

## **Report of Events Organised by Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies: 2021-22**

The Centre organised an Online Lecture Series on Public Health by eminent speakers during the year.

The first lecture in the series was held January 14, 2022 on the topic “Public Health in Times of the Pandemic” by Dr Chandrakant Lahariya, who is an eminent epidemiologist and was formerly with the World Health Organisation.

The second lecture was delivered on January 18, 2022, on “Food Systems and Transformations-Evolving Challenges for Nutrition and Health” by Prof. Prabhu Pingali, Professor of Economics at Cornell University, USA and Founding Director of Tata-Cornell Institute. Prof. Pingali discussed how societies have come a long way from grappling with hunger and starvation to food abundance. but this has been accompanied by wastage of farm products, excessive calorie intake and neglect of balanced nutrition.

The third lecture titled “Health Communication: Improving Equitability and Inclusiveness in Healthcare and Promotion” was delivered by Dr Olaf Werder, Senior Lecturer of Media and Communication, Director Health Communication Master’s Program, University of Sydney, Australia on February 10, 2022. The lecture underlined the role and importance of communication and its role in the success of public health policies.

The final lecture in the series was delivered by Dr. Sanjiv Kumar, Public Health expert, Member of Governing Board of the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Former Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India on February 24, 2022 . The title of the lecture was “Policy Making and Analysis: Experience of National Health Policy 2017”. The lecture outlined the highlights of the National Health Policy and the process of public policy formulation.

In December 2022, a podcast series “Briefcast” was launched for Peer-to- Peer learning for students through conversations with student achievers. The first episode featured Yukti Aggarwal of BCom (H) Sem 5, in conversation with Annie Shreshtha of BA(H) Economics Semester 5.