

**Government General Degree College, Mangalkote**

**Department of Political Science**

**ADD ON COURSE:**

**SYSTEMATIC VOTERS' EDUCATION IN INDIA**

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## COURSE BACKGROUND

- Awareness of voters' rights and promote participation
- Significance of citizens in decision-making process and democracy
- Functioning of the election commission
- Overall voters' education

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Student participation and Interaction: Internal. Optional for B.A. Honours students.
- Teachers: Faculty members of the Department of Political Science. External faculty members and research scholars may be invited to conduct some classes depending on their willingness and availability.
- Course Fee: Nil
- Intake Capacity: **50**
- Contact Hours: **30 hrs**
- Class Duration: 1 Hour

## COURE OBJECTIVES

Voters' education comes up with the required information that will help the individual to make an informed choice. Election can be an authentic democratic system only when the voters are properly informed and they can make the difference among the candidates. Systematic Voters' Education is a flagship programme of the Election Commission of India. The programme started in the year 2009 to promote electoral participation through voters' education.

This course will make the students aware about their basic political rights, the significance of voting and participation in decision-making process without which citizens become politically poor.



## **CAREER PROSPECTS**

This course will make the students educated voters where through vote they can participate in the policy making process of the nation. Interested students can take politics as a career option. They also can choose Public Policy as a career option where they can get job offers from government, NGOs, academic institutions, private companies etc.

## **CORRELATION TO SITUATEDNESS OF THE INSTITUTION**

The College is situated in a very remote area of Purba Bardhaman. Here people suffer from inadequate basic amenities, poor infrastructure, and insufficient medical facilities on a day-to-day basis. Lack of awareness about their constitutional rights and duties further accentuate the sufferings. Systematic Voters' Education can make them aware about their basic political rights that help them to question the political parties and their candidates about the overall development of the region. This course will generate consciousness about various social, political and economic issues of everyday lives. It will develop critical thinking, policy analysis and understanding among the students, which will further help to elect a good leader or moral person. An informed and educated voter always gets a chance to take the right decision for the nation.

## **MODERN PEDAGOGY**

The course will be based on descriptive teaching and the completion of each topic will be followed by interactive sessions where the students will be given specific tasks related to the particular topic.

## **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

After the completion of the course, the student will have a proper knowledge of-

1. Value of vote
2. Importance of voters' education
3. Significance of vote in framing public policy
4. Vote in a democratic system.



## COURSE OUTLINE

UNITS	COURSE CONTENT	CLASS/LECTURES
1	Democracy and Indian Polity	06
2	Party System in India	06
3	Election Commission of India: Role, Power and Functions	05
4	Systematic Voters' Education: Evolution	10
5	Voters' Education: Meaning, Importance and Challenges	03
	<b>Total no. of Lectures</b>	<b>30</b>

## EXAMINATION PATTERN

1. Multiple Choice Questions - 20 marks
2. Viva voce - 10 marks

**Full Marks: 30**

## GRADATION PATTERN

Percentage of marks obtained	Grade
90-100	Excellent - A
70-89	Good – B
50-69	Fair – C
40-49	Not Eligible for Certificate - D



**CERTIFICATE WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER COMPLETION OF COURSE**



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**Certificate of Completion**

This certificate is awarded to Mr./Miss .....bearing Roll No.....of Semester ..... of the session 2019-2020 of the Department of...**Political Science**...,G.G.D.C.Mangalkote, for successfully completing Add-on Course entitled “**SYSTEMATIC VOTER’S EDUCATION IN INDIA**” during his/her.....Semester study.

The candidate has fulfilled all requirements and specifications set by the institute.

Grade: .....

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Grade for the certificate, 90-100% ‘A’, 70-89% ‘B’, 50-69% ‘C’ and 40-49% ‘D’

Date of issue: .....