



Webinar Report

On

Post Vaccination Impact on International border trading in Sundarbans

Saturday May 29, 2021 (11.00 AM to 01.00 PM)



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Name of Programme	Post Vaccination Impact on international border trading in Sundarbans	
Date and Time	May 29, 2021	11.00 AM to 01.00 PM
No. of Participants	76	

Background:

The Indian Sundarbans is part of the larger Sundarbans region located in the tidally active lower deltaic plain of the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna river basin that spans south-western Bangladesh and southern West Bengal. It hosts the largest contiguous mangrove ecosystem in the world and is designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. A climate hotspot facing protracted adverse effects of climate change, this ecoregion also acts as a carbon sink. The migration of inhabitants from this Bengal delta region to urban areas in other states can be considered as an adaptation strategy of households striving to diversify resources and income base. Discussing the climate vulnerability and associated dynamics of population movement from this region requires an understanding of its colonial history of human settlement. During Covid amid the travel restrictions and several other kinds of barriers doing trade was a very difficult task. The governments considering the transmission of the virus had put several restrictions on the exchanges. During these times, trading became a very difficult task particularly in the far-flung areas and not easily accessible areas like Sunderbans. As per the reports, the illegal smuggling during covid restrictions was still active.

In view of above National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi and Shahid Matangini Hazra Government College For Women, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal jointly organized one day webinar pertaining to “Post Vaccination Impact on international border trading in Sundarbans”.

Objectives:

Objectives of the webinar were to:

- analyse the role of both legal and illegal international trade on the local people of Sundarban
- overview the processes of smuggling and illegal trading in Sundarban border area

- identify the alternates for sustainable regional development in the Sundarban region
- challenges and resilience in sustainable trading
- highlight the post vaccinations challenges in Sundarban's international border
- understand the pandemic risk of migrant works
- Vaccination challenges in Sundarban island community

Webinar Schedule:

Session	Speaker/Expert
Welcome Address	Dr. Ajinder Walia Assistant Professor NIDM New Delhi
The untold stories of the sundarban international trading communities	Dr. Teesta Dey Assistant Professor and Head Department of Geography Kidderpore College, Kolkata
Post vaccination impact on international border trading in sundarbans	Dr. P. Srinivasan, Asst. Prof. and Head, Dept. of Microbiology, Rathinam College of Arts and Science, Eachanari
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Key Takeaways:-

The Webinar was streamed through Google Meet and witnessed the participation of 76 students, teachers, researchers and other professionals. The following are the important issues and challenges discussed in the webinar programme:-

- the disruption caused by COVID-19 has had real and disproportionate consequences on vulnerable and disadvantaged low-income households, migrants, workers in the informal sector and, often, women.
- COVID-19 pandemic could cause a food crisis in developing countries through both supply-side and demand-side channels. Restrictions on movement due to the pandemic have slowed down economic activity, potentially affecting food production and reducing food supply.
- Demand-side problems seem to be the more important potential source of food insecurity in many developing countries. In particular, the loss of income resulting from restrictions on movement is likely to be a critical demand-side factor

- It would further become a big challenge for security agencies to stop infiltrators, illegal traders to enter into Indian region as amid the covid restrictions and increased rush it would be quite difficult for the agencies to keep a vigilant eye and do proper checking.
- Smuggling and illegal trading which had reportedly increased during the peak covid will reduce due to increased security or police presence.
- Both India and Bangladesh must identify the alternates for sustainable regional development in the Sundarban region amid the emerging challenges and resilience in sustainable trading
- Due to various restrictions and procedural difficulties, it would be difficult to do tests of such a high population that generally keeps moving from here to there. The chances of further escalating of the cases due to un-identification of cases.
- Further, it would be a challenge for the administration to understand the pandemic risk of migrant works amid the unlock process.

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