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## REPORT ON THE WEBINAR ON CALAMITY AMPHAN

NAME OF THE INITIATIVE :CALAMITY AMPHAN: DISORDERING NATURE, HUMAN MINDS & LIVELIHOOD

**TYPE OF ACTIVITY: NATIONAL LEVEL WEBINAR** 

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THEME &OUTCOME: The super cyclone AMPHAN hitting West Bengal on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, had been one of the worst calamities in the country, devastating Nature in the worst possible manner. The strongest cyclone to strike the Ganges belt since 2007, and the first super cyclone in the Bay of Bengal, with a wind speed of 240 km /hour at one point and 110 to 160 km/hour on an average, it lashed out at different places in the state mercilessly, causing widespread damage in all spheres of life. The North and South 24 Parganas, specially the Sunderban belt, bearing the brunt of this fury at the maximum level, had been the worst sufferers. As a result of this, Nature had undergone innumerable changes with its tall and mighty trees succumbing to the mighty Amphan; this aspect was explained by Dr.Srabani Sanyal explicitly at this webinar.

