

ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY- 2018-19

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

- Anmol–Destitute Home for girls
- Kelkar Museum, Pune
- Tribal Museum, Pune

TALKS:

- Sunil Yadav and Mr. Vishal Thakare (TISS)- Caste, division of labor and work.
- Preeti Oza- Dalit Feminism
- Samira Nadkarni- Black Feminism
- Wilona Annunciation- Coping with relationships

STUDENT SEMINAR- 30 August 2018 Women and Media

CAREER GUIDANCE: By ex-students

- Talk on MSW by Ms. Sadhika
- HR talk by Ms. Avril

SYLLABUS REVISION WORKSHOP organized for university teachers- 30^{July 2018} Gender and Society- TYBA Paper 6

- Geeta Chadha-Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai
- Neeta Sane
- Swati Dyahadroy
- Shivaji Ukrande

DOCUMENTARIES Screened and Analyzed:

- Narmada Bachao Andolan,
- Smile Pinky,
- Blood Diamond,
- Maharashtra Mill Workers

The activities conducted by the department for this academic year focused on creating a critical mindset on contemporary social issues.

As part of working across departments, various sessions were conducted along with Department of English and Department of History. Prof Samira Nadkarni from Department of English took a lecture on 'Feminism is for Everybody: A critical evaluation of Bell Hooks and Black Feminism', a topic which is part of our syllabi for the paper Gender and Society. Dr. Shirley Abraham took a session on 'A critical understanding of social movements and its relevance' for final year students of Department of English. Dr Preeti Oza from Department of English gave a talk on 'Dalit Feminism'. Dr. Vatika Sibal and Prof Samira Nadkarni did a joint session of discussion for final year students of both departments based on the documentary 'Kumud

Pawada. Leena Bhattacharya addressed the students of both departments and deliberated on the topic 'Migrant workers and their children's education'. Lecture on 'Caste role in work by Sunil Yadav and Vishal Thakare from TISS dealt with the informal sectors in India.

The department along with Department of History conducted a seminar for students. The theme was on 'Women and Media'. The presentations provided a snapshot of the issues around the media's portrayal of women, the effects on body image and self-identity to ramifications in media. It looked at the economic interests behind the objectification and eroticization of females by media as well as efforts to counter, negative stereotyping.

A syllabus revision workshop/seminar for the paper 'Gender and Society' was organized for the University of Mumbai undergraduate teachers under the aegis of Board of Studies, Department of Sociology. Prof Swati Dyahadroy from Department of Gender Studies, Pune University chaired the sessions. Dr. Gita Chadha, University of Mumbai and Dr. Shivaji Ukhrande were the other speakers.

Dr. Wilona Braganza conducted a session on 'Relationship Management Skills'. She spoke to students ways of handling stress which is part of our life today. She stressed on skills like collaboration, clear communication, and conflict resolution to handle relationships

As part of sensitizing our students on the various career options, we had invited our department alumni. The following students shared their experiences with the students. Saddhika on MSW course, Avril on Post graduation in HR and Delysha on B.Ed in Special Education. Pooja Ruparel took a session on relevance of 'Voice Over' as a career option.

The Department also organized an educational trip for students to give them an experiential reality issues related to orphan and destitute children. They visited 'Anmol Home' for orphan and destitute girls at Bhayander St Catherine home at Andheri which provide shelter to homeless girls. The students spent a day interacting with the inmates. This firsthand information gave them deep insight of their life and the troubles they face.

An educational trip was organized to Kelkar and Adivasi museum in Pune. The trip helped the students to have a field view on the cultural aspects of the tribes in India. The museum had vast documents related to the fields of Archaeology, History, Anthropology Sociology and Literature. It showcases the artifacts including musical instruments, jewelry, tools, handicrafts, costumes, idol, household articles, photographs, weapons, tools, warli paintings, bamboo works, masks, clothes, utensils of different tribes in Maharashtra.

A visit to Dharavi was organized for second year students to give them firsthand information on largest slum of Asia, slum rehabilitation and informal sector. The students interacted with the workers.

Dr. Shirly Abraham

Dr. Vatika Sibal

Profs-in-charge