

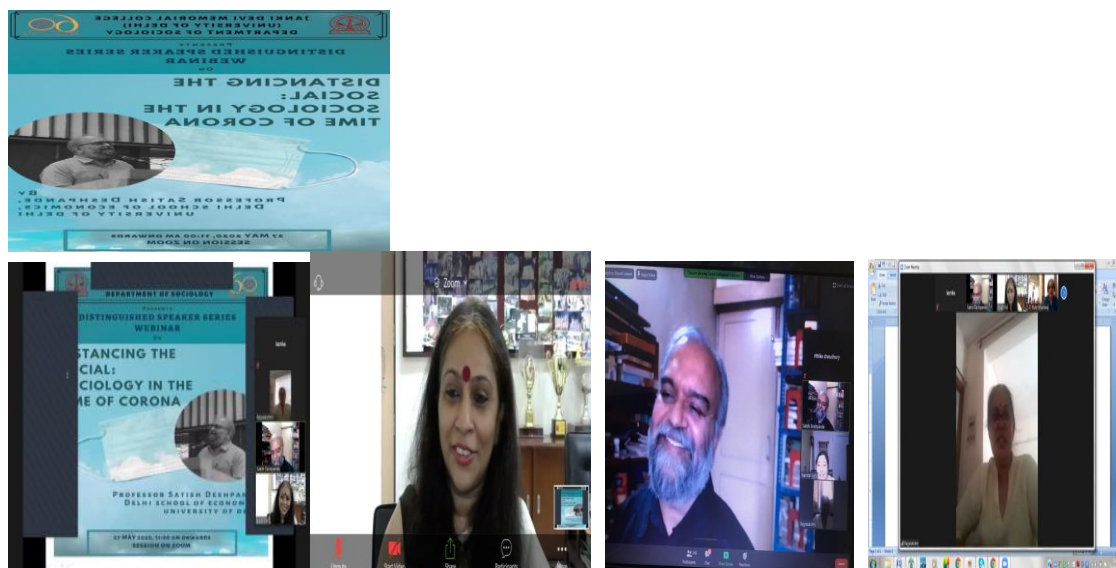
Distancing the Social: Sociology in the Time of Corona-DSS Webinar Lecture by Professor Satish Deshpande

The Department of Sociology, JDMC, University of Delhi organised a webinar on Distancing the Social: Sociology in the Time of Corona on May 27, 2020 as a part of the Distinguished Speaker Series and Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the college. The webinar consisted of a lecture delivered on the mentioned topic by Satish Deshpande, Professor at the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. His research interests include caste and class inequalities, contemporary social theory, politics and history of the social sciences and south-south interactions. He is the author of Contemporary India: A Sociological View (2003) and co-author of Untouchability in Rural India (2006). He has co-edited with Patricia Uberoi and Nandini Sundar Anthropology in the East, Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology (2007) and Class Inequalities, Contemporary Social Theory, Politics and History of the Social Sciences and South-South Interactions.

The webinar-lecture commenced with Dr. Rajyalakshmi, the Teacher-Incharge of the Sociology Department and a member of the Distinguished Speaker Committee, JDMC introducing the speaker. This was followed by a speech by the Principal, Dr. Swati Pal, which she concluded by welcoming and inviting the speaker to express his views.

The webinar-lecture was well attended, nearing 200 participants, both from student and teaching community of JDMC and various other colleges across the University of Delhi. It was a stimulating and scintillating experience for the participants as it focused on the situation of migrant workers and contributed on reflecting on the point that living in the contemporary extraordinary times of Covid-19 becomes significant for social scientists as it provides a 'direction of sight' and makes visible what generally gets overlooked in an ordinary scenario, as 'to see' is not only a physical act but is essentially a social act.

The webinar-lecture was followed by a question-answer session, which was conducted by Dr. Ruby Bhardwaj from the Sociology Department, JDMC. The session was concluded by a vote of thanks to Professor Satish Deshpande by Dr. Namita Sethi, a member of the Distinguished Speaker Series Committee, JDMC.



Webinar Lecture by Professor Satish Deshpande, May 27, 2020

Youtube Video link of DSS of Sociology: <https://youtu.be/J1R1NYHrrnQ>

Counselling session on Career Choices: Trends and Challenges

An online counselling session, Career Choices: Trends and Challenges was organised for the III year students of the Sociology Department on May 15, 2020. Dr. Archana Kaushik, Associate Prof. at Department of Social Work, University of Delhi enlightened students on career options and choices available after specialising in social work.

Screening of Chaapak

The students of II year Sociology Department in collaboration with WDC, JDMC screened the film Chappak on March 7, 2020 to celebrate the International Women's Day. The students found the film extremely inspiring as it encouraged women victims of gender based violence to fight and challenge it.

Workshop on Gender Sensitisation at the Workplace

The Sociology Department in collaboration with IQAC, JDMC organised a workshop on Gender Sensitisation at the Workplace for teaching and non-teaching staff on March 4, 2020. It consisted of separate sessions for men and women members from the teaching and non teaching staff. The session for the women members was conducted by Ms. Gayathri Sharma from Women Power Connect. Mr. Sagar Sachdeva and Mr. Harish Chauhan from YP Foundation sensitised the men. The workshop was found extremely enlightening as it created awareness regarding gender stereotypes and harassment in workplace and legal remedies and measures to challenge it.



Workshop on Gender Sensitisation at the Workplace, March 4, 2021

Students Participate in International Women's Day Award 2020

The students from the III Year, Sangana, Riya, Gagana and Asavari volunteered on March 2, 2020 for International Women's Day Award 2020 in association with Indian Council for UN Relations. They helped them in the management of the event.



Students Participate in International Women's Day Award, March 2, 2020

Power Walk (March 1, 2020)

The students of Sociology Department participated in Power Walk organised by National Commission for Women on March 1, 2020. The Power Walk was organised to challenge gender stereotypes and crimes against women. Its focus was on equality and emancipation for women.



Power Walk (March 1, 2020)

Field-Visit to Jodhpur

The students of III Year from Sociology Department were taken for field-visit to Jodhpur, Rajasthan from February 26 to March 1, 2020. They studied the Bishnoi village named Guda Bishnoian and its residents. It was an extremely illuminating experience for the students as they interacted with men and women from the Bishnoi community and learnt their way of life, and community practices, religious beliefs and environmental consciousness.

As a part of the field-trip the students also visited a Bishnoi temple, Shri Jambheshwar Maharaj temple Jajiwala Dohra, where they learnt about 29 rules necessary to be a Bishnoi and a small garden in a village named Khejadli where they saw Shahid Smarak which, was built in the memory of 363 nature loving people of Bishnoi community who had sacrificed their lives for saving khejri trees in 1730 A.D. In addition, the students were taken to other localities in Jodhpur where they learnt about techniques for making hand-made clay-ware/pottery and saw markets of block print fabrics and bed sheets.



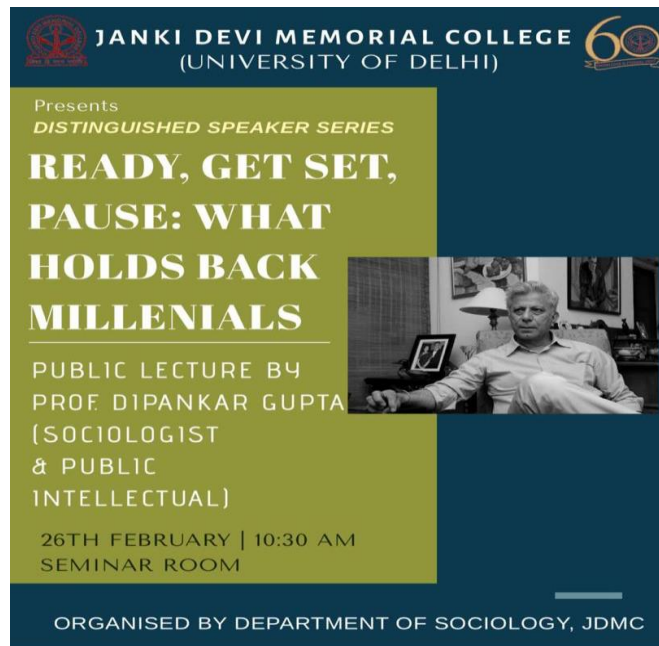
Field-Visit to Jodhpur, March 2020

Ready, Get Set, Pause: What Holds Back Millennials, Lecture by Professor Dipankar Gupta

The Department of Sociology, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organised a public lecture on Ready, Get Set, Pause: What Holds Back Millennials on February 26, 2020 as a part of the Distinguished Speaker Series and Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the college. The lecture was delivered by Dipankar Gupta, formerly Professor in the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. For a brief period 1993-94, he was also associated with the Delhi School of Economics as Professor in the Department of Sociology. His current research interests include rural-urban transformation, labour laws in the informal sector, modernity, ethnicity, caste and stratification.

The lecture commenced with the Principal Dr. Swati Pal welcoming Professor Dipankar Gupta and presenting him with the college memento and souvenirs. This was followed by making him pot and water a plant. Ms. Amisha Singh, the Vice-President of the Students Union Sociology Department, Janki Devi Memorial College introduced Professor Dipankar Gupta and invited him to express his view.

The lecture was well attended with students and faculty members across the various Departments of the college forming an enthusiastic and interested audience. It was an illuminating and enriching experience for the audience as it enabled them to reflect on complementarity of education and research in the interest of the millennials. The session concluded with Dr, Namita Sethi member of the Distinguished Speaker Series committee giving vote of thanks to Professor Dipankar Gupta.



Lecture by Professor Dipankar Gupta, February 26, 2020

Lecture by the Filmmaker Ajay Govind

The Department of Sociology organised a special lecture for its II year students, on Techniques of Filmmaking as part of the Skill Enhancement Course on February 25, 2020.

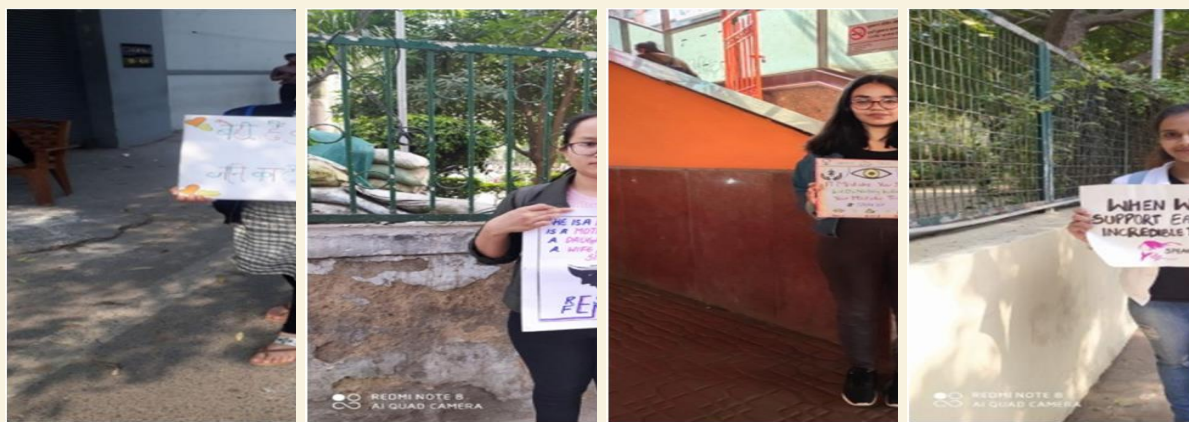
The lecture was delivered by Ajay Govind, a noted Filmmaker. He equipped the students with the technical aspects of filmmaking.



Lecture by the Filmmaker Ajay Govind, February 25, 2020

Women Safety Campaign

The students from I and II years of Department of Sociology restarted the Women Safety Campaign on February 24, 2020. As a part of this they engaged in challenging gender stereotypes and creating gender awareness and sensitisation by standing with posters conveying messages and slogans on the same, in the vicinity outside the college campus.



Women Safety Campaign, February 24, 2020

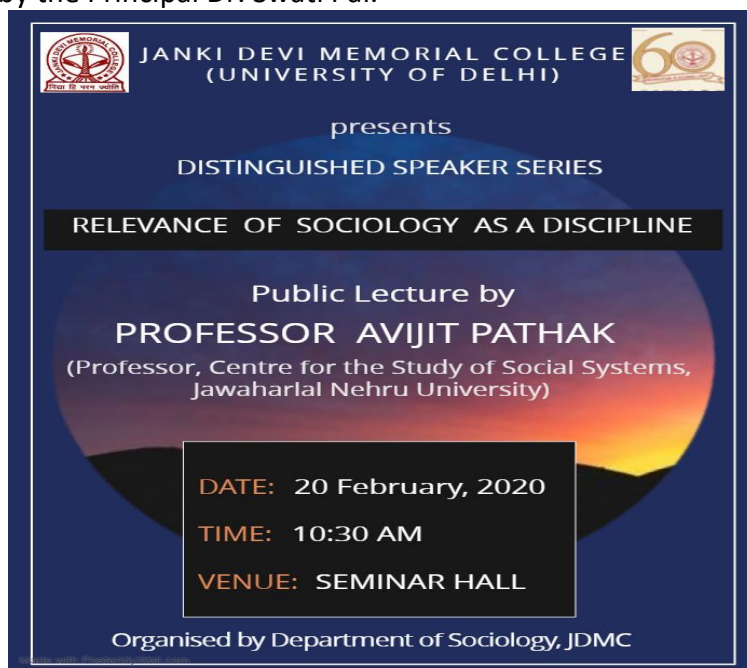
Relevance of Sociology as a Discipline, Lecture by Professor Avijit Pathak

The Department of Sociology, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organised a public lecture on Relevance of Sociology as a Discipline on February 20, 2020 as a part of the Distinguished Speaker Series and Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the college. The lecture was delivered by Avijit Pathak, Professor in the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

At the start of the lecture the Principal Dr. Swati Pal welcomed Professor Avijit Pathak by presenting him with the college memento and souvenirs and made him pot and water a

plant. Ms. Amisha Singh, the Vice-President of the Students Union Sociology Department, Janki Devi Memorial College introduced Professor Avijit Pathak and invited him to express his views.

The lecture was well attended and participated with audience from across the Disciplines. It was extremely illuminating as it made the students reflect on viewing and perceiving the discipline of Sociology in the context of time and age they live in. The lecture concluded with a vote of thanks by the Principal Dr. Swati Pal.



Lecture by Professor Avijit Pathak, February 20, 2020

Sociology Students Participate in One Billion Rising

The students of B.A.(H) Sociology IIInd year participated in the One Billion Rising on February 9th, 2020 to raise their voices against violence on women. The students performed a play reflecting on the power of love can end violence at the Central Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi



Visit to National Museum

On February 4th, 2020 B.A (H) Sociology visited the exhibition on Indian Heritage in Digital Space in the National Museum to enhance their understanding of usage of technology in ethnographic research. This was in keeping with the course requirement for Techniques in Ethnographic Filmmaking.



Seminar on Medical Practice and Ethics

A seminar was conducted by the Department of Sociology on Medical Practice and Ethics by Sociology Department in collaboration with WDC, JDMC on February 6, 2020. The speaker for the seminar was Dr. Isha Khurana Vashisht, a gynaecologist and consultant in infertility and reproductive health. The seminar focused on moral and ethical concerns in medical practice and was in keeping the course, Sociology of Health and Medicine.

Visit to Shaheen Bagh

The students of B.A. (H) Sociology IInd and IIIrd year were taken to Shaheen Bagh, the site of protest against CAA and NRC for a field visit on January 17, 2020 to enable them to reflect on issues like social movements and culture of protest and resistance.



Visit to Shaheen Bagh, Jan 17, 2020

E-Resource Workshop

The B.A. (H) Sociology Ist year students attended the e-resource workshop organised by the Library, JDMC on January 7, 2020. The students had an extremely enriching experience as they learnt regarding e-resources like DU Scholar, Nlist and Jstor.



E-Resource Workshop 7.1.2020

Gay Pride Parade

Ms. Aditia Bordoloi from B.A. (H) Sociology IIIrd year participated in the Gay Pride Parade held on November 24, 2019 bringing to light the point that learning about society is not simply about attending classroom lectures. The Gay Pride Parade is annual event to celebrate the rights of the queer community and their supporters.



Gay Pride Parade, November 24, 2020



Talk on Climate Change by Dr. Uttam K. Sinha

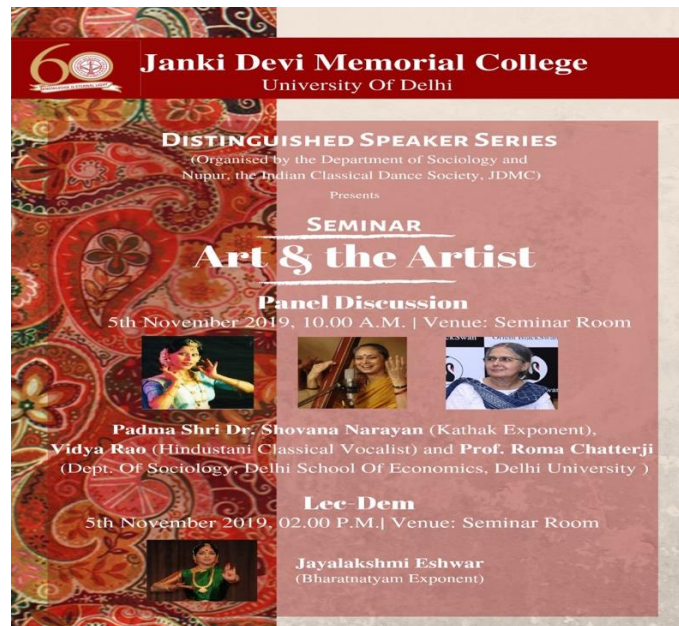
The Department of Sociology, JDMC organised a talk by Dr. Uttam K. Sinha, Defence Analyst and specialist on environment security on November 16, 2019. Dr. Sinha addressed the third year Sociology (H) students as a part of the course requirement of Environmental Sociology on the issues of climate change, climate risk and what youth need to do.



Talk on Climate Change by Dr. Uttam K. Sinha, November 16, 2019

Seminar on Art and the Artist

The Department of Sociology in collaboration with Nupur, the Indian Classical Dance Society, JDMC organised a seminar on the topic Art and the Artist as a part of the Distinguished Speaker Series and Diamond Jubilee Celebration on November 5, 2019. The speakers for the seminar were Dr. Shovana Narayan, a Kathak exponent and Padma Shri Awardee, Ms. Vidya Rao, a Hindustani Classical Singer, Professor Roma Chatterji from the Department of Sociology, University of Delhi and Jayalakshmi Eshwar, a Bharatnatyam exponent.



DSS- Art and the Artist, November 5, 2019

Bystander Intervention Session for Sociology Students

As a part of ongoing collaboration and MOU between Janki Devi Memorial College, and the University of Münster, Germany to undertake Bystander Intervention Workshops at the college for a five year period the Department of Sociology organised a workshop for its first year students on October 24, 2019. The session was conducted by Ms. Gayathri from the

NGO, Women Power Connect. She educated the students on various strategies to challenge gender based violence.



Bystander Intervention Session for Sociology Students, October 24, 2019

Sociology Students participate in the Climate Strikes

The students of Sociology Honours actively participated in September 2019 climate strikes, also known as the Global Week for Future. The strikes consisted of protests and marches to be organised globally from 20th to 27th September in demand for action to prevent further global warming and climate change. The students joined the protest march and demonstration on 20th and 27th of September organised in different locations of the city of Delhi. On the first day of the climate Strike, September 20, 2019 students joined the protest march that took place from Lodhi Parking Area to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. They called slogans near Lodhi Garden calling out for action against climate change and environmental exploitation. On September 27, 2019, the culmination day for Climate Strike they participated in a protest from Jantar Mantar to Connaught Place. The participation of students in the climate strikes reflected their commitment to fight for saving the environment. Also, it reiterated that for the students Sociology is not just about knowledge building in the context of classroom lectures but about being in the field as well.



Sociology Students participate in the Climate Strikes, September, 2019

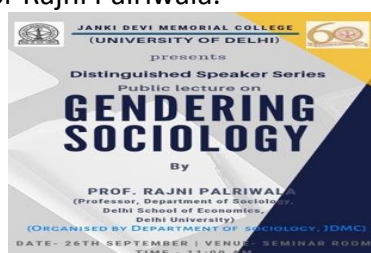
Gendering Sociology a Talk by Professor Rajni Palriwala

The Department of Sociology, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organised a talk on Gendering Sociology on 26th September 2019 at 11 a.m. in the Seminar room as a part

of the Distinguished Speaker Series and Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the college. The talk was delivered by Professor Rajni Palriwala from the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. She is an eminent academician, researcher and author with expertise on gender and related areas like kinship, marriage, family, feminist politics, citizenship and care etc.

The talk started with the Principal Dr. Swati Pal welcoming Professor Rajni Palriwala and making her water a sapling, and presenting her with the college memento and souvenirs. It was well attended with students and faculty members from the Department of Sociology forming the enthusiastic audience. Dr. Kusum Krishna the former chairperson of the college also graced the occasion. The faculty members from the other Departments of the college also participated in the talk.

Ms. Amisha Singh, the vice-president of the Students Union of the Sociology Department, Janki Devi Memorial College introduced Professor Rajni Palriwala and invited her to express her views. The talk was an extremely enriching experience for the students as they learnt about various moments in the history of gendering of sociology and how it is an ongoing process. At the end of the talk the students interacted with Professor Rajni Palriwala posing questions on varied issues relating to gender and women's position in society. The session concluded with Dr. Sandhya Garg member of the Distinguished Speaker Series committee giving a vote thanks to Professor Rajni Palriwala.



Gendering Sociology a Talk by Professor Rajni Palriwala, September 26,2019

MN Srinivas Declamation

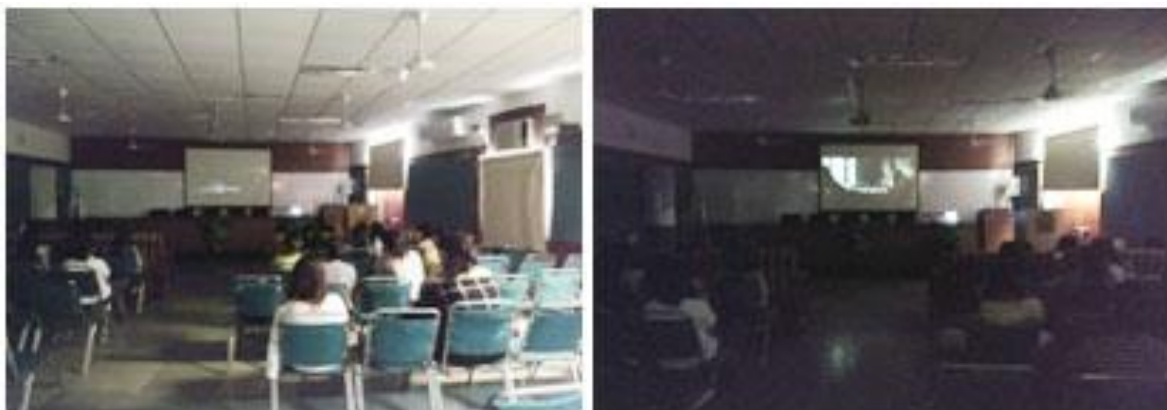
Two students Aditi Chaudhary and Priyasha of B.A. (H) Sociology 1st year represented Janki Devi Memorial College in the MN Srinivas Declamation held on September 25, 2019 at Maitreyi College, University of Delhi. The topic for the Declamation was Privatisation of education. The two students found declamation learning and enriching experience



MN Srinivas Declamation, September 25, 2019

Screening of The Young Karl Marx

On September 21, 2019 The Young Karl Marx was screened for the third year students of the Sociology Department as a part of the paper Sociological Thinkers I. The students found the film informative as it illuminated Karl Marx's early life and the major influences on it that had significant implications in shaping of his theoretical insights.



Screening of The Young Karl Marx, September 21, 2019

Field Activity: The Butterfly and Insect Count

On September 19, 2019 as a part of the course Environmental Sociology, the third year students of the Sociology Department did a field activity entailing butterfly and insect count. The activity was done in the gardens of the Janki Devi Memorial College. The activity was an enriching and thrilling experience for the students as they learnt regarding various insects and bugs in the environs around them of which they have been oblivious. It provides a good example of innovative pedagogy as it took students outside classroom and allowed them to establish a connection between theory and practice.



Field Activity: The Butterfly and Insect Count, September 19, 2019

Screening of Period the End of Sentence

On September 13, 2019 the students of B.A.(H) Sociology second year watched a short documentary named Period the End of Sentence in keeping with the paper, Sociology of Gender. The documentary talked about the ground realities of stigma of menstruation prevailing in rural India. It focused on a group of local women in the city of Hapur in Uttar Pradesh in India wherein women tried to wipe of the stigma by manufacturing of low cost sanitary pads and strived towards financial independence.



Screening of Period the End of Sentence, September 13, 2021

Visit to the Tribal Museum

On September 12, 2019 the first year students from the Department of Sociology visited the Tribal Museum. The students learnt about cultural richness and diversity of India viewing dioramas of tribes residing in different states of the country. They found it extremely intriguing to see various dioramas depicting tribes participating in important events like festivals, acts of animal sacrifice and marriage celebration etc. Also, they found the visit extremely informative as they saw items and objects like tools and implements, utensils, garments and jewellery pertaining to everyday life of tribes.



Visit to the Tribal Museum, September 12, 2019

Screening of An Inconvenient Truth

On September 12, 2019 the Department of Sociology screened the film An Inconvenient Truth directed by Davis Guggenheim for its third year students in keeping with the requirement for the paper on Environmental Sociology. The students found the film extremely enlightening as it revealed the causes and effects of global-warming and focused on necessary human action to fight it and prevent the earth from dying eventually.



Screening of An Inconvenient Truth, September 12, 2019

Talk on Sacred Feminine by Shivani Singh

On September 11, 2019 the Department of Sociology organised a talk for its students on the topic The Sacred Feminine by Ms. Shivani Singh, a documentary-maker and novelist. The talk focused on feminine power in different religions of India with a specific emphasis on Hinduism. The students found the talk extremely informative and interesting as they learnt about Shakti and tantric cult, female sexuality and menstruation and historical roots of patriarchy and control and subjugation of women.



Talk on Sacred Feminine by Shivani Singh, September 11, 2019

Screening of The Stoning of Soraya

The Department of Sociology showed the film The Stoning of Soraya on September 7, 2019 to its second year students in keeping with the course on Sociology of Gender. The students were extremely touched as they learnt through the life of Soraya, the main protagonist in the film about the harsh realities regarding subordinate status of women and gender injustice in society.



Screening of The Stoning of Soraya, September 7, 2019

Screening of Erin Brockovich

The Department of Sociology screened the film Erin Brockovich on September 4, 2019 for its third year students studying Environmental Sociology. The film showcased to the students the interconnection between environment and human health. It inspired and motivated them to fight for a safe and healthy environment.

Talk on the Relevance of Classical Social Theory

The Department of Sociology organised a talk for its students on the 'Relevance of Classical Social Theory in Sociology' on August 28, 2019. Professor Savyasaachi, from the Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia was the speaker. The students found the talk extremely enlightening as they learnt about the various founding fathers of the discipline of Sociology, their perceptions on society, on being social and concepts like time and space.



Talk on the Relevance of Classical Social Theory, August 28, 2020

Freshers Welcome Party

The Department of Sociology, Janki Devi Memorial College conducted a party to welcome the first year students on August 23, 2019 in room number 66. The theme of the party was Aloha Summer. The first year students showcased their talents by singing, dancing and poetry reading. The highlight was that the Principal of the College Dr. Swati Pal graced the party for a short duration. She congratulated the second and third year students for beautifully decorating the venue in keeping with the theme of the party.



Freshers Welcome Party, August 23, 2019

Sociology Students Attend Seminar Organised by Chintan

The Environmental Research and Action group, Chintan conducted a seminar titled Deep Dive Event on Air Pollution at India International Centre, on August 9, 2019 in which speakers from varied fields of study expressed their views. It was a privilege for a team of six students from the Sociology Department, Janki Devi Memorial College to attend the seminar. As residents of Delhi, which is one of the most polluted cities in India, the students found it extremely enriching and informative to learn regarding the problem of air pollution. The seminar covered various aspects of air pollution- its causes, its impact on human health, property, plant and animal life and the laws introduced by government to fight it.



Sociology Students Attend Seminar Organised by Chintan, August 9, 2019