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National Webinar:

**Maintaining Social Distance: Issues and Challenges**

Date: 19/05/2020

No. of participants: 450



## Report of the Webinar:

Speaker: Prof. Ashoke Ranjan Thakur Former Vice-Chancellor of West Bengal University of Technology, West Bengal State University

Panelists in this Lecture:

1. Prof. Asoke Chandra Ghose, former Professor and Chairman, Dept. of Microbiology, Bose Institute, Kolkata (on “Importance of ‘Social Distancing’ towards the control of ‘person to person’ transmission of certain viral infections including COVID-19: A Quantitative Analysis”)
2. Prof. Samrat Chatterjee, Dept. of Microbiology, Gurudas College (on “Maintaining SocialDistance: Feasibility for an Educational Institution”)
3. Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Librarian, Bose Institute, Kolkata and former Director-General of National Library & Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (on “Role of Library for Maintaining Social Distance”)

Link to the webinar:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/zOsApD1ty2Q?si=wH-Rcblx-ATfcfF0>



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Dr Asoke Chandra Ghose said Social distancing does have a negative connotation and physical distancing is much the better and more accurate term. The dangers of social distancing are manifold a sense of loneliness and isolation. Take a toll on our mental health and also hide the fact that we are in it together. Some will be more vulnerable due to social distancing those who have pre-existing. Mental illnesses are already suffering from heightened anxiety and panic about the disease. This is worsening their already fragile mental states. Even amongst those who do not have any history of mental illness. The tsunami of information and coverage on the disease has planted seeds of feared. The elderly are most vulnerable for a multitude of reasons and those of us who can must reach out and reassure.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a video feed shows Dr. Asoke Chandra Ghose. The main area displays a presentation slide with the following text:

**Overcoming negative connotations**

In the current pandemic the society is not well equipped to formulate scientifically proven processes for the maladaptive human responses during these times because of lack of experience and a knowledge base.

Isolation and physical distancing seem to be among the most helpful tips to prevent infection and spread of the disease. These are methods to keep the herd and community infection at bay.

But how do we prevent the virus from infecting our minds? How does all this affect our individual minds? How does it influence the 'mind' or the 'psyche' of a society as a whole?

On the right, a chat window titled 'Top chat replay' shows several messages:

- distancing in classroom in college or school
- BLACK\_KNIGHT hi
- PRATIVA MONDAL Good afternoon to all of you
- BANGASREE DEY now it is clearly audible
- Saradaprasad Datta now its ok...Dr. Sarada Prasad Datta
- UbiquitousClassRoom / Uddalok Saha uttijo come to the place where you need to get good connectivity
- Saswata Majumdar Good afternoon everybody
- UbiquitousClassRoom / Uddalok Saha not yet you are putting your relevant question
- Rajasekhar G definitely not jaydeep sir... as per indian economical and geographical conditions we couldn't accommodate each person with a single room.... but our government may take Serious note of it....
- SHUVRANIL GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL
- Padmaja Bss B S S Padmaja, anr college
- Saswata Majumdar Good afternoon sir
- shampa acharyee Good Afternoon.
- BIPLAB SAHA Good afternoon sir

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**A slide from Dr. Asoke Chandra Ghose's presentation**



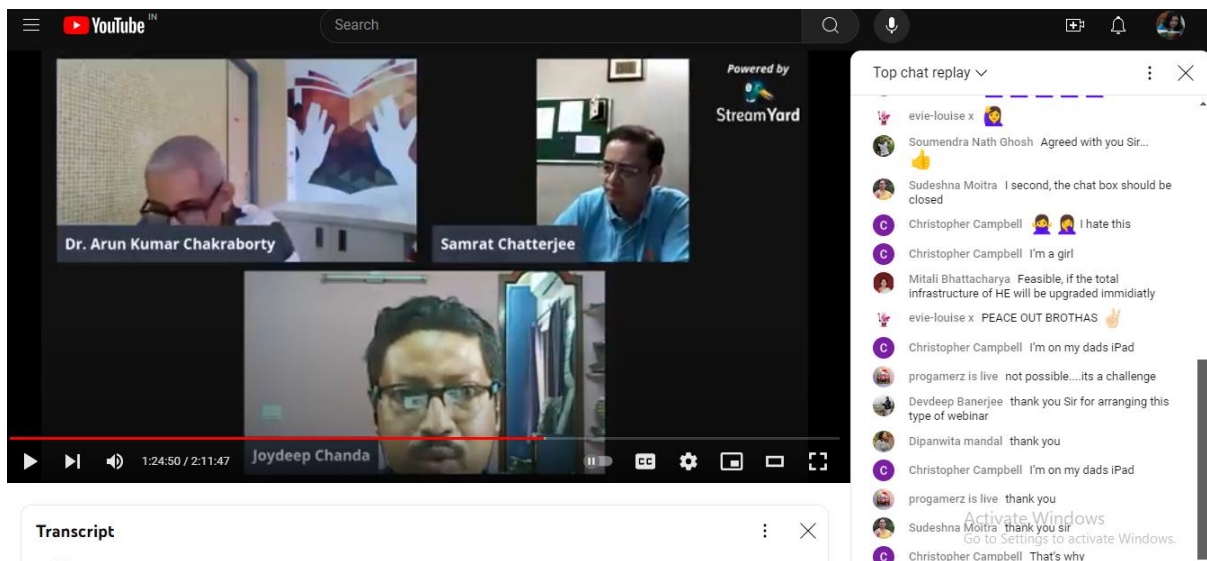
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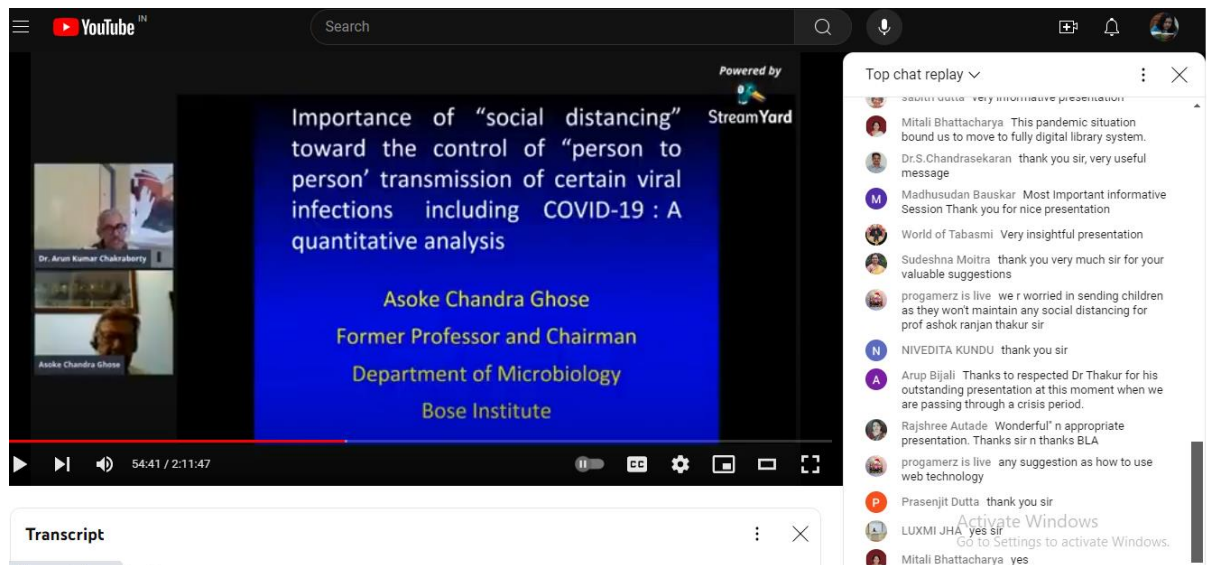
Ghost further says that as far as a library in time of physical distancing is concerned, the entire system is run using a cluster of inexpensive low energy devices. This green computing system, which utilises on an average, only 81 vasts maintenance 30 websites of TIG. Sn U digital library IMAP service for the TIG data services for the male system at a cost of less less than ₹100000 additionally, the library now has access to nearly 5000 audio video video lectures of best of the professors of North American university as well as nearly eight hundred ebooks can be accessed through ten terminals in library and also on smartphones.



## Scenshots from the Webinar



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Prof Samrat Chatterjee talked about the formation of coronavirus and delta variant and how it evolves and becomes more dangerous.

Prof Arun Kumar Chakravorty threw light on the importance of library, especially repertoire of theses in times of pandemic.

Outcomes:

- Clear idea about virus and its spread
- Learning the nitty gritty of safety
- Understanding the importance of e-library when conventional library is inaccessible.