

Guest Editor's Notes

The Covid-19 pandemic like many pandemics in the past has marginalized and excluded some sections of society all over the world. Exclusion and marginalization of these sections are in multiple fronts including economic, education and health care sectors in phases. To have an in depth understanding of the implications of Covid-19, an international online conference was held on the topic 'Covid-19: Emergence and Resurgence of Communicable Diseases from Social Sciences Perspectives' during 21-22 July, 2020, organized by the School of Social Sciences & Humanities, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) in collaboration with the RC-12 of Indian Sociological Society; Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT-Guwahati; Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, FLAIR, New Delhi and TRIBAC, Agartala. More than 800 delegates have participated and around 170 papers were submitted in the conference. The present issue of the JES is one of the outcomes of that international conference. All the eleven papers in this volume excepting one were presented in the conference. All these papers are of immense importance in dealing with social exclusion or inclusion. These papers focus on diverse scopes of the problems associated with Covid-19 oscillating from social distancing, risk and biopolitics, development and marginalization to impacts on education, agricultural labourers, social stigma, differently abled, mental health, and need for legal framework.

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