

ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY 2016-17

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

- Kunchi kurve – Migrant Ethnic Community Settlement
- Prem Sadan – Physically and Mentally Challenged Home for Girls. Airoli
- Dharavi – Slum Redevelopment and relocation
- SGNP – Tribal Settlement

SEMINARS ATTENDED BY STUDENTS

- Revisting the discourse on women's rights – K.C College
- Gender Sensitization – Maharishi Database College

STUDENTS SEMINAR– 'Folklore'

SOCIOLOGY WEEK ON 'POPULAR CULTURE' 5-9 Dec 2016

- Theater Presentation 'Bodies that Matter's Metamorphosis Theatre INC.
- Popular Culture 'Religion and Food' Prof. Mariyah Gour
- Music as a means of Popular Culture Prof. Janine Coelho
- Popular Culture as a Resistance Movement Prof. Girija Gupte
- Gender abuse and violence as unpopular culture- Rinky Bhattacharya

DOCUMENTARIES Screened and Analyzed:

- I am
- Lower Caste people,
- Lesser Humans
- Silver Citizen- Plight of Elderly
- Farmers' Suicide

Department of Sociology Report 2016-17

The department conducted various co - curricular activities to instill in the students an analytical viewpoint on contemporary social issues. The department conducted student seminars, educational visits, and guest lectures. Documentaries too were screened which were followed by discussions and critical evaluations. In addition, students made presentations on various topics related to their syllabus

The theme of the Socio-history student seminar for the year was " Folklores- a Socio Historical Analysis". Eight students presented papers. The topics included 'Dark Skinned Characters portrayed as Antagonist', Witch Hunting , Mahabharata from Kaurav Viewpoint', 'Nordic Folklore' ' Native American Folklore' and 'Women in Indian Mythology '. Dr Joan Dias from Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture judged the papers .Fatima Patel's(SYBA) presentation on 'Dissent through Folk Rhythm 'won the first prize.

The highlight of the year was organizing a sociology week from 5th to 9th December 2016 on the theme ' Popular culture relevance and concerns in Indian society'. Professor Girija Gupte from Sathye college spoke on popular culture as a resistance movement. Beliefs practices and trends in culture and religion affect eating habits. Professor Maria Gaur from Rizvi college Bandra had an interesting and interactive session on religion and food as popular culture. Music as a means of popular culture has been a prominent influential means of dissent throughout history . Professor Janine Coelho deliberated on this topic by tracing the trajectory of different types of dissent music down the years. Audio visual presentation was a treat for the students . Ms Rinki Bhattacharya , (film director and feminist)through her documentary 'Behind Closed Doors' brought to the forum the idea of how violence and abuse are emerging as an unpopular culture. The interactive session on gender abuse and violence as a non popular culture was an eye opener to the students. Bodies that Matter a theatrical presentation by Metamorphosis theatre included a collection of poems associated with kinds of bodies and (mis)representation in popular media The department also organised educational trip for students to give them a first hand experience of issues related to the destitute tribals and informal sector . They visited Mother Teresa home for destitute girls in Airoli. The students had an interacting session with the inmates. A tribal visit was organised to Sanjay Gandhi national park tribal settlement area . This visit was organised through Maharashtra tribal welfare society.

To get an experiential knowledge of slums, slum rehabilitation and the informal sector, a visit was organised to Dharavi. Students visited Kunchikurve basti in Kalina also known as makadwala settlement. The students were taken to an exhibition of self help groups also to get first hand understanding on women empowerment .

The main aim of the department is to provide holistic learning to the students by blending syllabus and reality to make learning enriching and complete. This was also enhanced through class debates content analysis and discussions. Ex -students of the department were also invited to speak on the career options available in Sociology.This was blended with a session for higher education in Sociology