people to support Indian business to kick-start the economy. Vote of Thanks was given by Sajaudeen Chapparban, Assistant Professor, CDS-CUG.

The first plenary session on **"Implication of COVID-19 on Migration, Diaspora, Remittances, and Economy"** The first eminent speaker was Prof. Binod Khadria, Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, SSS/JNU New Delhi spoke on “Understanding Impact of COVID-19 on South Asian Economics through the Lens of Migration” provided the overall views on the South Asian economy and impact of COVID-19. He explained some of South Asian Countries like Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, their stringency levels and lock down measures and their travel restrictions. He also looked at their health systems including Government health expenditure, Hospital beds, Nurses and Midwives, Physicians.

The second eminent speaker was Prof. Sonia Plaza (Senior Economist, World Bank) spoke on the "COVID 19 Crisis through a migration lens" She also focused on the COVID-19 crisis by looking at the migration. She focused on the flow of remittances reduced and how they are drastically affected by COVID-19 and the migrant stock.

The third eminent speaker was **Prof. Anuradha Banerjee, CSRD/SSS (JNU) on 'The Exodus in**



Times of Pandemic: Mobility, Migration, and Livelihood of Informal Migrant Workers during COVID 19 Crisis in India spoke on Her presentation stressed on internal migrants and their sufferings due to the pandemic and the heightened mobility as a result of the sudden lockdown.

The First Open Discussion session, **“Migration, Diaspora, and Pandemics: Historical and Current Scenario”**, was chaired by Prof. Raymond KWU-SUN LAU, History Department, Hong Kong Baptist University, and Prof. Ghanshyam, Department of History, BHU. The first speaker was Rajeshwari Chandrasekar, Chief Field Officer, UNICEF (Maharashtra) India. She drew attention to the condition of children of migrants and the Pravasi versus Desi migrants. The second speaker was Prof. Binda Paranjape, Department of History, BHU. She spoke on the importance of studying human experience and discrimination as a result of the pandemic. She stressed the

importance of studying multiple voices and narratives to know the full story of the pandemic. The third speaker was Prof. K.C. Das, IIPS-Mumbai. He focused on the lack of proper data in India and especially in the case of COVID-19 and Migration and Diaspora.

The second Plenary Discussion was on **“Migration and Diaspora Engagement During COVID-19: Best Practices”**. The first speaker was Prof. M.K. Gautam, Hon. President and Chancellor, European University of West and East, The Netherlands. He drew attention towards the many different diasporas in India and their relationship with India that varies from generation to generation. He also pointed out the paradigmatic shift that is needed and will be needed to study diaspora and migration, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic. The second speaker was Prof. S. Irudaya Rajan, Centre for Development



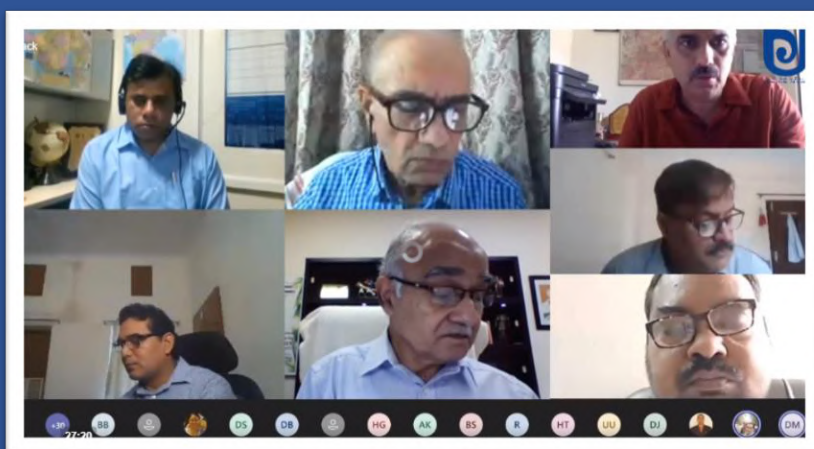
Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He drew attention to migrant engagement by the Indian government and how it failed its migrants. He also highlighted the importance of return migrant rehabilitation. The third speaker was Prof. Anand Singh, Discipline of Anthropology, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa. He described the condition of migrants and diaspora in South Africa. He focused on the Indian Diaspora in South Africa during the Pandemic. The fourth speaker of the session was H.E. Arun Kumar Sahu, High Commissioner of India to Trinidad and Tobago. He spoke about the condition of Indian migrants in Trinidad and Tobago. He also spoke about the actions taken by him and the government of India to repatriate Indian migrants back to India and also the issues of inter and intra-governmental organizations.

The second day of the webinar had two Open Discussion sessions. The Second Open Discussion Session on "Migration, Urbanisation, and Marginalization: An Impact During and Post COVID-19 Pandemic". The first speaker was Sajaudeen Chapparban, Assistant Professor, CDS/CUG. His presentation highlighted the issues faced by internal migrants and refugees in India during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The second speaker was Prof. Anisur Rehman, Director-HRDC/JMI. His

presentation focused on the weaker section of the international migrants, the Gulf migrants. They benefitted both socially and economically through the migration process and they were the most drastically affected by job losses as a result of the pandemic. The third speaker was Prof. Gerise Herndon, Professor of English and International Studies, Nebraska Wesleyan University, USA. Her presentation highlighted the existing inequalities and xenophobia in the US and its treatment of refugees and migrants that were exposed during the pandemic.

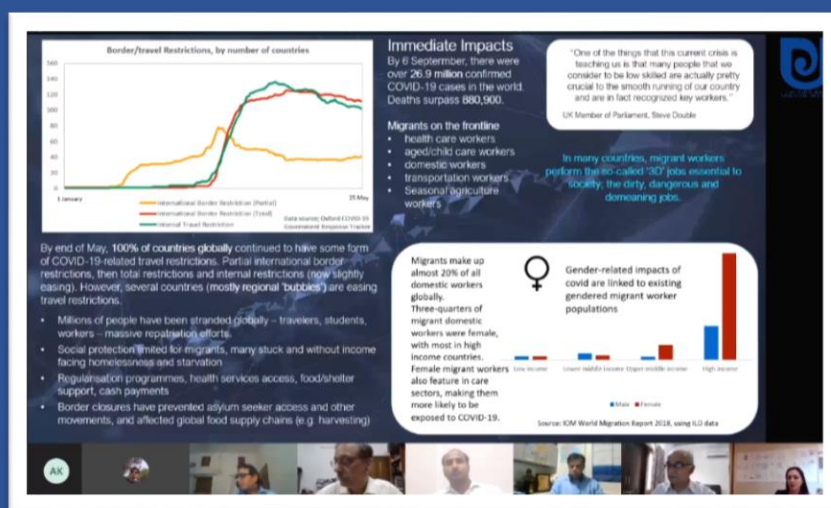
The third Open Discussion Session was on "Migration Policies, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Managing the Future Mobility". The first speaker in this session was Prof. Archana K. Roy, IIPS-Mumbai. Her presentation focused on the challenges to migrant labor in the pandemic and future actions and possibilities. The second speaker was Dr. Paiman Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Law and Administration Department, University of Raiparin, Iraq. Her presentation focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the UN and migration and poverty and how it is and will be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The third speaker of the session was Prof. Bhaswati Das, CSRD-JNU. Her presentation focused on the movement of migration and labor and the challenges faced in the lockdown.

The special Valedictory session began with the welcoming and brief introduction of dignitaries and invited speakers by **Dr. Naresh Kumar** and conveyed gratitude to collaborating partner institutes/universities. Honourable Vice-Chancellor of CUG, **Prof. Rama Shankar Dubey** chaired this session and introduced Special valedictory Speaker **Dr. Marie McAuliffe**, Head, Migration Research Division, Chief Editor of World Migration Report, IOM, UN Migration, Geneva, Switzerland. **Prof. Binod Khadria** well known eminent scholar had moderated the



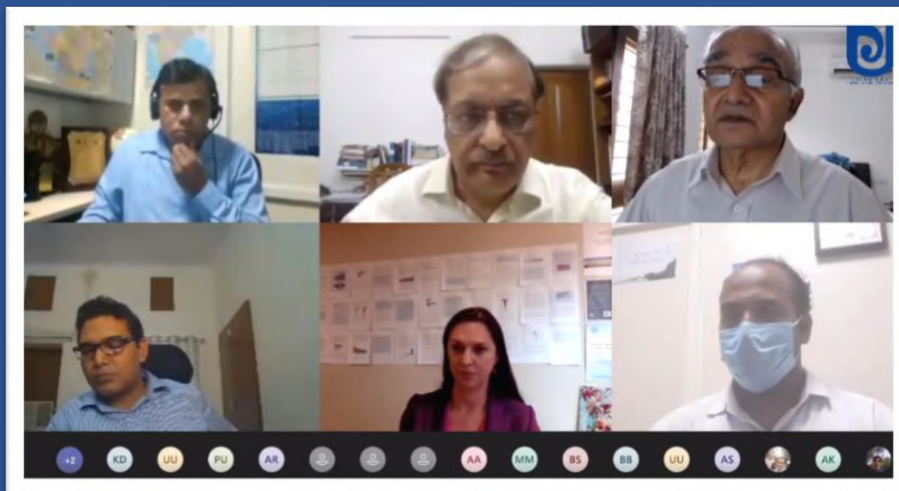
session. **Dr. Marie McAuliffe** spoke given her valedictory address on “**COVID-19 and Global Transformations of Migration and Mobility: Initial Reflections and Priority Areas of Research and Analysis**”. She said that pandemic is a systematic

geopolitical event that has transformed migration and mobility systems globally. Initial research and analysis show that the most vulnerable in society are most affected by COVID-19 – this includes migrants (including refugees) in different settings. She has broadly categorized COVID-19 impacts on Migrants into 3 broad categories: **1) Immediate Impacts;** by the end of May, the majority of countries globally continued to have some form of COVID-19-related travel



restrictions such as partial international border restrictions, then total restrictions, and internal restrictions (now slightly easing). In many countries, migrant workers perform the so-called '3D' jobs essential to society; the dirty, dangerous, and demeaning jobs before and during COVID-19 which have been affected because of the large-scale migration. **2) Medium-term Impacts:** International remittances are projected to fall by 20% in 2020. COVID-19 has been devastating for millions of migrant workers, many of whom are unable to work due to lockdowns, movement restrictions, or job losses. Some of the medium-term impacts of COVID-19 are – significant increases in racism and discrimination – especially toward Asians, increased risk of human trafficking and migrant smuggling, etc. **3) Long Term Impacts:** migration as an important security issue, “mobility protectionism” vs mobility-led recovery Impacts will be highly uneven, with countries heavily reliant on remittances most affected. Long-term impacts of COVID-19 include – reduced access to education in developing countries, urbanization, and city-to-city migration will be intensified making cities the center for global migration and mobility systems, etc.

She also focused on the issue of Global governance of migration and the future possibilities of study and research in this area. Currently, IOM has 54 Analytical Snapshots published on migration and



mobility impacts of COVID-19 available in English, Spanish, French, Arabic with Chinese and Russian coming soon. She has also focused on Cross-cutting issues of human rights of migrants and migrants' contributions to socio-economic recovery and global inequalities. She has stressed the Top 3 COVID-19 migration research priorities for 2-5 years. These are 1) International and internal Remittances: 2) Mobility restrictions: 3) Protection of migrants.

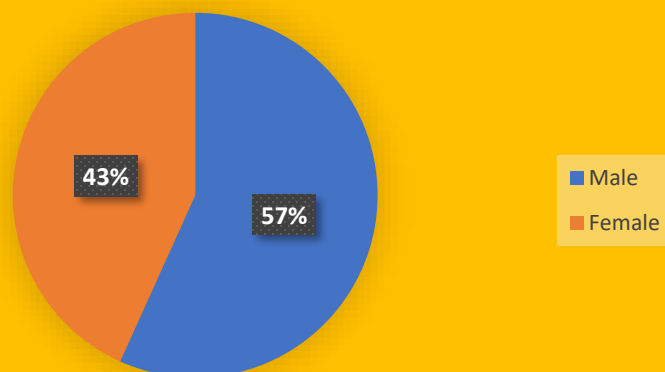
In the end, special remarks were given by representatives (Prof. Ghan Shyam, Prof. K.C. Das, Prof. Atanu Mahopatra) of the collaborating Universities/Institutions (BHU, JNU, IIPS-Mumbai, CDS/CUG). Closing remarks and vote of thanks was given by the coordinator & convenor of the webinar.

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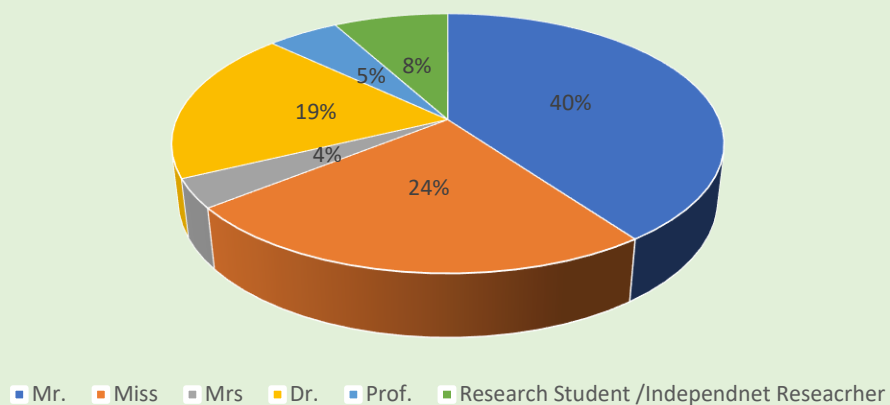
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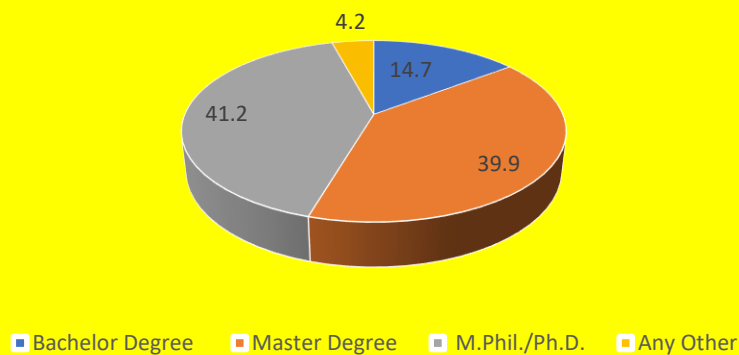
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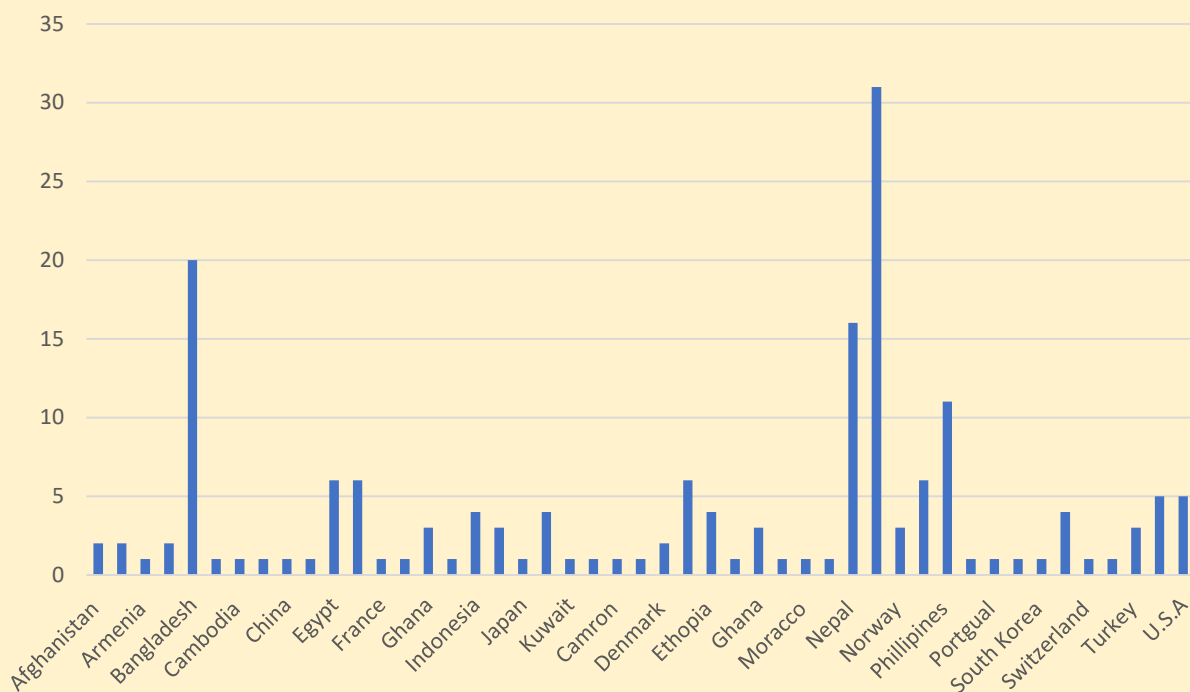
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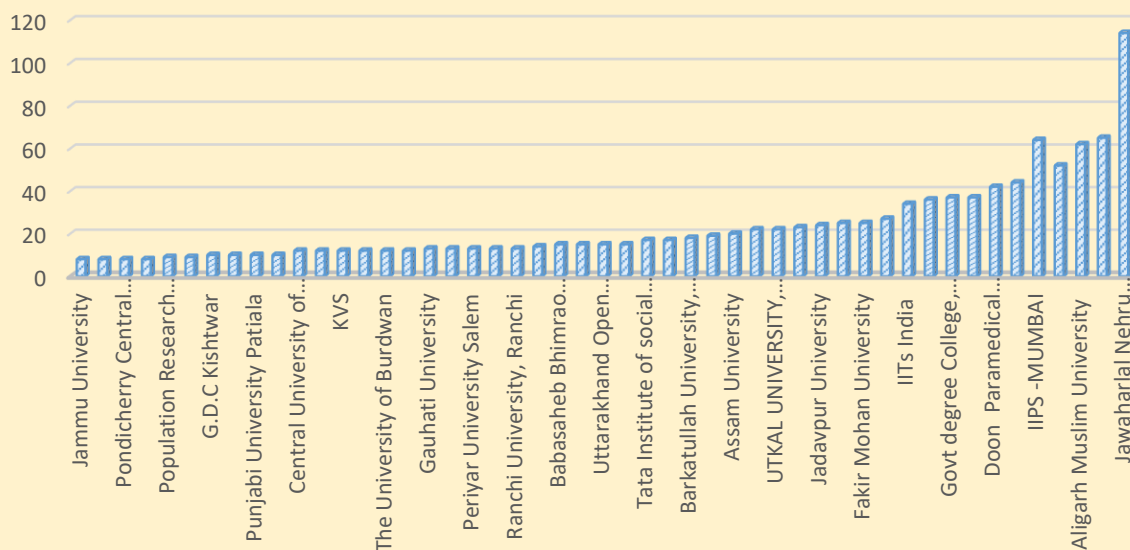
Educational Qualification of the Registered Participants



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REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS FROM MAJOR ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OF INDIA





The Centre for Diaspora Studies (Independent Centre) **Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar**

Centre for Diaspora Studies (CDS) was established in 2011 at the Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, India. It offers M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme. CDS is an Independent Centre in the University, and as a unique inter-disciplinary Centre in India, it studies with its multidisciplinary framework various aspects and issues of migration and diaspora and their spatial geographical distribution, cultural, literary, social, demographic, political and economic impact on both the home and host countries with a focus on the Indian diaspora. It is an established fact that the contribution of overseas Indians to the social, cultural, economic, philanthropic, etc. spheres of India is very substantial. A sizeable body of literature now exists both in the forms of novels, biographies, autobiographies, diaries, short stories, dramas, poems (not to mention films) and scholarly writings on issues related to the historical, anthropological, sociological, political and economic aspects of the process of migration of people. Diaspora Studies has opened plethora of new research areas, which need to be studied and researched upon. The Centre with a multidisciplinary framework studies and addresses the mutual relations and converging contours of migration & diaspora. The Centre provides an excellent academic environment with a focus on participatory teaching and learning, use of ICT in teaching, periodical revision and updating of syllabus, field work exposures for students etc. Students of the Centre are from multi-disciplinary backgrounds (Social Sciences & Humanities). The faculty members of the Centre are from different disciplines from Social Sciences & Humanities and have specialization in different aspects of migration and diaspora.



Center for Study of Regional Development (CSRD) **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)**

The Centre for the Study of Regional Development was established in 1971 with a mandate to focus on interdisciplinary programme of studies for teaching and research, placed in an overall framework of regional development in India. Over the years, an interdisciplinary team of scholars has been engaged in realizing this dream.

The Centre offers M. A. (Geography) and M. Phil/Ph.D programmes in three major fields: Geography Economics, and Population Studies. In keeping with the interdisciplinary tenor and focus of the Centre, these programmes interface socio- economic, human, institutional, technological, infrastructural, and environmental factors with issues of regional development in multi-various and pluralistic manner. In doing so, research and teaching in the Centre over the years have evolved appropriate paradigms and tools of analyses including remote sensing and GIS. During 2018-19, 40 M. A., 34 Ph. D. and 53 M. Phil degrees were awarded. The research and post-graduate students in the Centre form an important academic hub of the Centre.

In terms of students and faculty strength, the Centre for the Study of Regional Development is one of the largest centres in the School of Social Sciences in the University. The Centre presently has 12 Professors, 7 Associate Professors, 7 Assistant Professors, 1 Professors Emeritus. According to the Annual Report of 2018-2019, faculty members have 73 publications in refereed journals; 3 books; 24 book chapters; 10 media article; 42 ongoing projects to their credit.

The Centre for the Study of Regional Development was granted the status of ‘Centre of Advanced Studies’ (CAS) under the Special Assistance Program (SAP) of the UGC in April 2003. With this, the Centre became the first department in Geography in India to get this status. In view of the Centre having successfully completed the first phase, the support as CAS was renewed in April 2009 for a period of five years (2009-March 2014).



Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (BHU)

The Department of History came into existence with the establishment of the Banaras Hindu University by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya in 1918. It is one of the oldest Departments of the University. All three branches of Indian History i.e. Ancient, Medieval and Modern history are taught there. The Department has eminent faculties for under-graduate and post-graduate programs, preparing and equipping the students to acquire enough knowledge and skills to transform themselves to be avid researchers. At present there are approximately hundred research scholars pursuing their Ph.D. degree under the able guidance of their respective supervisors. Besides the core conventional and foundational courses such as cultural, socio-economic, political, and religious aspects of various epochs of Indian History, the department also offers a diverse array of courses on European, American and Asian History. Courses on Contemporary World, Intellectual History of China and Japan, History of Nepal and Sri Lanka, History of South-East Asia are blended along with thematic courses on Diaspora Studies, Tribal History, Gender, and History of Dalit Studies. The department also offers courses on Maritime History, History of Science & Technology, Medicine and History of Environment and Ecology. These new areas allow the blending of sociological and anthropological perspectives, opening possibilities of the realization of interdisciplinary research in a rigorous manner.



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