

Report on -

International Webinar
On
Covidity and Mobility: Reinvigorating Future Urban Transport
On 18th July, 2020

Organised by
Department of Geography
In Collaboration with the IQAC, Kidderpore College

Amidst the critical Covid condition, the Department of Geography, in collaboration with the IQAC, Kidderpore College has organised a one day International Webinar on “Covidity and Mobility: Reinvigorating Future Urban Transport” on 18th July, 2020. Considering the importance of planned mass transport services in the Covid situation, the Department of Geography invited speakers from the field of Transport Management and Planning. The programme was started with the welcome address by the Principal of Kidderpore College, followed by the IQAC Coordinator. The Webinar was inaugurated by the special guest, **Prof. Minakshi Ray**, *honourable Pro-Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs and Finance, University of Calcutta*. She talked about how Covid-19 pandemic has drastically transformed each and every aspect of human existence. From environment to economy, from people to politics, from hygiene to health infrastructure, everything is experiencing rapid alterations and compelling us to cope with a New Normal. She emphasised upon requirement of a proper systematic, strategic development plan to generate new transport policies in this COVID era to prioritize what the common passengers think, what they feel, what they need and what they want to avoid. Three special lectures were delivered by three eminent speakers from internationally known academic institutions. The first lecture was delivered by **Prof. Yves Bouquet**, *Professor, University of Burgundy, France*. He talked about **Covid Impacts on Mobility in France and Philippines: from Restrictions to Modal Shifts**. The second lecture was delivered by **Prof. Mesbah-us-Saleheen**, *Professor, Department of Environmental Science, Gono Biswabidyalaya (University), Dhaka, Bangladesh*. He presented his lecture on **Covid-19 and the Related Problems on the Urban Transport Sector in Bangladesh**. The third lecture was delivered by **Prof. Balkrishna Champat Vaidya**, *Professor in Geography and Geopolitics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India*. He talked on **Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Transport Sector**. The programme was started at 3pm and continued till 8pm in the evening. More than 250 participants from all over India participated in this Webinar and shared their feedbacks through a Google feedback form. The webinar was a successful event in the Covid situation where academicians, researchers and students acquired knowledge regarding the theme of the webinar and shared their viewpoints in that context.



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