

# International Conference on

## “Sociology of Education in the time of Covid-19 pandemic”



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**Venue: Techno City, Khanapara, Kling Road**  
**Baridua, 9th Mile, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya**

## Concept Note:

The world is changing rapidly into a more complex, fragile and uncertain place. The social change and transformation brought in by modernity and globalisation already have jeopardised our traditional way of thinking, acting, and behaving in society. Nevertheless, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the darkest side of our societies. We have realised all inherent weaknesses of our social fabric during this pandemic. What is the reality of individuals' independence in this complex interdependent world? The COVID-19 pandemic has put a question mark on the very notion of modernity, progress and development. The façade of prosperity and arrogance of 'being developed' has been exposed. Human vulnerability, our hidden anxieties, and uncertainties of the future have come to the forefront. It is time to find human resilience and inner strength to face the challenges and explore new opportunities in a post-COVID-19 world. The need of the hour is to maintain a human character in this market-driven, money-oriented, hyper-competitive world. Children's socialisation, education, training, skill development, psychological and emotional well-being, and capability development in institutional and non-institutional settings need to be critically evaluated under new circumstances. We need to modify the way 'we learn' and the way 'we teach'. Under changed circumstances, the education system must inculcate the values like sensitivity, stress management, the importance of family and community, the importance of social cohesion and bonding, and how to remain hopeful and resilient under all circumstances. The teachers, parents and policymakers need to retrospect and introspect to search for new approaches to cope with the changes of modern times and uncertainty which has emerged after the COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic has forced everyone to rethink the use of technology in the teaching-learning process. Nevertheless, is education going to be completely technology dependent? What will be the role of teachers in the coming days? In which manner schools, colleges and universities will have to go through changes to meet the time's challenges. The sociology of education has always tried to understand the process of knowledge creation and knowledge transfer. The social implications of schooling and the linkages between social structure and the pupils' educational attainment are our key concerns. We are aware of extreme economic and social inequality prevalent in different parts of the world; if education will be driven by a market economy and be highly technology-based, what will be its implications on the quest for equality? The role of private as well as public institutions needs to be reexamined in the changed scenario. The education system across the world will have to chalk out a plan to deal with new challenges. The proposed conference is a humble initiative to provide a platform for sharing ideas, experiences, and best practices. In addition to this, it aims to provide an opportunity for collective discussion and debate. The knowledge generated thereof could be collated for the betterment of future policies and practices in educational institutions.

## **Sub-theme:**

- Education in a globalised world
- Theorising education: An interdisciplinary approach to understand education
- Prioritising Methodology: Methodological approaches to study education and educational issues
- Education and Social Reproduction: Understanding structural basis of social and education inequalities
- Quest for social inclusion: Issues of social class, caste, gender, race, ethnicity and disability in educational institutions
- Mental health and educational attainment
- Schooling and issues of contemporary socialisation in the times of COVID-19 pandemic
- Education before COVID-19 pandemic, and education after COVID-19 pandemic
- Opportunities and challenges of Open, Distance and Online education
- ICT enabled education: Present and Future
- The Online-Offline debate: Teaching in a post-covid-19 world
- Education Policy and administration in a globalised world
- Multicultural education in 21st century
- Quality concerns in education

## **University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya**

University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM), promoted by ERD Foundation, Guwahati, was established under Act 6 of 2008 enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya and incorporated under section 22 and 2(f) of the UGC Act 1956. Its campus aptly named “Techno City”. School of Applied Sciences, Biological Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities, Business Sciences and Education are the various academic units of the University, further divided into departments and institutes/centres for imparting courses and programmes leading to the degree at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Research is also carried out by various schools and departments of USTM, leading to the award of PhD degree.

## **Department of Sociology, USTM**

The Department of sociology was established in the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM), with a noble vision, mission and took inspiration from the world of sociology succeeded universally. The Department in the USTM established in 2011 with certain noble objectives to fulfil, which was initially named ‘Department of Sociology and Social Work’. The founding members of the Department are Mr B I Laskar and Dr Satish Kumar Bodla. Later on, the Department of Social Work separated from the Department of sociology and became autonomous in 2016. Presently, the Department has eight faculty members. Faculty members have published a number of books, research papers and projects. Department of Sociology is very well connected to the Indian Sociological Society and other Departments of Sociology in reputed universities and different IITs of India. The courses offered by the Department are (1) BA Sociology, (2) MA Sociology, and (3) PhD.

## **Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow**

The Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow is one of the oldest in the country as its history dates back to 1922. The Department has been enriched by the leadership of stalwarts like Prof. D.N. Majumdar, Prof. A.K. Saran, Prof. S.C. Verma and Prof. S.P. Nagendra, besides Prof. Radha Kamal Mukherji and Prof. D.P. Mukherji. It has also produced sociologists like Prof. Yogendra Singh, Prof. T.N. Madan, Prof. K.N. Sharma, Prof. B.R. Chauhan and many others. The Department was granted by the University Grants Commission as the Department of Special Assistance (DSA) from 1992 to 2002 for a period of ten years, and now has applied for the third phase to UGC. The Department is also actively engaged in research projects and consultancy. The Department has been actively representing in the governing bodies of the Indian Sociological Society by various Professors from the Department of Sociology. This Department is the cradle of Lucknow School of thought, the dream school thought and brought by Late Prof. Radha Kamal Mukherji and other pioneers of the Department. Recently the Department has got the Ram Manohar Lohiya Chair by State Government of U.P. The Department was assigned to conduct the survey and study 15 cities of UP on Swachh Bharat Mission program sponsored by the Department of Urban Development, Government of UP as a state resource organization (SRO) in 2017 and conducted a baseline survey of the pre-general election of Lucknow parliamentary constituency sponsored by Election commission in 2019. Alumni of the Sociology department met in 2018, and subsequently, the association was registered in 2019. The Centre of Excellence project on "Social Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development in Uttar Pradesh" was awarded by the Department of Higher Education, Government of U.P. in 2019.

### **Guidelines of submitting abstract and full paper:**

Submit the abstract within 300 hundred words in an MS Word file. The full paper shall be within 4000-5000 words. APA style of Reference shall be followed for the paper. Detailed guidelines for the requirement of publication will be shared in due time.

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## **Publication:**

Selected papers of this conference will be published in an edited volume (with ISBN), following a peer-review process. The Editors will, however, reserve the right to accept/reject any paper for publication. Please note that a nominal article processing fee for this publication can be charged from each contributor based on the publication's financial liabilities. Details about the article processing fee will be shared with the contributors later on.

## **Important Dates:**

**Last Date of Abstract Submission: 25th July 2021.**

**Last Date of Submission of full paper: 31st July 2021**

**Last Date for submission of revised full paper for publication: 30th August 2021**

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