

SPECIAL LECTURE

“Prantik Samaj- Sanskriti: Banglr Bagdi Jati O Tader Apon Satta Nirman”

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Dr Milan Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Ananda Mohan College, Kolkata delivered a special lecture on "**Prantik Samaj- Sanskriti: Banglr Bagdi Jati O Tader Apon Satta Nirmanon**" on 13/04/2022 at Vidyasagar Metropolitan College. Seventy Six students participated in the interactive seminar.

The Bagdi is one of those lower-most ancient anti Aryan communities of West Bengal. From the very primitive age, the Bagdi caste had to lead their lives through negligence at each and every step with the higher classes of the Society. The Bagdies unified their religion with the Hinduism taking some features of Sanatan Hindu religion. The main source of cultural amusement of the Bagdi community was various fair and festivals. Manasa Puja was one of the chief festivals. The Bagdies made a long procession with the pratima 'Bhadu' on the last day of Bhadra month in Manbhum and Bankura. On the occasion of 'Bhadugan', several fairsn took place and they helped in social contact. Traditional Vaisnab religion comparatively influenced more. In the East Bengal the Bagdi made development in the rituals of the worship of deity Manasa and others after having influenced by the Barahmins this trend became stronger after India getting its freedom. Above all the Matua community influenced the living style of the Bagdies very much. As a result of this, mixing was taking place between their religions, cultural and linguistic diversities. Need of profession wiped out the remaining differences. Overall long neglected Bagdi community is gradually developing socio economically, educationally and culturally. They are gradually educating themselves and playing a vital role in the development of their own culture and society.