
Webinars on post-COVID scenario held at Goalpara

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GOALPARA, July 23: A webinar 'Foreign Policy in the Post-COVID World: India's strategy and global challenges' was organised by the Department of Political Science in association with IQAC, Goalpara College. The webinar was addressed by two distinguished speakers – Dr Namrata Goswami, strategic analyst and author at Futures Laboratory, Alabama, US, who was formerly with IDSA, New Delhi, and Dr Pahi Saikia of IIT, Guwahati. More than 285 participants from across the country and abroad took part.

Goswami traced the opportunities and challenges of foreign policy and speculated certain trends in the post-COVID world. Despite the Chinese aggressive posture

towards its neighbours, the loan diplomacy carried out by China is quite relevant in present times. She emphasised on the use of India's own space systems and health diplomacy to counter China. Saikia stressed good relations of India with the neighbouring countries despite the precarious nature of the security scenario in the South Asian region. Assistant professor Dr Jayanta Kumar Brahma moderated the webinar and Dhrubajyoti Das offered the vote of thanks.

In another webinar organised by the English department of Goalpara College – titled 'Literature, Environment and Pandemic' – three sessions were chaired by three professors from different universities of India. Prof Mukesh Ranjan from Jamia Millia Islamia Univer-

sity, New Delhi, Prof Nandana Dutta from Gauhati University and Dr Saugata Kumar Nath from Assam University, spoke on the topics "Literature and Pandemic", "Literature and Pandemic: Retelling of lives", and "Literature, Environment and Pandemic: Expedition through time". As many as 313 participants joined the webinar.

Dr Dulal Booroah, assistant professor of Goalpara College, Manamendra Sarma, assistant professor of B Borooah College, and Deepjyoti Kalita helped in making the webinar a grand success. The webinar was initiated by assistant professor Mozbul Haque Choudhury, while the vote of thanks was offered by Loni Baruah of the Department of English, Goalpara College.