



**A ONE DAY STATE LEVEL WEBINAR**  
ON

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**CONCEPT NOTE**

The Constitution of India stands for a secular state. The State has no official religion. Secularism pervades its provisions which give full opportunity to all persons to profess, practice and propagate religion of their choice. The Constitution not only guarantees a person's freedom of religion and conscience, but also ensures freedom for one who has no religion, and it scrupulously restrains the state from making any discrimination on grounds of religion. Hence the spirit of our constitution lies in unity in diversity which is now being challenged. The founding idea of India was never found to be a commitment to abstract values or ideas-of pluralism and democracy- but was rooted in a practical understanding of the compulsions and constraints of Indian politics-secular, communal and fundamentalist.

## Program Schedule

- 11:00 a.m.:** Inaugural Session
- 11:05 – 11:20 a.m.:** Welcome Address by  
**Professor (Dr.) Sukanta Bhattacharyya**  
*Principal, Mankar College*
- 11:20 – 12:20 p.m.:** Presentation by  
**Professor Basabi Chakraborty**  
*Department of Sociology*  
*Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata*
- 12:20 – 01:20 p.m.:** Presentation by  
**Professor (Retd.) Apurba Kumar Mukhopadhyay**  
*Department of Political Science & Political Studies*  
*Netaji Institute for Asian Studies*
- 01:20 – 01:35 p.m.:** Question-Answer Session
- 01:35 – 01:40 p.m.:** Vote of Thanks by  
**Nihar Ranjan Rakshit**  
*Associate Professor*  
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**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Time: 11:00 a.m. onwards**

**Registration Link:**

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