

**MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES,  
KOLKATA**

**Academic Calendar: January, 2020**

Sl. No.	Date	Details of Activity
1.	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a three day International Seminar cum Workshop on <i>Different Asian Schools of Raja Yoga for Human Excellence</i> in collaboration with Ritambharaprajna and Ramakrishna Vedanta Math, Kolkata.
2.	6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	MAKAIAS Kolkata organised a special lecture on <i>Sankardeva: An Icon of Cultural Nationalism</i> jointly presented by Dr. Farheena Rahman and Ms. Dimpi Sonowal, JRF, MAKAIAS. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS.
3.	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	MAKAIAS Kolkata organised a two days National Seminar on <i>Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar and his Contemporaries</i> in collaboration with Department of Public Administration, Maharaja Bir Bikram University, Agartala, Tripura. The chief guest of the program was Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Bais, Governor of Tripura.
4.	11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	MAKAIAS Kolkata organised a two day National Seminar on <i>Transitional Aspects of Indigenous People of North East India: Contemporary issue on Sustainability</i> in collaboration with Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur, Tripura. The Inaugural Session was graced by Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Tripura, as the chief guest, Shri Ratan Lal Nath, Honourable Minister of Education, Government of Tripura, Shri Ramapada Jamatia, Honourable Member of Legislative Assembly, Government of Tripura, Prof. Arunoday Saha, Honourable Vice Chairman, State Higher Education Council, Government of Tripura and Prof. Sujit.K.Ghosh, Chairman, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
5.	13 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	MAKAIAS Kolkata organised an interactive lecture session on the topic titled <i>In Awakened India: Swamiji's Clarion Call to the youth</i> , delivered by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS on the occasion of National Youth Day.
6.	14 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	MAKAIAS Kolkata organised a special lecture on the topic titled <i>Bihu Festival: From earlier days to Post Modern Age</i> delivered by Ms. L. Dipika Singha and Ms. Barnali Sarma, Research Assistant, MAKAIAS. The deliberation was followed by a cultural programme graced with Bihu dance and songs.
7.	23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2020	An interactive lecture session to mark 123 <sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was observed, with a lecture on the topic " <i>Subhas Chandra Bose: The Patriot of the Patriots</i> ", delivered by Dr. Farheena Rahman, JRF, Mrs. Swati Prabhu, JRF Mr. Amit Barman, R.A and Mr. Sourav Dhar, R.A of MAKAIAS. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS Kolkata.
8.	26 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	MAKAIAS observed 71 <sup>st</sup> year of Republic Day at the institute. The importance of the day was celebrated by the Flag hoisted by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata, both at Azad Bhjavan, and Maulana Azad Museum.

<b>9.</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January, 2020</b>	A special lecture on Indian Constitution and its Mission to ensure Social, Economic and Political Justice: Issues, Prospects and Challenges was delivered by Prof. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Former Principal, Presidency College, Kolkata. The lecture was also a part of the year-long initiatives of MAKAIAS to celebrate the Constitution Day.
<b>10.</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020</b>	An interactive symposium on the topic <i>Indian Culture and Heritage: Through the Ages</i> was undertaken by the JRF's/RA's of the institute. The Session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.

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1.	6th February, 2020	MAKAIAS organized a lecture on <i>The Global Energy Transition Discourse and Emerging Concepts</i> delivered by Ms. Moumita Bala, Research Fellow, MAKAIAS, at Azad Bhavan, Kolkata. The Session was Chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
2.	07th February, 2020	MAKAIAS organized a lecture on <i>International and Intercultural Understanding Through Music</i> delivered by Pandit Partha Bose at Maulana Azad Museum. The lecture was followed by an Indian Classical musical demonstration on the said topic.
3.	7th-8th February 2020	MAKAIAS organized a National Seminar on <i>Magic and Folk Medicinal Practices in Mayong of Assam</i> in collaboration with Mayang Achalik College, Morigaon, Assam.
4.	9th-10th February, 2020	MAKAIAS organized a National Seminar on <i>The Land in Literature the Literature of the Land</i> in collaboration with Gurucharan College, Silchar, Assam
5.	10th February, 2020	MAKAIAS organized an In-house lecture on <i>Beliefs and Systems of Forest Management among the Tribal Communities of Arunachal Pradesh</i> delivered by Dr. Srijani Bhattacharjee, Research Fellow, MAKAIAS, at Azad Bhavan, Kolkata. The Session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata
6.	11th February, 2020	MAKAIAS organized a special lecture on the topic titled <i>Mathematics in Ancient India</i> delivered by Prof. Amartya Kumar Dutta (Professor of Mathematics, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) at Azad Bhavan, Kolkata. The Session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
7.	13th-14th February, 2020	MAKAIAS organized a National Seminar on “ <i>Ethno Historical Perspective of North East India with Special Reference to Bengal</i> ” in collaboration with Gyan Jyoti College, Siliguri, North Bengal.
8.	13th-14th February, 2020	MAKAIAS organized a National Seminar on “ <i>China’s One Belt One Road Initiative and its impacts on India’s Foreign Policy</i> ” in collaboration with Government Brennen Dharmadom College Thalassey Kerala.
9.	14th-15th February, 2020	MAKAIAS organized a National Seminar on “ <i>Literature, Culture and Society: Interrelations and the Search for Identity</i> ” in collaboration with Berhampore Girls’ College, Murshidabad, West Bengal.
10.	19th February, 2020	MAKAIAS organized a special lecture on <i>Environmental Concerns: The Asian Way of Life</i> delivered by Prof. Sudip Kumar Banerjee, Former Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board, and Founder Head and Professor, Department of Environmental Science, University of Calcutta, at Azad Bhavan. The Session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.

<b>11.</b>	<b>24th-25th February, 2020</b>	MAKAIAS organized a National Seminar on <i>Traditional Foods Habits of the North East India: Challenges and Prospect</i> in collaboration with Borhat BPB Memorial College, Charaideo, Assam.
<b>12.</b>	<b>27th February, 2020</b>	MAKAIAS organized a special lecture on <i>Indian Constitution and Sustainable Development: Vision 2030</i> , delivered by Prof Suman K. Mukerjee, Former Professor St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and XLRI and Environmental Fellow, USAEP, at Azad Bhavan. The Session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
<b>13.</b>	<b>28th February, 2020</b>	MAKAIAS organized a special lecture on <i>Marginal amongst the Marginalised Communities: Constitutional Rights of the Transgender Communities of India</i> , delivered by Manabi Bandyopadhyay, Former Principal, Krishnagar Women's College, at Azad Bhavan, during 03.00 P.M. The Session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata. The lecture was also a part of the year-long initiatives of MAKAIAS to celebrate the Constitution Day.
<b>14.</b>	<b>27th-28th February, 2020</b>	MAKAIAS organized a Two-Days National Seminar on <i>Gandhiji's writing on Indian Culture</i> in collaboration with SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Jain Society, Sion, West Mumbai, Maharashtra.

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<b>1.</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020</b>	MAKAIAS organised a special lecture on <i>Japan: The Nation of the Rising Sun and its Economic Ties with India</i> delivered by Mr. Masayuki Taga, Hon'ble Consul General of Japan in Kolkata at Maulana Azad Bhavan at 03.00 P.M. The Session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
<b>2.</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> March, 2020</b>	MAKAIAS organised a special lecture on <i>Moving from Gender Bias to Gender Equality: The Indian Constitution</i> , delivered by Prof. Sanghamitra Mukherjee, Former Principal, Lady Brabourne College at Azad Bhavan, Kolkata. The lecture was also a part of the year-long initiatives of MAKAIAS to celebrate the Constitution Day. The Session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

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1.	20 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>India’s Development Cooperation for Environment in South Asia: A Study of Post-Colonial Period</i> ” by Ms. Swati Prabhu, JRF of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
2.	21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Social Vulnerability in the Char Areas of Assam: A Study of Women and Children</i> ” by Dr. Farheena Rahman, JRF of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
3.	22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Public Policy and Effective Environmental Governance for Sustainable Development: A case study of North East India</i> ” by Mr. Jay Prakash Gupta, JRF of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
4.	23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Bande-Matram, Inquilab, Kranti: Imagining Revolution in the Age of Nationalism and Democracy in India</i> ” by Mr. Animesh Gupta, JRF of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
5.	24 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Glocalization in Underground Hip-Hop in India</i> ” by Mr. Elloit Cardozo, JRF of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
6.	25 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Understanding Forest Policies in the Hill States of Northeast India : An Enquiry into the Post-colonial Situation</i> ” by Dr. Srijani Bhattacharjee, JRF of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
7.	27 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Khring Khring Baithow Puja – A Religious Festival of Sonowal Kachari Tribe of Assam</i> ” by Ms. Dimpri Sonowal, JRF of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
8.	28 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Tibetan Thangka and wall Painting in the monasteries of Darjeeling: Its method and materials</i> ” by Ms. Binu Rai, JRF of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.

<b>9.</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> April, 2020:</b>	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Technology Transfer and Economic Development : Burma and Malaya as Testing Sites of Colonial Penetration, 1826 - 1957</i> ” by Dr. Gautam Kr. Bhagat, JRF of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
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1.	2 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Role of Self Help Group (SHG) in empowering tribal women: A Comparative study between members and non-members of SHG in Kamrup district of Assam</i> ” jointly presented by Mrs. Sayanti Ganguli and Ms. Barnali Sarma, Research Assistant of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
2.	3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>The burden of Child Education: A study among the Nanchi Community of Purulia, West Bengal India</i> ” jointly presented Mr. Sourav Dhar and Mrs. Mousomi Baskey, Research Assistant of the institute at 3 p.m. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
3.	4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Potentiality of tourism and its role in Employment Generation in Assam</i> ” jointly presented by Mr. Amit Barman and Ms. Dipika L. Singha, Research Assistant of the institute . Ms Madumita Malakar, Research Assistant of the institute also presented her research topic titled “ <i>A Glimpse of Buddhist Heritage of West Bengal: A Case Study of Moghalmari (12<sup>th</sup> Century)</i> ” during this programme. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
4.	7 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual interactive lecture session on “ <i>Buddhism: The light of Asia</i> ” occasion of Buddha Purnima. The Research Fellows and the Research Assistants of the institute took part in this said lecture session. The session was chaired by Dr.Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
5.	8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual interactive lecture session on “ <i>Rabindranath and Indian Nationalism</i> ” on the birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. The Research Fellows and the Research Assistants of the institute took part in this said lecture session. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
6.	11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a four days virtual workshop entitled “ <i>Research Methodology</i> ” for the Research Fellows and the Research Assistants of the institute. Prof. K..C.Baral, Hon’ble Vice-Chairman of the institute delivered his valuable lectures in this said workshop. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.



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1.	5 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled “ <i>Sri Ramakrishna and Raja Ram Mohan Roy: A Spiritual Journey</i> ” by Swami Kamalasthananda Maharaj Ji, Principal, Ramakrishna Mission, Vivekananda Centenary College, Rahara, Kolkata. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
2.	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a <i>Virtual Review Meet</i> with the Research Fellows of the institute regarding their respective ongoing research projects. Their projects were reviewed by Prof. Smritikumar Sarkar, Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee of the institute after their presentation. The said programme was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.
3.	21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a three Day National Webinar on the occasion of <i>International Yoga Day</i> . Shri Jagdeep Ji Dhankar, Hon’ble Governor of West Bengal has inaugurated the said webinar. Various eminent academicians, scholars etc. from different parts of the country were participated in this Webinar. On 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020, Swami Divyavibhanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata delivered a lecture on the topic titled <i>Revealing the Vedantic Spirit of Yoga in Vedic Culture</i> . Swami Vedatitanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission, Sardapeeth, Belur Math, Silpa Mandir, Kolkata spoke on the topic titled <i>Yoga in Contemporary Period</i> on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020.
4.	29 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled <i>Rishi Bankimchandra Chatterjee and the National Song ‘Vande Mataram’ in the light of Indian Constitution</i> which was given by Prof. Achintya Biswas, former Vice Chancellor, University of Gour Bango, Malda West Bengal on the occasion of 182 <sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Rashi Bankimchandra Chatterjee. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.

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<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details of Activity</b>
1.	6 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020:	MAKAIAS organised a virtual lecture entitled <i>Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee: The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and his views on Economic Development of India and Indian Education System in the light of Indian Constitution</i> which was given by Justice Chittotosh Mookerjee, former Chief Justice, Bombay High Court on the occasion of 119th Birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. The session was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata
2.	9 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	MAKAIAS, Kolkata organised an International Webinar on <i>Culture &amp; Tradition: The Influence of India in South East Asia</i> . The theme of the Webinar was introduced by Prof. Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Hon'ble Chairman of MAKAIAS, Kolkata. The Webinar was inaugurated by Sh. Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Minister, Department of Culture, Government of India. The first Academic Session was chaired by Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. Dr. Do Thu Ha, Department of Oriental Studies, Vietnam National University, Vietnam and Prof. Narasingh Charan Panda, Sanskrit Studies Centre, Faculty of Archaeology, Silpkarn University, Thailand presented their papers during this session. The second Academic Session was chaired by Prof. Kailash Chandra Baral, Vice Chairman, MAKAIAS, Kolkata. Prof. Sombat Mangmeesukhsiri, Director, Sanskrit Studies Centre, Silpkarn University, Thailand and Dr. Sonia Jasrotia, ICCR Chair Professor, Cambodia Buddhist University, Cambodia presented their respected papers during this session. Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata delivered Vote of Thanks on behalf of the institute.
3.	11 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	MAKAIAS, Kolkata organised a National Webinar entitled <i>National Education Policy-2019: Context, Prospects and Challenges</i> . The theme of the Webinar was introduced by Prof. Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Hon'ble Chairman of MAKAIAS, Kolkata. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi and Sh. Mukulji Kanitkar, Secretary, Vivekananda International Foundation delivered their respective speech on the said topic. The session was chaired by Prof. Srikant Mohapatra, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur. Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata delivered Vote of Thanks on behalf of the institute

4.	19 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	MAKAIAS, Kolkata organised a National Webinar entitled <i>Understanding COVID-19 Pandemic: Personal and Institutional Preventive</i> . The theme of the Webinar was introduced by Prof. Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Hon'ble Chairman of MAKAIAS, Kolkata. Dr. Sadhu Charan Panda, Professor & Head, Community Medicine, VSS Institute of Medical Science & Research, Odisha delivered his lecture as keynote Speaker in the said webinar. The other speakers were: Dr. Subhas Singh, Director, National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata, Dr. Numal Momin, Former Assistant Professor, Medicine, Guwahati Medical College, Member of Legislative Assembly, Government of Assam, Dr. Madhuchanda Kar, Clinical Director, Department of Oncology, Peerless Hospital, Kolkata, Dr. Indranil Khan, Clinical Oncologist, AMRI Hospital, Kolkata. Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata delivered Vote of Thanks on behalf of the institute.
5.	20 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	MAKAIAS, Kolkata organised a National Webinar on <i>Historiography: From Hindu Buddhist Sources</i> in collaboration with Centre for Buddhist Studies, Visva Bharati and Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Samiti, West Bengal. Prof. Sujit Kumar Ghosh, Hon'ble Chairman of MAKAIAS was in the Inaugural session and Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS attended the valedictory session.
6.	25 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	MAKAIAS, Kolkata, organised a National Webinar entitled <i>Indian Culture and Modern Science</i> . The theme of the Webinar was introduced by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Hon'ble Director of MAKAIAS, Kolkata. Sh. Jayant Sahasrabudhhe, National Organising Secretary, Vijnanana Bharati (VIBHA), New Delhi and Dr. Rajeswar Mukherjee, Director, Academy of Research for Cultivation of Indian Sciences delivered their respective speech on the said topic.