



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIAMOND HARBOUR WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Organizes

INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR

On

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN

DATE: 30TH JULY 2020, TIME: 11:00 - 13:00 IST

WEB PLATFORM: GOOGLE MEET & LIVE STREAMING ON 

Chief Patron: Prof. Anuradha Mukhopadhyay

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DHWU

Patron: Dr. Sayeedur Rahman

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Speakers



Dr. Muhammed Mahbubur Rahaman

Chairman & Associate Professor,

Department of Special Education,

Institute of Education and Research, University of Dhaka

Topic: Education in the Pandemic: Forgotten Stories of
Children with Disabilities



Sri Vashkar Bhattacharjee

*National Consultant for Accessibility,
a2i, ICT Division, Bangladesh Government*

*Program Manager,
IRCD, YPSA, Bangladesh*



Topic: The Role of Inclusive Technology in Combating COVID-19



Mr. Sayomdeb Mukherjee

Senior Specialist EILABS,

Enable India

Topic: Social Challenges Faced by Persons with
Disability during the Time of COVID-19

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/8bYEc8FeEh4NTHC39>

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Registration is free. Last date of registration: 29/07/2020 till 17:00 IST. An e-certificate will be given for attending the webinar.



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CONCEPT NOTE

COVID-19 has affected the mental and physical health of people belonging to different age groups and various strata of the society. A feeling of uncertainty, a sense of loss of control, fear, stress, anxiety, panic and depression owing to the prolonged lockdown, social as well as physical distancing and their associated consequences are telling on the overall health of almost all individuals including the differently abled ones. They are just as vulnerable to anxiety, apprehensions, sadness, grief, irritability, sleep disturbances and withdrawal as their typically abled peers. Consequently, the education of these individuals has also been affected. While some of them are attending online classes, for others these classes are not just an option. Again, some differently abled individuals might need assistance for the basic activities of daily living (ADL), while others may be more independent but may find it difficult to adjust to new rules that a pandemic situation demands. In fact, any crisis situation has different impacts on different individuals with special needs depending on their age, type and degree of mental and physical challenges. This webinar is aimed at providing a platform to sensitize people about the impact of COVID-19 on the health and education of the differently abled individuals, one of the most marginalized sections of our society. They are also disadvantaged at multiple levels during the pandemic situation, more vulnerable to contracting the virus as many of them do not understand the gravity of the situation. It is, indeed, very important that we, as conscious citizens, know more about them and adopt inclusive measures to mainstream them.

Every human life is valuable and capable of enriching our society, thereby making this world a better place to live in.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Diamond Harbour Women's University came into existence in on 28th January 2013, established under West Bengal Act XXXVII of 2012. It was the first Women's University in East and North-East India and had been envisaged in answer to the long standing requirement of the girl-student not only of the South 24 Parganas, but also beyond, for greater scope in fulfilling their desire for attainment of selfhood. In 2016 the University was recognized under Section 2(f) and in 2019 under section 12 (B) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956. At present there are 14 academic departments in the University, under the Arts and Science faculties, offering Post Graduate courses in all and MPhil and PhD courses in some subjects. The University hopes to address both research and teaching in the context of its location as well as globally, with an objective to function efficiently and effectively by providing teaching, training and research in various branches of learning/courses of study so as to promote advancement and dissemination of knowledge to meet the growing needs of the society. This women's University is committed to providing women better access to higher education thereby enabling them to contribute to their personal as well as social development.



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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

- 11.00 - 11.15** Inaugural Session
Opening Song
Inaugural Address by Prof. Anuradha Mukhopadhyay,
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, DHWU
Welcome Address by Dr. Sayeedur Rahman,
Registrar, DHWU
Speech by Prof. Tapan Mandal,
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- 11.15 - 11.45** Keynote Address
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- 11.45 - 12.15** Mr. Sayomdeb Mukherjee,
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- 12.45 - 12.50** Vote of Thanks
By the Convener