

Report-2011-2012

The year 2011-2012 has been an eventful year for the department of sociology in all its ventures with the active participation of the faculty members and the students. A series of academic activities were organized to give students an exposure to the world of knowledge. In this regard various sociological stalwarts from esteemed universities and academic institutions visited the college on several occasions and critically reflected on various current social issues and perspectives of the contemporary society.

On 4th November 2011, the department held its annual lecture which was delivered by Professor Dipankar Gupta. Professor Gupta spoke elaborately on issues relating to Growth vs Development from the Indian context enthralling the audience by connecting a wide range of issues and facts with theoretical paradigms.

Continuing the spirit of knowledge dissemination, on 17th February 2012, the department undertook a daylong seminar under the sponsorship of UGC. The theme of the seminar was 'Popular Culture and Social Change'. The seminar was inaugurated by Professor Emeritus Yogendra Singh, followed by other eminent speakers like Professor Biswajit Das (Jamia Milia Islamia), Professor Maitrayee Chaudhuri (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Professor Deepak Mehta (University of Delhi), Professor Renuka Singh (Jawaharlal Nehru University) and Professor Sanjay Srivastava (India Economic Growth). Students were exposed to issues ranging from the construction of the 'new image' of the consumers as represented through various discourses like media, television and novels to understanding the issues of legal status quo in the context of Ram Janmabhumi - Babri Masjid issues.

In the month of October, 2011 under the placement drive initiative, the department conducted a career counselling session with Trident India Private Limited, which is an export company based in Punjab. Mr Chandra Prakash, Senior HR Manager and Ms Supriya, HR executive conducted a two hour session with the students exposing them to the field of HR.

Apart from these, the students of the department have actively participated in several seminars and workshops that were conducted in the colleges under University of Delhi; the latest being a seminar on 'Windows to Delhi: A City at Hundred' by Lady SriRam College for Women, New Delhi.

Overall academically, the students have fared well in the university examinations down the years. The batch of 2010-11 passed out successfully, many of whom have had admission for higher studies in esteemed institutions in India. Chiinlalmalsawmkim and Priyambada Shah are pursuing their masters in Sociology from Delhi School of Economics while Shagufta Sabah, Malabika Rai and Pratisha Borborah have joined Jawaharlal Nehru University. Himakshi and Sangeeta have been admitted to Tejpur University for masters in Sociology. Few students have joined the social work course-- Garima Kaushik has joined Delhi School of Social Work, Sristi Puri and Adiba Jamal are both pursuing MSW from Jamia Milia Islamia while Monisha Murali is doing it from Coimbatore. Apart from them, Poornima Sinha has joined the MBA course from the ICFAI (Hyderabad).

Thus overall the department has witnessed a successful year from an academic front, though the demise of Mrs Vijayalakshmi Dewan has resulted in an irreplaceable loss for the department.