

**National Webinar**  
**On**  
**Lessons from the Past: Studying**  
**Trends and Responses to**  
**Epidemics**  
**10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**“...For the plagues and medical events  
changed the course of History...”**



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## Concept Note

In the wake of Covid-19, the Department of History, Sophia College, Ajmer, has scheduled a webinar, **“Lessons from the Past: Studying Trends and Responses to Epidemics”** on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 on Google Meet from 2 to 5 pm in the evening. The objective of this webinar is to develop a larger historical understanding of epidemics and famines in a broad temporal and spatial framework. We will try to understand the myriad of ways through which people in general adapt, adopt, understand, interpret, analyze and resolve the problem of epidemics in their day to day life and in the process influences and get influenced by socio cultural and economic boundaries as well as ecological issues that empowers or limits our potential to cope with the epidemics. The webinar will provide a platform to the experts to articulate the impact of epidemics, natural calamities and diseases in the daily lives of people. How the states responded to these epidemics and what was the response of masses to these state policies? Subsequently, the webinar will attempt to capture the ways in which people challenged the authorities in the wake of these epidemics and calamities that affected the basic sustainability of the masses. We will try to have a look at the role religious institutions, colonial government and post colonial interventions played in shaping the way epidemics were perceived and regulated by the state and the society. Finally, through the intense sessions this webinar will comment on the contemporary conditions, response of the state as well as the masses to these challenges. Linking the events of the past with the present, the webinar will conclude with remarks and suggestions to handle the pandemic in present scenario, taking lessons from the past.

## SPEAKERS



***Keynote Address***

**Prof Dr. T.K. Mathur**

Former Head  
Department of History  
MDS University, Ajmer



***“Historicizing Global Epidemics and  
the Vulnerability of the Weak”***

**Dr. Vipul Singh**

Environmental Historian  
&  
Associate Professor  
Department of History  
University of Delhi



***“Colonialism and History of Epidemics  
in India”***

**Dr. Saurav Rai**

Research and Publications Division  
Nehru Memorial Museum and Library  
Teen Murti House  
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***“Famine and Philanthropy in Late  
Nineteenth Century: Indigenous  
forms of Social Service in Colonial  
North India”***

**Dr. Richa Raj**

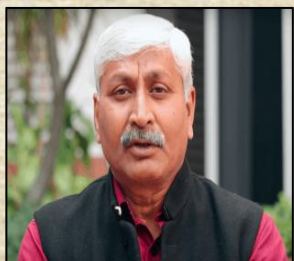
Assistant Professor  
Department of History  
Jesus and Mary College  
University of Delhi



***“Health Care and Medical Facilities  
in Rajputana: Late 19th and Early  
20th Century”***

**Dr. Rima Hooja**

Consultant Director at the  
Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II  
Museum City Palace Jaipur  
An Archaeologist, Historian,  
Heritage Consultant and Writer



***“Current Pandemic and the state of  
Democracy in India”***

**Dr. Apoorvanand**

Professor  
Dept of Hindi  
Faculty of Arts  
University of Delhi

## **Registration Details**

**Registration Link for the Webinar**  
<https://tinyurl.com/history-webregform>

- 1. No Registration Fees.**
- 2. e-Certificates will be provided.**
- 3. Link for the webinar will be shared a day before the sessions through the email id and WhatsApp group .**
- 4. Kindly join either of the two WhatsApp groups by using the links below:-**

**Group :- 1**

<https://tinyurl.com/historywebinarwhatsAppgroup>

**Group :- 2**

<https://tinyurl.com/historywebinarwhatsAppgroup2>

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