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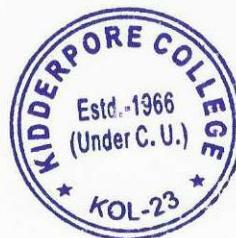
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Report of the ICSSR-ERC Sponsored National Seminar Organised by the Department of Economics, Kidderpore College on 22.6.2023

The covid 19 pandemic has left an eternal scar on the economic activities of all the countries across the Globe during the last couple of years. In addition to that, the Russo-Ukraine War has further cast an irreparable damage to the Global economic order. All the countries of the World including India have been adversely affected by the dual scars of the Covid Pandemic and the Russo-Ukraine war. At the same time all the significant day to day activities have become digitalized thereby transforming the conventional way of life into a digitally active. The problems faced by the developing and the underdeveloped countries in the context of the war and the Covid 19 are gradually rising rates of unemployment, income and resource inequality and faltering private and public investment. In this context the Department of Economics of Kidderpore College organized a national level seminar on the topic “**Economy, Society and Sustainability- Roads to Recovery**”. The seminar was sponsored by the ICSSR-ERC and held in the **Bhasa Bhawan, National Library, Kolkata** on **22.6.2023** from 10.00 am onwards. The registration process began at 10.00 am and was completed by 10.30 am.

The seminar began with the welcome address delivered by the Principal, Kidderpore College, Dr. Abhijit Ganguly, an encouraging speech by the Head, Department of Economics, Kidderpore College, and the IQAC Coordinator Dr. Swati Pal followed by lightening of the auspicious lamp by the Principal, the dignitaries present and the teachers of the College. The first session was initiated by Dr. Teesta Dey, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Kidderpore College. The first lecture of this session was delivered by the **RBI Chair Professor of Economics,**



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CSSSC and Director (Hony) ICSSR-ERC, Prof. Saibal Kar. His lecture was on the topic “Crisis, Small Business and Adoption of Digital Technologies”. His lecture was followed by a lively interaction between the resource person and the members of the audience. The next was the keynote address delivered by **Prof. Kausik Gupta, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta**. His topic of lecture was: “ **Indian Development Strategy: A Story of Faltering Investment?**”

The keynote address was followed by two parallel sessions where research scholars and eminent professors of distinguished Higher Education Institutions presented papers on a wide variety of topics related to the main theme of the seminar. The parallel session 1 was chaired by **Prof Jayanta sen, Professor and the Head of the Department of Economics, West Bengal State University** and the parallel session 2 was chaired by **Dr Debolina Saha, Associate Professor of the Department of Economics, Rabindra Bharati University** .

The post lunch session was carried forward by **Dr. Chandrabali Das, Department of Political Science, Kidderpore College**. The session began by inviting **Professor Saikat Sinha Roy, Professor and the Head of the Department of Economics, Jadavpur University**. He presented his lecture on the topic: “**Do Special Economic Zones Reduce Household Expenditure Inequality In India?**” The session was chaired by Prof. Biswajit Mandal, from the Visva Bharati University. The lecture was followed by lively interaction. The second special lecture was delivered by Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Economics. **Vishva Bharati University, Prof. Biswajit Mandal**. The topic of his lecture was:“ **Mobility of Financial Capital Across Time Zones, Trade,and Inequality- A Post Covid Possibility.**” The session was followed by a short tea break.

Then there were two parallel sessions of paper presentation – one inviting the lectures of the topics related to hard core economics held in the main Conference Hall and another on the multidisciplinary topics in Hall B. In the main conference hall, parallel session was chaired by **Dr Suparna Gangopadhyay, Head of the Department, Surendranath College for Women**. In Hall B **Dr Susmita Banerjee, Associate Professor of Department of Economics, Charuchandra College** chaired the session.




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At the end of the sessions the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Swati Pal, Head, Department of Economics and Convener of the Seminar. All the participants and the paper presenters of the seminar were issued certificates after the vote of thanks. Finally the seminar ended at 6.00 pm.



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