

Webinar Series on “Impact of The Covid 19 Pandemic on The Global Political, Security & Economic Orders” organised by the Department of International Studies, Stella Maris College (Chennai)

The Department of International Studies felt the need to address the contemporary issues and challenges arising out of the Covid 19 Pandemic and in keeping with the salience of the Discipline of International Relations launched a series of lectures on **The Covid 19 and its Impact on The Global Political, Security & Economic Orders.**

The Department hosted four eminent resource persons who delivered lectures on the following themes :

Webinar Lecture Series I, held on 14.05.2020

Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray, served as a Deputy Director in the National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India and Director of the Institute for Conflict Management (ICM)'s Database & Documentation Centre, Guwahati, Assam and currently Director of a Delhi based Think tank, Mantraya.org.

Dr Routray delved at length on the *“Covid 19 Pandemic and the Future of Democracy”*. The Lecture covered various dimensions of Democracy and Governance and how the present situation had warranted some governments to impose arbitrary but much needed ad hoc legislations and suspension of certain civil liberties

Dr Priyanca Mathur Velath , Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, CERSSE, Jain University, Bangalore. She is also Gender Advisor and International Trainer with the Forum of Federations for its work in Myanmar. She delivered a Lecture on *“Feminist Perspective on the Covid 19 Pandemic”* which focussed on the travails of women and children during the Pandemic. She specifically touched on the plight of migrant women who were helpless and hungry. She highlighted the increasing domestic violence, sexual abuse of women and children and their vulnerabilities due to the lockdown situation. She also brought out the loss of livelihood and economic means of women who lost their jobs and earnings due to the Lockdown

Webinar Lecture Series II held on 15.05.2020

Cmdr R,S,Vasan retired from the Indian Navy is presently Director of the Chennai Centre for China Studies; Director, Asian Secretariat, World Borderpol (WBO), and Head, Strategy and Security Studies, Center for Asia Studies.

He spoke at length on *“Covid 19 Pandemic: Abroad Overview Of The Emerging Security Dimensions”*, wherein he highlighted the role of China and also the transition from traditional military security threats to new emerging biological threats. The Emergence of unconventional threats like the Corona virus and the imperatives of the international system to cooperate and face the challenges .

Dr D.Suba Chandran, Professor and Dean, Conflict and Security Studies Prog, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore delivered a lecture on *“The Post Covid World*

Order: Global Interactions, Regional Responses and National Strategies". His talk brought out the challenges faced by the countries of the world and the role of global agencies such as the WHO and the UN as well as the individual governments themselves in addressing and coping with this Pandemic.

The Webinar series was well attended by students, research scholars ,faculty and academicians and members of various think tank communities on both the days and the possibility of using Webex or Google Meet has opened up tremendous scope and opportunities to bring together such resource persons to address the students irrespective of location and physical spaces.

There were 89 participants on both days.