

## The webinar on ‘Unlocking the Covid-19 Lockdown’

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2021

**Time:** 11 am

**Participant’s profile:** Students of MSW department, IISWBM

The 21st of March, 2021 saw a webinar pertaining to ‘Unlocking the Covid-19 Lockdown’ organized by the Corporate Relations and Placement Cell of the Department of MSW, IISWBM, at 11 AM. The webinar was chaired by Mr. Sandip Mookherjee (Director and CEO, Hand in Hand Inclusive Development Services) and was coordinated by Mr. Arindam Mukherjee (Corporate Relations and Placement Officer). Pandemic Trajectory and roles and contributions of NGOs viz. relief activities, awareness and livelihood creation, rehabilitation etc. were presented. Various Covid-19 economic channels, economic packages of Govt. of India and V-shaped recovery across key economic indicators were touched upon in the order of discussion. Case studies of Goonj on providing relief and essentials, Bhoomi Pride on creating sustainable livelihood and Ekam Foundation on supporting the frontline warriors during pandemic were revisited in the webinar. Questions regarding farmers’ role and rural demand on India’s economic recovery were confined on its outcomes. Lastly, challenges such as sheer volume of migrant workers and resultant logistical values, loss of fund flow, media negativity, lack of digital literacy amongst rural people, difficulty in coordinating relief activities during lockdown etc. were duly assessed in the presentation.

