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NOTICE

The Value-Added Course on “*Society and Religion in India*” organized by the Department of Sociology will commence from 10th May, 2023 and extend up to 30th May, 2023. The course is for a duration of 30 contact hours and other details are provided in the brochure available in the college website. Sociology honours and general students are eligible to apply. Interested students should contact the course coordinator and register before the course begins. Last date for registration 4th May, 2023.


27/4/23
Course Coordinator
Society and Religion in India


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Koyma, Bhimpur, Paschim Medinipur-721516, West Bengal

Session: 2022-23

Value-Added Course on

“Society and Religion in India” Organised by the Department of Sociology

Duration: 30 Hours

Course Description

Religion is a social phenomenon and part and parcel of our daily life. Therefore, it becomes important to understand the religion and its importance. This lecture series will help us understand the sociology of religion in our everyday life. The lecture will primarily focus on understanding the basic concept of religion and its role in politics and culture with special reference to the Medinipur District

Course Objectives

- To understand the functions of religion and how it perpetuates inequality and other social problems.
- To understand the role of religion in our everyday life and the ways people interpret religious experiences.
- To know how people unite into religious communities and perform rituals and other religious practices together.
- To understand whether religion creates dis-uniformity among different religious communities.

Course Outcome

The course ‘Sociology and Religion in India’ will help in the preparation of competition exams such as UPSC, WBCS, and others. The course will also help to create awareness among the participants regarding religion and its everyday practices.

Mode of assessment

1. Class attendance	: 05
2. Assignment	: 05
3. MCQ Examination	: 40
Total	: 50

Course Duration:

10th May, 2023 – 30th May, 2023

Last Date for registration:

4th May, 2023

Course Fee:

Nil

**Course offered to: Students enrolled in
Sociology (H & G)**

Course Coordinator: Sandeepan Das

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Course Outline

1. Religion and Society

Introduction to the sociology of religion

Sociological definition of religion

Basic concepts: Sacred and profane, Beliefs and Practices, Sacred, Myth, Ritual

2. Religion and Politics

Understanding Religion and Politics

Social Significance of Religion

Meaning of Politics

The Role Of The State and Religious Organisations

Civil religion

3. Religion and Economy

Religion – An Instrument of Oppression

The Dominant Ideology – Religion

Religion as Super Structure

Origins of the spirit of capitalism

4. Religion and Science

Religion and Magic

Religion and Science

Totemism

Witchcraft

Black magic

5. Religion and Culture

Fundamentalism, Communalism, Secularism

Identity, Solidarity, Differentiation and Conflict

Ritual Art

Culture, Society, and Religion

The Meaning of Symbol

Religion as a System of Symbol

Basic readings

Emile Durkheim. 1995. *The elementary forms of religious life*. New York: The Free Press.

Max Weber. 2001. *The Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism*, England: Roxbury Publishing Press.

Va Gennep, A., 1966. *The Rites of Passage*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press:

Malinowski, Bronislaw. 1948. *Magic, science and religion*, and other essays. Boston: The Free Press.

Resource Persons

1. Md. Mainuddin, Asst. Professor in Sociology, GGDC Salboni (MM)
2. Sandeepan Das, Asst. Professor in Sociology, GGDC Salboni (SD)
3. Piyali Chanda, Asst. Professor in Sociology, GGDC Salboni (PC)

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Tentative Schedule of Classes

DATE	10AM-11:30AM RESOURCE PERSON & MODULE	1:30PM-3PM RESOURCE PERSON & MODULE
10.05.2023	PC, 1	SD, 2
11.05.2023	MM 4	PC, 1
12.05.2023	PC, 1	MM, 4
16.05.2023	SD, 2	MM, 4
17.05.2023	MM, 4	PC, 1
18.05.2023	PC, 3	SD, 2
23.05.2023	SD, 2	MM, 3
24.05.2023	MM, 6	SD, 3
25.05.2023	SD, 3	MM, 2
30.05.2023	10 AM -11AM - MCQ Assessment 11:30AM – 1:30 PM - Assignment Submission with Presentation	

Course Delivery

- Interactive class lectures using ICT
- Group discussions
- Presentation of assignment

Certification

Participants who successfully complete the course and fulfil assessment criteria will receive a certificate of completion in “Society & Religion in India”