

#### SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES 4

The department of History has organized a special lecture series in 2021. Dr Debashis Majumder, Assistant Professor in History, Baruiipur College delivered a special lecture on "Different aspects of Nazi rule and their consequences during the Second World War" on 22/11/2021 on the google meet platform.

#### **Synopsis of the Lecture:**

The Rise of Nazi Rule in Germany under the leadership of Hitler during the intermediate period of the both World Wars used to be a very significant phase of European History. Generally the totalitarian and autocratic ruling period of Hitler had various criticisms from different aspects. Yet the Nazi administration also had certain positive aspects. The environmental consciousness and the development of sporting activities used to be two very significant aspects in this regard. The Nazi machinery gave utter importance to the conservation and reservation process of the animal and forest resources. In addition to this greenery development project used to be another significant step of the Nazi administration in this regard. Besides this the sporting development used to be another significant positive aspect of Nazi administration. Behind both the positive measures some darker aspects were hidden. Behind the environmental aptitude the land aggression policy was taken and on certain occasion the conservation of animal resources had been used to execute the anti-Semitic and anti-Polish policies as well. Behind the sporting development the darker shadow of racism existed in Germany. The heroics of the Sportspersons often used as the heroics of the Fuehrer Adolf Hitler. In fact during the Second World War Germany used most of its sportsperson in military duty to get butchered in the War Front. Through the aggressive policy of Anschluss Hitler's Germany not just only established its political domination over Austria but at the same time it also tried to utilize its cultural resources especially in the ground of sports. This used to be a clear dichotomy regarding the Nazi ideology of Herrenvolk theory of Pure Aryan Race. Therefore the ties of Hitler's nationalist ideology started to become weaker even before the outbreak of the Second World War. The inhuman practices in the concentration camps as well as secret killings of the anti Nazi persons used to create negative aspects regarding the Nazi policy and its outcome. Therefore the Second World War ultimately turned out to be the Waterloo for Hitler and Nazi administration. The ultimate frustration led to the Hitler's decision of conducting Operation Barbarossa against Soviet Russia by denouncing the Nazi-Soviet Non Aggression Pact of 1939. Therefore Hitler's Nazi rule faced various internal problems during the Second World War. Despite certain immediate success the Nazi government reached its Zenith long before the end of the Second World. It was only matter of time when the destruction became effective. The crucial questions of financial progress and the problems of unemployment were not adequately handled by the Nazi Government which developed internal discontents among the people of Nazi Germany

during the Second World War and which became very much prominent in post World War and post Nazi German politics. Thus even the positive aspects of German Nazi administration were not absolutely clean and benevolent in nature and therefore Germany paid its consequences during the Second World War.