



# **ONDA THANA MAHAVIDYALAYA**

Value Add-on Course on

## **Awareness of Voting**

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**Offered by**

**Department of Political Science**

**14/10/2019 to 26/10/2019**

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## **Syllabus of Ad-on Course**

**Conducted by - Department of Political Science**

**Session 2019-20**

**Course Title:** Awareness of Voting.

**Course Duration:** 30 hours.

**Course Outcome:** The Awareness of Voting course is designed to educate participants about the significance of voting in democratic societies. Through this course, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the electoral process, the importance of civic engagement, and the impact of voting on governance and society. The course will cover various topics related to voting, including voter rights, voter registration, electoral systems, and the role of citizens in shaping political outcomes.

### **Course Objectives:**

1. To understand the importance of voting in a democratic society.
2. To familiarise participants with the electoral process and voting procedures.
3. To educate participants about their rights and responsibilities as voters.
4. To explore the impact of voting on governance, policy-making, and societal change.
5. To promote civic engagement and active participation in the democratic process.

### **Course Syllabus:**

#### **Introduction to Voting (2 hours)**

- I. Importance of voting in democracy.
- II. Historical perspectives on voting rights.
- III. Significance of civic engagement.

**Resource Persons:** Amit Kumar Bandhu (Course Coordinator and Internal Resource Persons)

### **Electoral Systems (4 hours)**

- I. Types of electoral systems (e.g., First-Past-the-Post, Proportional Representation).
- II. Comparison of electoral systems globally.
- III. Advantages and disadvantages of different electoral systems.

**Resource Persons:** Ms. Sugandha Roy & Mr. Gurudas Mondal (External)

### **Voter Rights and Responsibilities (4 hours)**

- I. Rights and protections guaranteed to voters.
- II. Voter registration procedures.
- III. Voter education and outreach efforts.

**Resource Persons:** Mr. Gurupada Malla & Sri Abhishek Mitra (External)

### **Understanding the Ballot (4 hours)**

- I. Types of elections (e.g., national, regional, local).
- II. Components of a ballot.
- III. How to cast a vote (e.g., in-person, mail-in, electronic).

**Resource Persons:** Sri. Munna Lal Tikait & Smt. Basumita Singha (External)

### **Electoral Campaigns and Political Communication (4 hours)**

- I. Role of political parties and candidates.
- II. Campaign strategies and messaging.
- III. Media's influence on elections.

**Resource Persons:** Amit Kumar Bandhu & Kartik Bhuin (Internal)

### **Voter Turnout and Voter Suppression (4 hours)**

- I. Factors influencing voter turnout.
- II. Challenges to voter participation.
- III. Strategies to combat voter suppression.

**Resource Persons:** Dr. Subrata Nandi & Susanta Garai (Internal)

### **Electoral Reform and Advocacy (4 hours)**

- I. Calls for electoral reform.

- II. Advocacy efforts to improve voting rights and access.
- III. Case studies of successful electoral reform initiatives.

**Resource Persons:** Saiful Ansari & Sandip Sarkar (External)

**Impact of Voting on Governance and Society (4 hours)**

- I. How voting shapes government policies and decision-making.
- II. Impact of voter demographics on election outcomes.
- III. Examples of historical and contemporary voting movements.

**Resource Persons:** Driпти Mandal & Radharanjan Saha (Internal)