

Department of Sociology
Government General Degree College, Mangalkote

In association with 72AC, GGDC, Mangalkote, presents a

Disability Sensitization Session

On the occasion of

*International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd December)
& World Disabled Day (15th March) on 18.03.23 at 6:00 pm*



Concept Note:

While the academia thinks of gender sensitization as significant in nurturing subjectivities conscious about gender discrimination and rightly so, disability sensitization is overlooked. Not only formal curriculum in Humanities and Social Sciences in most universities in West Bengal and India undermines conceptual and empirical engagement with disability, people with disabilities and their everyday struggles are marginal to institutional and organizational narratives. Under such circumstances, disability sensitization could open up new avenues in seriously (re)considering what counts as disability, and the emerging critiques of paternalist forces that end up glorifying disability at the cost of engaging with the material struggles of people with disabilities. Through such sensitization, we hope to begin a critical dialogue about ability vis-à-vis disability among the stakeholders of the college and beyond, and render it a more inclusive space for people with disabilities, who may come to inhabit the material and ideational space of this institution either as students or as employees.

About the Speaker and Title of the Session:

Mr. Sayantan Ghosh did his schooling from Patha Bhavan School, Kolkata and pursued Bachelors and Masters in Sociology from Asutosh College and Jadavpur University respectively. The topic of his M.phil dissertation was 'Smell in Everyday Life: An Interpretation of Middle Classes.' Presently, he is Assistant Professor in Sociology, Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Dakshineshwar. His areas of interest include Sociology of Smell, Disability Studies, Tagore and Marxian Studies. He is also the Co-PI of an ICSSR-funded research project titled 'Mapping Inclusion: Exploring Awareness about Disability related Education Policies and their Implementation in Educational Institutions in Kolkata.'

His deliberation in the sensitization session on 18.03.23 (Saturday) at 6:00 p.m. is titled "I see and I don't: Living with Disability" and will revolve around the complex interface of the structural and the subjective in the context of visual disability.

Organizing Committee:

Patron: Dr. Pradipta Kumar Basu, Officer-In-Charge, GGD C, Mangalkote

Advisor: Dr. Debraj Biswal, Convener, IZAC, GGD C, Mangalkote

Convener: Mr. Pinaki Roy, Head, Department of Sociology, GGD C, Mangalkote

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Ms. Samchhari De, Assistant Professor in Sociology, GGD C, Mangalkote

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Ms. Moumita Mazumder, Assistant Professor in Sociology, GGD C, Mangalkote

Mr. Debaditya Dutta, Assistant Professor in Sociology, GGD C, Mangalkote

Programme Schedule:

6:00 to 6:05 pm – Welcome Address – Ms. Moumita Mazumder

6:05 to 6:10 pm – Inaugural Address – Dr. Pradipta Kumar Basu, OIC, GGD CM

6:10 to 6:15 pm – Address – Dr. Debraj Biswal, Coordinator, IZAC

6:15 to 6:20 pm – Introduction: Webinar Theme & Speaker – Mr. Pinaki Roy

6:20 to 7:00 pm – Disability Sensitization Lecture – Mr. Sayantan Ghosh

7:00 to 7:15 pm – Interactive Session with the Speaker – Mr. Pinaki Roy

7:15 to 7:20 pm – Vote of Thanks – Ms. Moumita Mazumder

Google Meet Link for the Session:

<https://meet.google.com/fko-fbqc-zns>

The meet gateway will open at 5:50 pm.

All are cordially invited.