The 2019-20 pandemic: An appraisal from biomedical, socio-economic and gender perspectives

*A CSSSC Initiative* on Friday 28th August 2020 (Time: **15:00-17:00 hrs. IST**).

The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta cordially invites you to an online panel discussion on scientistic enigmas, socio-economic challenges and gender based deprivations against the backdrop of covid19 pandemic in India. **Professor Rosinka Chaudhuri**, Director CSSSC, will preside over the meeting, welcoming the three guest speakers and opening the floor for discussion. The invited guests will speak on three different aspects of the pandemic, followed by a critically engaging discussion:

**Dr. Partha Chakrabarti** (Principal Scientist, Cell Biology and Physiology, CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology), will speak on the ambiguities and ambivalences surrounding biomedical research in the 21st century: *Covid19: Why is it so confusing?*

**Dr. Swati Bhattacharjee** (Senior Assistant Editor at the ABP & former Fulbright Fellow at the ALJ Poverty Action Lab, MIT) will reflect upon the increasing deprivation of the women and marginalization of women’s health in the pandemic: *Women and Covid19.*

**Professor Biswajit Dhar** (Professor at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning at the Jawaharlal Nehru University) will speak on the impact of the pandemic on the Indian economy, and accessibility-affordability issues of covid19 therapeutics and prospective vaccines: *Pandemic hardships, economic measures and healthcare affordability in India.*

Pradipto and Manabi from the Centre will respectively chip in brief prefatory notes and concluding remarks to the panel, followed by stimulating question-answer session moderated by **Professor Rosinka Chaudhuri**.

Do zoom in and please spread the word. We look forward to seeing you there.

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