

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY  
NOTICE**

Sub: Ph.D. Committee meeting in Sociology on 23.06.2021

Respected Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the Ph.D. Committee in Sociology, Vidyasagar University will be held on 23.06.2021 at 12 noon in Online mode at Google meet to discuss the following agenda.

All members are requested to attend the meeting.

Please follow the link to the meeting: <https://meet.google.com/czi-nvwh-ao0>

With regards,

*S.A.H. Moinuddin 16/06/2021*  
Prof. S.A.H. Moinuddin  
Secretary, Ph.D. Committee in Sociology  
Vidyasagar University

**Agenda:**

1. To read and confirm the proceedings of the last Ph.D. Committee meeting
2. Conduction of Pre Submission Ph.D. seminar of Mr. Joydeb Patra (Research Topic: Stigma, Discrimination and Social Control over HIV/AIDS infected people: A sociological study in the District of Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal, India) and preparation of adjudicators panel. [Supervisors: Prof. S.A.H. Moinuddin, Dept. of Sociology, Vidyasagar University].
3. To consider prayer for extension of due time period of Ph.D. thesis of Irani Sahu till 18.02.2022.
4. Misc.

**Members of the Ph.D. Committee in Sociology:**

1. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor – Chairman
2. The Dean, Faculty of Arts and Commerce, Vidyasagar University
3. Members: External
  - a. Prof. (Retd.) Sujata Sen, Kalyani University
  - b. Prof. (Retd.) Ruby Sain, Jadavpur University and currently Emeritus Professor, Adamas University.
4. Members: Internal
  - a. Prof. S.A.H. Moinuddin, Dept. of Sociology, Vidyasagar University
  - b. Dr. Asmita Bhattacharyya, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Vidyasagar University

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# Online Ph.D. Committee Meeting in Sociology.

Date : 23.06.2021

Link : <https://meet.google.com/e3i-nvwh-aoo>

Time : 11.45 am.

Vidyasagar University

## Members present :

1. Professor Sibaji Protim Bose, The Dean, Faculty of Arts and Commerce, V.U.
2. Professor (Retd) Sujata Sen, Department of Sociology, Kalyani University.
3. Professor (Retd) Ruby Sain, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University.
4. Professor Syed Abdul Hatiz Moineuddin, The Secretary, Ph.D. Committee in Sociology, Vidyasagar University.
5. DR. Asmita Bhattacharyya, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Vidyasagar University.

Sri Joydeb Patra : Candidate for the pre-submission seminar.  
UGC Senior Research Fellow, Department of Sociology, Vidyasagar University.

Professor Sibaji Protim Bose, The Dean, Faculty of Arts and Commerce, Vidyasagar University took the chair.

## Agenda and Resolutions

Agenda 1: Proceedings of the last Ph.D. Committee meeting dated 3.02.2021 read out and confirmed.

Agenda 2: The Secretary, Ph.D. Committee in Sociology, V.U. Placed the 5000 pre-submission Ph.D. seminar research proposal of Sri Joydeb Patra, Research scholar (submitted by him) in the meeting for consideration. The Ph.D. Committee approved the proposal and ask the candidate to deliver a lecture on his research questions, objectives, methods used and major findings of his research on "Stigma, Discrimination and Social Control over HIV/AIDS infected people: A Sociological Study in the District of Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal, India."

② Sri Jaideb Patra delivered a lecture on his research and major findings and the members of the Ph.D. Committee ask the following questions and gave suggestions to incorporate and improve his final Ph.D. thesis.

### Questions and Suggestions

#### Professor Sujata Sen:

1. Suggestion - Use the term selection of "cases" instead of using the term "sample" since this is a qualitative work.
2. Make a separate section on relation between migration and HIV cases.
3. Experiences during the Pandemic situation can be incorporated.
4. Use the term Analysis/Understanding/Interpretation instead of "Findings" (Label can be given as conclusion and suggestions)
5. Questions: Since the research has attempted at an understanding of stigma in complex social situations, how can you interpret these complex social phenomena as a researcher?
6. Highlight on suggesting policies: How can you as a sociologist help in framing policies in this context?

#### Professor Ruby Sain:

1. Suggestion: Epidemiology in Medical Sociology should be mentioned
2. Only Goffman's theory on stigma has been accepted and used by you. Also add Sutherland's labelling theory. [Joydeb's/scholar response: Added labelling theory already in research]
3. Add more cases applying snow-ball sampling and undertaking qualitative strategies since 20 respondents is too a less number. [Joydeb's response: Difficult to conduct research on HIV patients in hospital set-up.]
4. Explain the role of governmental and non-governmental agencies in these kind of diseases. Explain the role of WHO as well.

#### DR. Asmita Bhattacharyya:

1. Suggestion: Objectives should be precise.
2. Question: Why the term "semi-structured" has been used instead of interview guide/schedule considering this is a qualitative research?

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3. Where is the rationale for choosing West Bengal where literature indicated that West Bengal is the least affected area?

4. What is the chapter categorization?

[ Joydeb's response : Introduction, Literature review, Research methods. Analytical chapters : a. Understanding of the concept of Stigma; b. Discrimination related to Stigma; Stigma as a social control mechanism; Findings, Limitations, Policy and conclusion ]

Sri Jaideb Patra answered all the questions asked by the members of the Ph.D. Committee and agreed to incorporate (wherever possible) the suggestions in his final Ph.D. thesis.

\* Resolved that the Candidate Sri Jaideb Patra who is doing his Ph.D. on " Stigma, Discrimination and Social Control over HIV/AIDS infected people : A Sociological Study in the District of Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal, India " is allowed and permitted to submit his Ph.D. thesis as per Vidyasagar University Rules.

\* Supervisor Professor Syed Abdul Hafiz Moiruddin, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Vidyasagar University has submitted a panel of adjudicators for examination of Ph.D. thesis of Sri J. Jaideb Patra in the Ph.D. Committee Meeting.

Resolved that the panel of adjudicators submitted by the supervisor ~~has been~~ is approved and the Secretary, Ph.D. Committee in Sociology, V.U. is requested to do the needful.

### Agenda 3 :

The Secretary placed the application of Smt. Irani Sahu for extension of one-time period for submission of Ph.D. thesis till 18.03.2022 in the meeting for consideration.

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Spms' The Secretary informed the members about the UGC notification F. No. 1-10/2020 (CPP-II) dated 16th March, 2021 regarding the extension of date for submission of thesis for Ph. D. students.

For the said notification UGC has given ~~an extension~~ further extension of six months beyond 30.06.2021, i.e. till 31.12.2021 for submission of Ph. D thesis.

After discussion and taking note of the above mentioned UGC Notification Ph. D. committee resolved that the candidate Prof. Spms' Sahu is permitted to submit her Ph. D. thesis within 31.12.2021 and she will have to complete all the formalities like pre-submission 5000 words Ph. D. seminar and submission of the final thesis within <sup>this</sup> period.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

Syed Abdul Habib Mosinuddin  
23/06/2021  
Head and Secretary

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Syed Abdul Habib Mosinuddin  
23/06/2021

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