

## **Report on Webinar on Coronavirus (19<sup>th</sup> April, 2020)**

A webinar was organised under the aegis of Dean Students Welfare Prof. Poonam Tandon on Corona virus pandemic affecting the whole world to spread awareness among the students. This lecture series was very well attended and appreciated by students as well as faculty members of the University who listened with rapt attention. The webinar started with introductory remarks by the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof Alok Kumar Rai who briefed the audience about the initiatives being undertaken by the University against the unprecedented Corona virus crisis. This was followed by Prof. Poonam Tandon spelling out the objectives of the webinar. Each speaker was given about 40 minutes.



The webinar commenced with the inaugural lecture delivered by Prof. Sudhir Mehrotra, Head Department of Biochemistry who spoke at length about the outbreak of Corona virus pandemic in various parts of the world along with modes of transmission of the virus, its biology, symptoms, health effects, prevention etc.

His lecture was followed by a very informative lecture by Prof. Monisha Banerjee of Zoology department who gave insights into the Molecular biology and Genetics of the virus along with its mechanistic aspects of infection in humans. She also dwelt on the RT PCR based and rapid testing methods of the virus. She dwelt in detail about the efforts being made worldwide for preparation of vaccine and specific antiviral

treatment. Both the lectures were very well appreciated by the audience and followed by volley of questions by the students showing that the webinar was very successful in achieving its objectives of increasing awareness among the students as well as creating inquisitiveness among the participants.

In the end a lucid talk was given me Dr. Alka Mishra who talked about the social and economic impact of the current pandemic. She spoke at length about the impact of Corona virus pandemic on vulnerable sections of the society and the mental health related issues. She gave simple tips how to maintain positivity during the lockdown period. The webinar was immensely successful in attaining its objectives.



**YouTube links**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t12m09BsUOY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=im-pHbRlFJA>

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