



BROCHURE FOR ADD-ON COURSE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

SESSION-2022-23

TITLE OF THE ADD ON COURSE- 'INDIAN GEOGRAPHY'

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A) Context:

The primary goal of higher education, particularly in general streams, has suffered a setback in recent times. Jobs in the academic sector have dried up in West Bengal and administrative jobs in PSUs are getting limited day by day due to various reasons. The pandemic has worsened the situation. As a result of these the prospect of entry in services is going to be more challenging. A mere graduation certificate appears to be a useless piece of paper due to massive unemployment. Employment is very necessary in one's life for maintaining one's livelihood. In this respect, our college which is catering for a long time to students who are coming from semi-urban or from villages to pave the way to employment in a better way. Keeping in view this objective, the college has undertaken a unique project, "Prostuti", an Add On Course.

B) Objective:

To deal with this emerging crisis, the Department has devised an Add-On Course on *Indian Geography* to instill among our students a sense of awareness and urgency to meet up the requirement of competitive examinations. A graduate degree enables a student to appear in job oriented examinations that includes inter alia, UPSC and PSC Civil Services, Railway Recruitment Board, Bank Probationary Officers, LIC and other examinations of equal nature. It will be unjust to claim that this Course can provide a comprehensive and extensive preparatory model due to the constraints of time and human resources. The initial objective of this project is to make the students acquainted with the initial and basic parameters of the requirements in *Indian Geography* of the aforesaid examinations. Hope that after completion of this Add On course on Indian Geography, our students will find themselves confident enough to put themselves in better position in their lives.

C) Method Used

The under graduate students with or without Geography as a subject in the curriculum has to encounter diversified Multiple Choice Questions from Indian Geography. The internal faculties of the Department will clear the basic concepts about the fundamentals of Indian Geography. In this Add On Course of 30 hours coursework will have the following components -a) instructional hours =20, b) workouts =9 hours, c) examination =1 hour. After successful completion of the course, a certificate will be issued to the students.

D) Target Group and Schedule

The courses will initially be offered to the immediate pass outs of the year 2020, 2021 and 2022 as well as the existing students of 2nd year. In a busy academic schedule it is quite difficult to accommodate such courses, but the primary target will be slack sessions during the even semester examinations during the months of June to September. Schedules of classes will be communicated through notices. The Department will observe the issues

regarding the schedule and modus operandi in the first year and necessary changes will be implemented in due course of time.

Moreover, the institution is also targeting the gradually increasing number of girl students in our college most of whom are first generation learners. Most of them are compelled, against their will, to get married due to family and social obligations and lost their opportunity to achieve financial self-sufficiency. This course will enable them to think otherwise by exploring the chances to get a job by cracking the competitive exams.

The course will be completely free of cost for our students as it will be managed by the human and physical resources available internally.

E) Project Outcome

The enrolled students will acquire knowledge on basic concepts of Indian Geography. This Add-on courses will enable them to deal with the Multiple Choice Questions by providing a holistic approach to the Geography syllabus within the General Studies framework of UPSC/PSC/Bank P.O/ etc. examinations. The course will introduce them in the difficult terrains of job oriented market demands. We can judge ourselves as fortunate if a good number of students of our college can achieve success in the competitive examinations in near future.

F) MODULAR BREAK UP OF SYLLABUS			
SL. NO.	THEMATIC UNITS	TIME ALLOTTED IN HRS	ASSIGNMENT
1	India : Locations, Dimensions and Frontiers; Physical Features – The Himalayan Range, The Northern Plains, The Deccan Plateau, Coastal Plains, The islands.	10	Dr. Kundan Kumar Das
2	Different Soil Forms of India, Climate of India, Agricultural Scenario in India, Mineral Resources of India, Indian States and UTs	8	Ajanta Ray Chaudhuri
3	River systems in India, National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries, Important Monuments, Indian Tribes and their habitat, Cultural Diversity of India, Population of India	10	Dr. Suvendu Roy
4	Examination and necessary mentoring	2	Dr. Kundan Kumar Das, Dr. Suvendu Roy Ajanta Ray Chaudhuri,

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