

Valedictory : Add-on Course- Safe Cities and Inclusiveness

The Department of Sociology, JDMC hosted the valedictory ceremony for its Add-on course, *Safe Cities and Inclusiveness* on 25th April, 2018. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the collaborating organisations like Jagori, Delhi Commission for Women (DCW), The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), Break Through and University of Münster. They lauded the students for actively participating and attending workshops and internship programmes organised as a part of the course curriculum. The Principal of the college gave the valedictory speech. She congratulated the Department for successful completion of the course and praised the students for their commitment and dedication. She also cheered the Department for backing a MoU with the University of Münster as a part of Bystander Intervention under the aegis of the course and putting the college on the international map. The students thanked their Department for organising the course and expressed their views regarding its relevance reflecting on what it means to be living in a safe city. The ceremony concluded with students being awarded certificates for their participation in the course.



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Field-Trip

The B.A. (Hons.) III year were taken for a field trip from 23rd-25th February, 2018 to Dehradun to visit the NGO, Kaya. The trip familiarised students with issues related to rural development, forestry, agriculture and dairy.

One Billion Rising

The students participated in the “One Billion Rising” on 11th February 2018 at the Central Park, Connaught Place to show their solidarity against the exploitation of women and end sexual violence.

Bystander Intervention Programme

A four day Bystander Intervention Programme, “Rise” was conducted in collaboration with Münster University starting from 7th February, 2018 onwards to sensitise and create awareness among the students regarding the need to provide assistance to victims of gender and sexual violence.

Ethos – The Annual Departmental Festival

The Annual Departmental Fest, “Ethos” was held on 2nd February, 2018. The highlight was a Panel discussion on the theme “Youth and Freedom” chaired by Professor Bimol Akoijam, CSSS, JNU, Shri Ajay Govind, Filmmaker, and Ms. Lotty Alaric, Film and Documentary Critic. Varied inter-department competitions and activities were organised for the students.

MOU with the University of Münster

The Department signed an MOU with the University of Münster, Germany on 31st January, 2018 under the Add-on course on Safe Cities and Inclusiveness. Such a course is being held in the University of Delhi for the first time.

Session on Stress Management

1. The Department of Sociology, JDMC organized a session on 'Stress Management, Growing Anxieties among College Students' on 17th January 2018 in Seminar Hall. The speaker for the session was Ms. Charnita Arora, from Perfect Life Spot. She is a mindfulness coach and writes, speaks on issues related to emotional well-being, motivation and educational skills. In her interactive session, she talked about different dimensions of stress in Youth. Dr. Rajyalaxmi welcomed the speaker, while faculties Charu Kala and Suraj Beri introduced the speaker. Beginning from biological to psychological levels of stress, she explained how to become aware of one's own capabilities and talents. Students from

Sociology, Commerce, and English Department participated in the session held from 12 to 1pm. She made efforts to dissect the complicated dimensions of the various forms of stress in students' lives. With her lucid and calm experiential engagement with audience, she demonstrated the strengths of a conscious, self-taught and creative life styles. Many students shared their anxieties and asked how to deal with academic and family pressure. The vote of thanks was addressed by Suraj Beri and Pouriangthanliu.

Inaugural of SOCH

A forum for students, “SOCH” was inaugurated on 15th November, 2017. The forum endeavours to strengthen intra-department unity and team spirit, alongside honing academic and creative skills of the students. Under its aegis a series of activities like were organised, which led to a lively engagement between students and the faculty. The events included quiz, pictionary, photography and face-painting competitions. Each of these competitions was organized on sociologically relevant themes. The face-paintings representing the theme *Sexuality* was inaugurated by the Principal who also participated in the same. The Quiz also featured questions pertaining to the discipline and general awareness. The Pictionary and Photography contests captured the moment of the day. The students from all the three years and teachers enthusiastically participated in all the events. Principal Dr. Swati Pal appreciated the students for their innovative ideas and talents. The event showcased the creative expression of classroom learning.



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Discussion with Asha Singh

On 8th of November, 2017 the Department invited Asha Singh (Nirbhaya's Mother) to interact with the students. She spoke in detail about her experiences of fighting against the violence meted out to her daughter. She shared with anguish about the proceedings of the rape case and her battle to get justice for her daughter. She also emphasized upon the importance of raising voice against injustice, and harassment. Students participated in the interaction by sharing their personal experiences and coping strategies in dealing with harassment.



Discussion with Asha Singh, November 8, 2017

Session with Kamla Bhasin

On 11th October, 2017 eminent feminist Kamla Bhasin conducted a session on feminism. She focused on the feminist ideas, patriarchal power relations as well on the inter-sectionality between gender, caste and race. Kamla Bhasin enthralled the audience by reciting some of her famous poems and songs on emancipation of women. The session ended with interactive round where students as well as teachers asked questions related to gender discrimination in the everyday context.



Session with Kamla Bhasin October 11, 2017

Talk on Triple Talaq

On 9th September, 2017 the Association organised a talk on Triple Talaq by Khadija Faruqi. She talked about Islam as a religion based on justice and peace and Quran as its law book. According to Islam marriage is a contract and the procedure to annul it is laid down in Quran. Faruqi emphasised that triple talaq is unconstitutional and that personal law can be challenged in supreme court if it violates fundamental rights.



Talk on Triple Talaq, September 9, 2017