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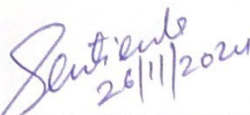
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This is to inform all students who have opted for Sociology as their interdisciplinary paper (SC 101-ID: *Environment and Society*) that you are required to submit a research-based assignment. This assignment will focus on using the case study method to explore rural and urban environmental problems in Tripura. Students will apply research skills to analyze real-world issues.

Key Details:

- **Case Study Topic Selection:** Students must choose their case study topic by **December 12, 2024**.
- **Focus:** Research-based assignment using the case study method
- **Word Count:** 800-1000 words
- **Marks:** 30 (for both assignment and presentation combined)
- **Submission Deadline:** Completed assignments must be submitted by **January 6, 2025**.
- **Presentation Schedule:** Presentations will take place between **January 7–16, 2025**. Each student will present their findings through a PowerPoint presentation based on the submitted research assignment.

Detailed instructions and guidance will be provided in the classroom. Late submissions will not be accepted. For further queries, feel free to reach out during class.


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Detailed instructions for the assignment

Assignment Overview

1. **Focus:** Using the case study method to explore **rural and urban environmental problems** in Tripura.
2. **Objective:** Apply research skills to analyze real-world issues and provide insights into rural and urban environmental challenges.

Assignment Requirements:

Step 1: Students must select a Case Study from the following:

1. Shifting Cultivation (Jhum) and its Socio-Environmental Impact on rural livelihoods in Tripura (choose a specific village in Tripura).
2. Social and Economic Impacts of Urban Flooding in Agartala (choose the locality or area which was affected badly in the recent flood in Agartala).
3. The Social Impact of Water Scarcity in Rural Tripura (choose a specific village in Tripura).
4. The Role of Informal Waste Workers in Agartala's Waste Management System.
5. Urbanization and Environmental Degradation: A Study of Battala, Agartala.
6. Market Activities and Environmental Pollution in Battala, Agartala (or any other towns and cities in Tripura).

Step 2: Instruction to Conduct Research

1. Data Collection:
 - Visit the area selected and conduct interviews with the local community to get first-hand information.
 - Use secondary data from reports, academic articles, news sources or government publications to understand concerned issues you have selected as your research topic.
2. Contextual Background:
 - Describe the selected problems, their historical and cultural significance, and their relevance to Tripura.
3. Impact Analysis:
 - Examine how these issues affect livelihoods, health and well-being and community dynamics

Step 3: Structure the Case Study

Students must follow the structure below:

1. Introduction: Here, briefly introduce rural or urban environmental problems in Tripura and also state the significance of studying these issues.
2. Case Description:
 - Rural Problem: Describe the selected rural issue (e.g., deforestation).
 - Causes and contributing factors.
 - Social and environmental impacts.
 - Urban Problem: Describe the selected urban issue (e.g., waste management).
 - Causes and contributing factors.
 - Social and environmental impacts.
3. Conclusion: Summarize key findings and insights. Also suggest potential solutions for the selected rural or urban problems.

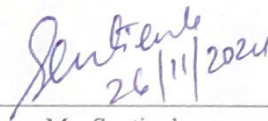
Step 4: Presentation:

- Prepare a 5-minute PowerPoint presentation summarizing the research.
- Use visuals like graphs, charts, or photos to enhance the presentation.

Evaluation Criteria

Your assignment and presentation will be evaluated based on the following:

- **Research Depth:** Quality of research and understanding of the issue.
- **Analysis:** Ability to critically analyze and propose solutions.
- **Clarity:** Clear and structured writing and presentation.
- **Creativity:** Innovative insights or practical solutions.
- **Presentation Skills:** Effective use of visuals and communication during the presentation.


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