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**NOTIFICATION**

It is hereby notified that Department of Sociology is offering the Open Elective Course given below to the M.A 3<sup>rd</sup> semester PG students under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) of Rajiv Gandhi University for the academic session 2024-25.

**Course Code & Course Title:**

SOC-O-535: Religion and Society (Syllabus is attached for your reference)

Hence, all the interested PG students of MA 3<sup>rd</sup> semester may apply for the same submitting the hard copy of the Open Elective form, RGU in the Department of Sociology till **9<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**. The total seats available for admission in this Open Elective course are 60.

The selected candidates will be informed through email id and mobile number given in their application form.

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**SOC-0- 535: RELIGION AND SOCIETY**

**Full Marks: 100**  
**Term end: 60**  
**Internal: 40**  
**Credit: 04**  
**Contact Hours: 40**

**Objectives**

Religion is an ubiquitous phenomenon and its relation to society, culture and polity raises important sociological issues. This paper introduces the students to the subfield of Sociology of religion. After analyzing the basic concepts and key interpretations of religion, it focuses on the interface between religion and society in India and the contestation over religion in contemporary times. It concludes with an analysis of social change in relation to religion.

**Unit I: Introduction:**

Meaning, Definition and Elements; Scope of Sociology of religion; Beliefs, Magic and religion

**Unit II: Sociological Interpretations of Religion:**

E.B. Taylor, Durkheim and Weber

**Unit III: Religions of India:**

Indigenous Faith, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, and Sikhism.

**Unit IV: Contestation over Religion in India:**

Fundamentalism, Communalism and Secularism



**Suggested readings:**

Baird, Robert D. (Ed.) 1995 (3rd edition). Religion in modern India. Delhi: Manohar. Jones, Kenneth W. 1989. Socio-religious reform movements in British India (The new Cambridge history of India III-1). Hyderabad: Orient Longman.

Madan, T.N. (Ed.). 1992 (enlarged edition). Religion in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Muzumdar, H.T. 1986. India's religious heritage. New Delhi: Allied.

Roberts, Keith A. 1984. Religion in sociological perspective. New York: Dorsey Press.

Shakir, Moin (Ed.). 1989. Religion, state and politics in India. Delhi: Ajanta Publications.

Turner, Bryan S. 1991 (2nd edition). Religion and social theory. London: Sage.

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