

## SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES 5

The department of History has organized a special lecture series in 2021. Mr. Sayantan Mukherjee, delivered a special lecture on "Necessity to Read History" on 02/12/2021 on the google meet platform.

### Synopsis of the Lecture:

The word history is very comprehensive, the days beyond what we see around us, the events of its origin, etc., which we state to as history. Every moment left in the endless flow of time is subject to history. Every subject, every object in the world, even our world has a history of origin and prosperity. So, history is the recorded events of the time left behind, such a subject needs to be studied. As a result of the practice, people can know a new aspect of an object or event which they are not aware of in that way. However, there are many precautions to be taken in the study of history, which, if followed, will lead to a fair discussion environment. History should be discussed and practiced keeping in mind the issue of neutrality consciously.

We also have to take care of the information that we have to rely on naturally. In practice, it may be seen that we also have to rely on some oral narratives to verify its authenticity without completely disproving it, and we cannot deny that not all the histories of this vast world are recorded. So it is necessary to be aware of the source of information. Because the source of historical information may or may not be palpable.

The museum plays an important role in preserving historical information and its contents. So we have to be careful about the museums. This is because the museum is the only institution that preserves the history discussion material for the future. Interestingly, this museum also has a history, so that we can know about its origin, evolution, etc.

Those of us who study history should not always look at history with the intention of reading it just for the sake of testing. It is also true that in a very short time you have to pass the test by assimilating a large part. But still, if this practice is limited to the study boundaries for the exam, it is bound to lose interest. Again, we need to remember to be aware of our discussions as students of history. What I want to say, what I am discussing should be in the flow of discussion. And what I need to read - I wrote to evaluate it. This is a very important point.

So, if I say why we should read history! That is to say, we practice or study the past so that our present may be beautiful, we may be aware of the shortcomings, as a result of which we may be able to create a beautiful and stable future, or we may be able to articulate its ways.