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ADD ON COURSE

On

DEMOCRACY AND PUBLIC OPINION IN INDIA- THE ROLE OF BOTH FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL ORGANIZATIONS

By

Dinabandhu Mahavidyalaya, Bongaon
(SESSION 2022-23)

➤ Course Objective

1. Democratic education is a concept that emphasizes the importance of teaching and learning about democracy, its values, principles, and practices.
2. Democratic education also encourages students to participate actively in their own learning and in the democratic process of their society.
3. This course will introduce students to debates, principles and practices of public opinion in the context of democracies, with special reference to India.
4. The course will empower students to become informed and active citizens who can contribute to the democratic development of their communities and countries.
5. The aim is to create awareness among students to question authority, challenge
6. It will familiarize students with how to conceptualize and measure public opinion using with particular attention being paid to developing basic skills pertaining to the collection and analysis data.

➤ Course Outcome

1. Working Process- The students may associate themselves governmental and non-governmental organizations and various other public platforms.
2. Professional Knowledge- It will help students to question authority, challenge stereotypes, and seek evidence-based solutions to complex problems. It supports

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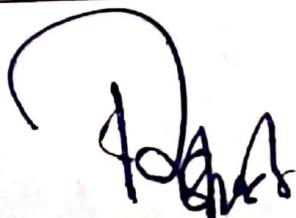
students' personal growth, well-being, and happiness. It will help students develop a sense of agency and responsibility for their own learning and for the common good. It supports students' personal growth and well-being.

3. **Professional Skill-** It aims to foster critical thinking, civic engagement, social justice, and human rights among students.
4. **Core Skill-** Minimum clarity in oral and written skill.

➤ **General Information and Course Structure**

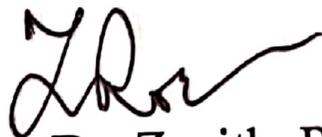
- Duration 40 Hours
- Entry Qualification- Honours and General students of Humanities stream
- Language- Bengali/English
- Venue- Dinabandhu Mahavidyalaya, Bongaon
- Students per batch-
- Starting Date- November 2022
- Mode of Teaching- Blended Mode

Sl No	Topic	Class	Hours
1.	Meaning and definition of democracy	2	2
2	History/Evolution of democracy	2	2
3.	Features of democracy in India	2	2
4.	Democracy as the best form of democracy- Arguments and counter arguments	2	2
5.	India as the largest functioning democracy	1	1
6.	Different forms of democracy- direct and indirect democracy; participatory democracy, developmental democracy &	3	3
7.	Democracy and Rule of Law	2	2
	Pillars of democracy- with special emphasis on the 4 th Estate- The Media	3	3
8	Crisis of democracy	2	2
9.	Public opinion- Meaning and definition	2	2
10.	Importance of public opinion	2	2
11.	Sampling of public opinion in India	2	2

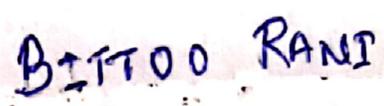


12.	Influences on public opinion- mass media, social media, opinion leaders and other agents	3	3s	
13.	Democracy and public opinion in India	2	2	
14.	Global public opinion on democracy	2	2	
15.	How strong is public opinion in a democracy	2	2	
16.	Public opinion and public policy	2	2	
17.	Measuring public opinion in a democracy	2	2	
18.	Limiting factors on public opinion	2	2	
19.	Media, politics and democracy-A critical Perspective	3	3	
20.	Tutorial	1	1	


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Those who are interested may contact to the course coordinator for enrollment of their name.

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