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## “COVID-19: Emergence and Resurgence of Communicable Diseases from Social Sciences Perspectives”

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### Concept Note

The morbidity, mortality or disease burden, at global level, has transited, mostly from communicable to non-communicable diseases. The major contributing factors to such changes are improvements in our education, economy, and especially the medical science and technology. However, the emergence and resurgence of communicable diseases are still the major concerns in the contemporary risk society or liquid society. In fact, a look into the history of communicable diseases makes it clear that at different times such diseases have shattered the human lives. The emergences of SARS, MERS, Ebola, chikungunya, avian flu, swine flu, Zika and Corona (COVID-19), have challenged our quality of education, science and technology we developed and the way of life we are leading. Therefore, this conference is pertinent.

With growing modernity or post-modernity along with individualism and materialistic world views, many threats or risks are being posed on mankind and on all creations at global level. The postulates of Thomas Malthus, Ulrich Beck, Anthony Giddens and others are well explanatory of such natural imbalances and balances we are encountering. A look into the history of epidemics or pandemics, may explain such claims. In Indian society, we also experience improvements in socioeconomic status and general decline in communicable diseases.

However, new lifestyles are posing emerging risks of many non-communicable diseases, likewise in countless developed and developing nations. In fact, the major challenge is how to analyse the relationship between socioeconomic development and pandemics of communicable diseases (including covid-19) and its control. Probably, the nature of education lesser imbued with moral and ethical values; coupled with global population growth, industrialization, environmental destruction and materialistic lifestyle are responsible for many of such endemics or pandemics. Indian society, being a diverse is also maintaining a diverse socioeconomic status, disease stratification and controlling measures. Therefore, the diverse attitudes and practices in prevention and treatment of covid-19. It is also pertinent to note the roles of the media, including social media, in portraying the real picture of a pandemic and the roles of the state in its preventive and curative initiatives.

Epidemics and pandemics have troubled the human lives and property from time to time. Though our education, technology and economy have improved considerably, we are unable to sustain such epidemics and pandemics, rather we vulnerable to these yet. The COVID-19 pandemic has uprooted the mighty USA and some European nations, particularly. We should act not only for individual interests but also for the interests of all beings. In a diverse country like India the challenges of equality and equity are much deeper, though we are comparatively better off in terms of social and community life, in contrast to western life. There is need for appropriate forms of global or macro governance on key issues to improve systems of prevention, control and treatment. There is also need for greater attention on the infectious disease burden of policy decisions taken in other sectors like trade and investment, large infrastructure projects, migration, agriculture, transportation, communications, etc.

### Sub-Themes:

Social Sciences Perspectives and Theories on Health and Illness  
Education, Health, Wellbeing and Social stigma,  
Demography and Health  
Modernization, Post-modernization, Globalization and Risk Society  
Emergence and Resurgence of Communicable Diseases  
Communicable Diseases in India  
Covid-19 – Impacts on Health, Economy, Education and Society,  
Covid-19 and Gender  
Covid-19 – Disaster Management, Role of Media & Civil Society  
Political Economy and Policy Implications



## Important Dates:

Abstract submission	: up to 25th June 2020.
Acceptance of papers	: 30th June 2020
Full paper submission	: up to 1st July 2020
Last Date for Registration	: 2nd July 2020

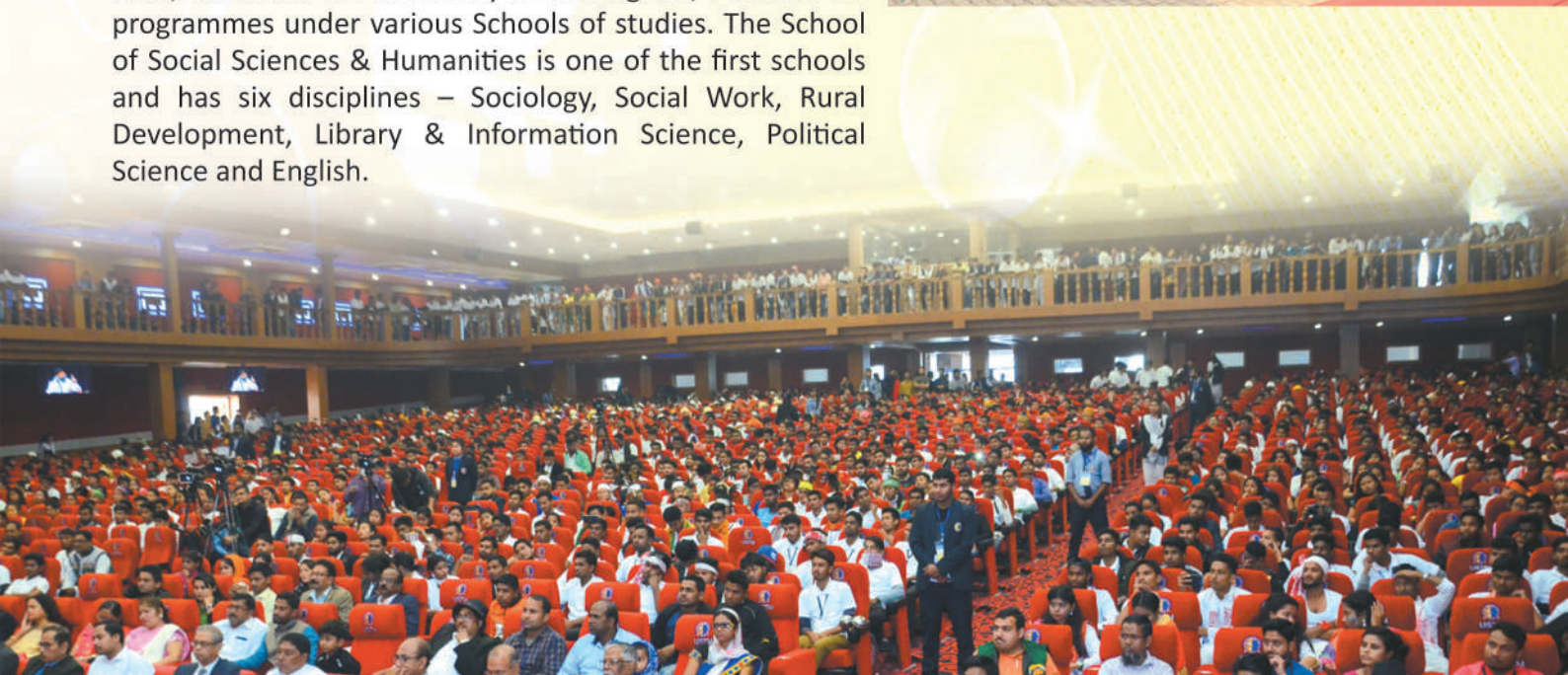
**Guidelines for Abstract and Full paper:** All the Abstracts should be within 500 words, along with 5 keywords. The full paper should be within 5000 words, using endnotes for references in APA format. The font should be the Times New Roman, size 12 and in double space. For full length paper if more than 20% plagiarism is found, it will be returned for revision.

**Registration:** Every paper presenters as well as participants without paper need to register online. No registration fee for paper presenters. E-Certificates will be issued only to the registered paper presenters and participants.

**Publications:** All the Abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceeding. In addition, selected papers will be published in edited volume/s.

## About the Organizer

The University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM), is the first State Private University on Science & Technology in the entire North East India, sponsored by ERD Foundation, Guwahati. The University has been established under the provisions of the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya Act (No.6 of 2008) enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya and started its first academic session in 2011. The USTM is approved by the UGC, AICTE, NCTE, ERC, Bar Council of India & Pharmacy Council of India. It is in a scenic landscape in Assam-Meghalaya border at Baridua about 85 kms from Shillong & 6 kms from Dispur, and is well connected by road, rail & air. The university is offering UG, PG and PhD programmes under various Schools of studies. The School of Social Sciences & Humanities is one of the first schools and has six disciplines – Sociology, Social Work, Rural Development, Library & Information Science, Political Science and English.





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