## An Online Colloquium on "Pandemic Culture and Our Collective Consciousness"

## 13th February, 2022

## A brief report

In a period of just few months, the COVID-19 pandemic caused by a novel coronavirus has radically transformed the lives of masses of people around the globe. The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on everyone's lives, and seniors were profoundly affected. What have we learned so far? How have we adjusted, and how can we best prepare to protect our health and safety are the prime questions we are dealing with.

With this backdrop School of Humanities, Netaji Subhas Open University, with the encouragement of the Hon'ble VC, NSOU took an initiative and organized an online colloquium and discussion forum on "Pandemic Culture and Our Collective Consciousness" This virtual event was meticulously designed by SOH, NSOU and delivered through Zoom platform.

## **Event Details-**

13<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. The event was open for the Teachers/ counselors/learners

Dr. Yogiraj Ray, Associate Professor, WBMES, DM (AIIMS News Delhi)COVID-19 Specialist was invited to be the guest speaker on this occasion.

Professor Manan Kumar Mandal, Director, School of Humanities, delivered the welcome address. Prof. Mandal welcomed the Guest Speaker along with the teachers and learners who were attending the programme virtually.

Dr. Srideep Mukherjee, Associate Professor of English, School of Humanities acted as the moderator and extended heartfelt wishes to the guest speaker, Dr Yogiraj Ray, and all others who were present in the programme. Dr.Mukherjee gradually delineated the objectives and significance of organizing this event.

Dr Ray discussed at length about the COVID-19 pandemic issues. He also stressed on the need of awareness related to the COVID-19. He gave various directives on post-COVID recovery. Then the moderator encouraged the participants to ask a few questions to the guest speaker related to the theme. Dr Ray addressed all the questions at length. The learners were highly impressed and enlightened by Dr Ray's deliberations and expressed their desire to have more of such thought provoking discussions in near future.