

Special Lecture series under MOU

“Polis in Ancient Greece”

13/05/2024



Name of the Department: Department of History

Title of the activity: Special Lecture series under MOU

Topic of Lecture: Polis in Ancient Greece

Date: 13/05/2024

Participants: 47 participants

Speaker's Profile: Dr Surajit Gupta, Associate Professor, Raja Rammohan Roy Mahavidyalaya

Synopsis of the Lecture

The Polis was a complex hierarchical society built around the notion of citizenship. The equation of the Polis with the whole citizen body marks it off from other ancient states. A certain level of demographic density and economic activity was necessary for the development of Polis as an independent institution. The economy of Polis was usually based on agriculture, trade and manufacturing. Most of the Polis had their own currency. This allowed the development of trade between different city-states. Slaves played a very important role in the political and economic life of the Polis. Religion played a central role in the life of many Greek Polis.