

**Report of the activities of the Career Counselling and Placement Cell of Khudiram Bose
Central College from June, 2020 to May, 2021**

Activity 1: Report of the National Webinar on “Career Planning and Job Opportunities during COVID-19” organised by the Career Counselling and Placement Cell on August 16th, 2020

Date of the Webinar	August 16 th , 2020
Duration of the Webinar	4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Platform for conducting the Webinar	Google Meet and YouTube Live
Resource Persons	Session 1: Dr. Deepa Duraiswamy, Head, Placement and External Relations, Madras School of Economics, Founder of the Plaeides Knowledge Ventures, Brand Consultant with Anveshan, Alumna of IIM, Calcutta. Session 2: Mr. Bijoy Dutta, Investment Banker at an US based global Investment Bank with 13+ experience in the finance domain
No. of participants registered- external	370
No. of participants registered- internal	225
No. of participants attended and filled up the feedback form	172
Percentage of the registered participants who attended and filled up the feedback form	29%
Profile of the participants who filled up the feedback form	72.5% of the participants attended are in their undergraduate courses, 17% are pursuing their post graduate courses and the remaining are Research Scholars, Academicians, Librarians.
Departments of the Participants	Majority are from the Commerce department but others are from different departments of Arts and Science too like Mass Communication and Journalism, Mathematics, Computer Science, etc.
States from where the participants attended	Majority from the state of West Bengal and some from Assam and Jharkhand too.
Key highlights of the Webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Impact of COVID-19 on different sectors in terms of job opportunities; ➤ The education-skill gap that needs to be addressed; ➤ The entrepreneurial climate of the country amidst this pandemic; ➤ Overview of the opportunities of the startups in Indian context; ➤ Overview of the BFSI sector in terms of job opportunities.

<p>Outcome of Session 1</p>	<p>Dr. Deepa Duraiswamy, from the very beginning, did set the tone of the webinar where the students were encouraged to dream, to aspire for something, to carve out their worlds. In the words of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, “ Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result into actions.” She, while, quoting from Dickens’ Tale of Two Cities, motivated the students and guided them how to make most out of this time. Dr. Deepa addressed the heterogeneous crowd by focusing on the sectors that would generate employability in the long run in the present context, the skills that they need to acquire to make themselves employable, the ideas of Social Entrepreneurship by sharing real life examples. She inspired the creativity in the students and urged them to create something on their own, whatever it might be. The session was, indeed, interactive in which she took up the questions from the students. Like she gave the idea to the students from the Mathematics department that the whole world of Data Science are open for them to explore.</p>
<p>Outcome of Session 2</p>	<p>Mr. Bijoy Dutta chose a way in which every student could relate herself/himself with his journey since his college days to building a career on his own. He was primarily focusing on the career prospects of the students from the commerce discipline, the professional courses that they may undertake simultaneously with their under graduate and post graduate courses. He also gave the current scenario of the BFSI sector and in what ways, in what job roles, the sector may generate employment in the long run. The session was also followed by an interactive discussion in which students clarified their doubts regarding the acceptability and recognition of the various professional courses in the corporate set up.</p>
<p>Analysis of the Feedback from the Participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 65.7% of the respondents of the feedback form rated the webinar to be Excellent and 34.3% as Good; ✓ 64% of the respondents found the webinar to be Very Helpful and 36% found it to be Helpful; ✓ 74.4% of the respondents found Dr. Deepa Duraiswamy’s session to be

	Excellent and 25.6% found it to be Good; ✓ 54.7% of the respondents found Mt. Bijoy Dutta's session to be Excellent and 44.8% found it to be Good.
YouTube Link of the Webinar	https://youtu.be/MgOKaJK-y9U

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