

NOTICE

Dated:26/08/2023

RESEARCH WEEK PROGRAMME 2023

Rabindra Bharati University

Venue: Rabindra Bhavan, Sector 2, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata-700091

This is for the information of all concerned that the "Research Week Programme 2023" for the newly admitted Ph.D. scholars, session 2020-2021, of our University is going to be held between **the 19th of September and the 25th of September 2023**. All the Ph.D. scholars of the stated academic session are hereby requested to fill-in the google form (link provided hereto) and make it convenient for themselves to attend the programme positively. Scholars are also requested to keep in mind that they shall not be eligible for obtaining "Participation Certificate" in case they miss any of the sessions during the programme, without producing substantive documents in support of the same. For any queries regarding the programme, scholars may contact the following persons between 7pm and 9pm:

Professor Parag Roy (9163365929)
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Venue: Rabindra Bhavan, Bidhannagar, Sector- II, Kolkata- 700091 (Distance Education Building). Time: 10am - 5:30pm

Registration: Ph.D. scholars of session 2020-2021 only are eligible for registration. Registration is free of cost. Before going to the registration window please prepare a short synopsis of the proposed research work in word/pdf file format (within 500 words & within 10mb).

Registration opens on 26/08/2023, Registration closes on: 15/09/2023.

Follow this link to fill-in and submit the registration form of 'Research Week Programme 2023':

<https://forms.gle/kEwdXBwFfnrZbNJb9>

Follow this link to join 'Research Week Programme 2023' WhatsApp group:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GRDZJKg97tOBUhOh5NwtJv>

*(Scholars are advised to read the "Concept Note" of the programme attached with this notice.)

CONCEPT NOTE
Research Week Programme 2023
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New Paradigms of Research in the Post-Covid World

Writing on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on scientific research and also striving to map out a way forward, Mandë Holford and Ruth Morgan echo an old maxim: This level of global disruption poses very significant challenges, yet at the same time has the potential to create space to transform the status quo. They further emphasise the need for a definite paradigm shift in terms of conducting research in the field of science, during and after the pandemic, when they write: we are taught to think of disruptive forces as those that can produce seismic changes... During and after COVID-19, we should expect to create paradigm-shifting innovations... Anything less would be a missed opportunity for science and society.” (<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/4>) The same can be said about many other fields of research, such as humanities, social sciences, arts and aesthetics and so on, that have undergone a kind of sea change during and after the outbreak of the pandemic. In the Indian context, this process of change has been further accelerated by the gradual and systematic implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 that widely advocates for a complete overhaul of the conventional modes and means of research, keeping in view the expanding digital marketplace, and the rise of machine learning and artificial intelligence (NEP 2020, 45). The NEP document clearly states that the Policy envisions a comprehensive approach to transforming the quality and quantity of research in India (46). The proposed Research Week Programme endeavours to develop a more clear understanding of this rapidly-changing dynamics of research, especially in the backdrop of a global ICT revolution and a national dream of becoming a knowledge hub of the world.

History has repeatedly shown that the world never reverts to its former shape after it receives a grave shock. Covid-19 was one such shock that threatened to shatter the equilibrium of the human society and the human intelligence. However, it was the eternal human craving for conquering destiny that helped man to bounce back. But, as expected, the world has transformed into a new space where technology has reached unexpected heights and gradually made man more dependent on it. Since the shift has been both epistemic and ontological, it is having substantive bearings on the way research is conducted. Nevertheless, it is also to be acknowledged that the fundamentals of research remain grounded in mans everlasting quest to make sense of the world and their place in it. Keeping in mind this unalterable truth, the said programme would be primarily focused on giving the young scholars maximum exposure to the conventional modes and methodologies of research, besides helping them get acquainted with the changes that have been influencing research since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and the global technological boom. Thus, the upcoming week of academic deliberations proposes to bring together experienced and budding researchers in a bid to look before and after, and shape their future course of research.
