

Report of Sociology Department (2020-21)



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Sociology Department Report

Session- 2020-2021

July 2020 onwards

1. Mask and Gloves making competition

Post Graduate Department of Sociology in collaboration with Women Development cell had organized an inter-college mask and gloves making competition. In which around 70 entries were received out of these 28 were from other colleges. Around 9 outside colleges have participated in the competition.



Mask Making

1st prize- Kirti B.A. 2nd year 2249 Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh

2nd prize Kirti B.A. 2nd year 2249 Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh

Special prize Priya Yadav B.Sc. Fashion designing 3rd year 824 Govt. Home Science College, Sector-10, Chandigarh

Special prize Anamika PG Diploma in Fashion Designing 1056 Govt. Home Science College, Sector-10, Chandigarh

Special prize Preeti Rani B.A. 3rd year 1422 Guru Gobind Singh Khalsa College for Women, Jhar Sahib, Ludhiana

Glove Making

1st **prize** Sonika PG Diploma in Fashion Designing 1051 Govt. Home Science College, Sector-10, Chandigarh

2nd **prize** Manjeet Kaur BBA 4th Sem. 4062/18 PG Govt. College, Sector-46, Chandigarh

2. **Online Orientation Course on Sociology and Its Fundamentals**

Post Graduate Department of Sociology, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organized a comprehensive 10 day Introductory Online Orientation Course on "Sociology and its Fundamentals" from July 23 to August 1, 2020. The resource persons for the course were Ms. Pallavi Kapila, Dr. Minakshi Rana and Miss Shabnam. A large number of participants (30 students) from across the country benefited from the course. The specially designed course covered the basics of Sociology and explored the diverse topics including class, social inequality, globalization and the media. The participants were introduced to the significant theories proposed by 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. It was an illuminating and enriching experience for the participants as it enabled them to reflect on complementarity of sociology and its intricate concepts. It emphasized on the need to comprehend the sociological theories while living in the extraordinary times of Covid-19 at present. "It was an extremely invigorating course", said Anita who was one of the participants. The pandemic has made the education institutes worldwide to come up with varied ways to keep learners engaged. This was a unique initiative under the guidance of Dr. Nisha Bhargava, Principal of the college.

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3. Bridge Course for Beginners in Research

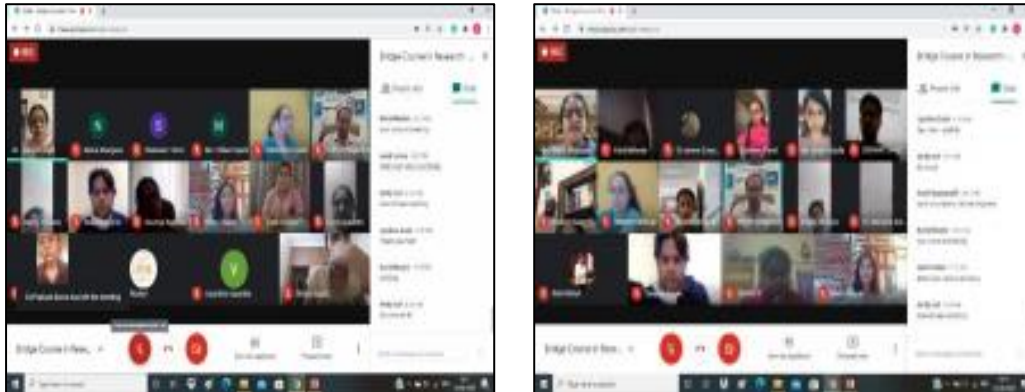
Bridge Course for Beginners in Research was held under the aegis of PG Department of Sociology from 4th August to 18th August 2020. The course offered a development of understanding of basic concepts of research, writing a research proposal, data collection tools, statistical analysis of findings, and use of computer to facilitate research. Dr Minakshi Rana, Dr Neeraj Kumar, Deputy Librarian, Panjab University, Ms Pallavi Kapila and Ms Shabnam were the **resource persons**. **A total of 66 numbers of participants registered for the course.**

Reflective thinking is critical for pursuing research in any discipline. Research is all about adopting scientific method to arrive at conclusion and derive findings that can be applied universally. Identification of a problem considering the feasibility of the topic, a sound theoretical framework, review of existing and related literature are the initial and significant steps to start with writing a research paper/proposal. The significance of pursuing the selected topic and the objectives the study is aspiring to achieve should be precisely mentioned. The tools of data collection and techniques of data analysis must be carefully selected to suit the objectives of the study. In case of using secondary data, the source of data must be authentic otherwise it may harm the whole purpose of investigation.

The basic characteristics and assumptions of various statistical measures like measures of central tendency, measures of dispersion and coefficient of correlation that can be applied in data to arrive at conclusions were briefly explained to participants. Further, the use of MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint in developing a research paper or writing a thesis was explained with the help of live demonstration. In a significant session on plagiarism check and citation style, the various free online software like Citation Machine, Plagcheck were shared with the participants that can help in checking the percentage of copied text in the research paper. Further, with help of online tools like Mendeley and Citation machine, the researcher can download the citation of the desired research work in the required format.

An assessment consisting multiple choice questions based on the taught topics was also taken to gauge the understanding of the topics among the participants. A recapitulation of all the topics covered in the bridge course was done in the concluding session.

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4. Data Analysis - 5-day Series

5-day Series on Data Analysis was held under the aegis of PG Department of Sociology from 27th August to 31st August 2020. Quality research can contribute significantly towards development of a nation through various inventions and innovations. Considering the present scenario where the human kind is facing new challenges often, relevant and practical research has become more significant find feasible solutions. The 5-day Series aimed to provide knowledge about various statistical as well as non-statistical tools to analyze and interpret data so that valid generalizations can be drawn. Dr. Bhavna Sood and Dr. Minakshi Rana were the resource persons. A total of 47 (Students, research scholars, faculty and professionals from all around the India (Faculty and research scholars from prestigious institutions like PGIMER, Chandigarh, Institution of Production Management, Kansbahal, College of Community Science (PJTSAU), Hyderabad (TS) Central University of Kerala, College of Applied Sciences, Salalah (Oman), Department of Social Work, Canada.

Sound analysis of data lay foundation to authentic research. Thus, before planning a research, researcher has to know how to handle and analyze the data so that data collection tools can be designed accordingly. The various sessions of the data analysis series were based on identifying variables, formulation of hypothesis, Parametric and Non-parametric tests and analysis of qualitative data so that the aspiring researchers would be able take

well informed decision for the handling, collection as well as analysis of data. All the sessions were facilitated with live demonstration and a practice sheet. Besides the knowledge of various statistical as well as non-statistical tests and measures, the use of Mendeley Software to generate references and few online plagiarism check software was also discussed in the sessions.

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5. One Day National Webinar on Gender Equality Matters in the Time of Pandemic Crisis: An Overview

One Day National Webinar on Gender Equality Matters in the Time of Pandemic Crisis: An Overview was held on 04th September 2020.

The COVID-19 crisis has thrown these gender-based differences into even sharper relief. To address these and similar challenges **One Day National Webinar** titled: **Gender Equality Matters in the time of Pandemic Crisis: An Overview**”was organised by the Post Graduate Department of Sociology, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh on 4th September, 2020. The keynote speaker of the event was Prof Indira Ramarao, Mysore University. The Webinar was coordinated by Ms. Pallavi Kapila and 127 participants from across the country joined the Session.

The session was opened by esteemed Principal Dr Nisha Bhargava. Madam Principal began with the concept of gender equality and its importance in the time of pandemic. Despite the capacity of women to multitasking, endurance women are still referred to as weaker sex in society, especially in developing Countries like India. The patriarchal societies have refused to accept the fundamental fact. Throwing light on this issue, Dr. Bhargava illustrated the gender disparity in terms of low sex ratio, wage differentials, areas of employment, area of right to property as well as in participation of women in political sphere. Also, the work of women remains largely hidden in household scenario. This crisis has thereby increased in the pandemic situation. The proceedings were continued by Head of department, Ms. Kamini Tayal. Ms. Tayal introduced the College and achievements of the department. Further, she highlighted the role of gender parity in context to the contribution of students in terms of their responsibility towards society as well as humanity. The **Keynote Speaker, Professor Indira**’s lecture was divided into

two major parts, i.e. *How the pandemic has affected society, particularly women; and How this social crisis can be dealt with the use of social networking.* The Resource Persons for second session were *Dr. Bhavna Sood and Dr. Bindu Dogra.* Dr Bindu Dogra presented on the topic *“Identifying Faceless Indian Migrant women during COVID 19”* The Webinar was further continued by Dr. Bhavna Sood. She discussed on the topic *“Crisis within Crisis: Domestic Violence”*

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एमसीएम डीएवी कॉलेज में जेंडर इक्विटी पर वेबिनार का आयोजन

श्रीमाना चतुर्वेदी

बिहार के महानगर डीएवी कॉलेज में प्रमुख के पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ सोसोलॉजी ने जेंडर इक्विटी मैटर्स इन द पेंडेमिक काडिस्ट्रिक्स एन ओवरलुक विषय पर एक राष्ट्रीय वेबिनार का आयोजन किया। इस वेबिनार में प्रोफेसर इंदिरा, जेंडर एक्सपर्ट, मैसूर युनिवर्सिटी की-नोट स्पोकर्स थी। एमसीएम डीएवी कॉलेज के सोसोलॉजी विभाग के सहायक प्रोफेसर डॉ भावना सूद और डॉ बिंदु डोगरा का भी सहभागिता इस वेबिनार में उपस्थित थी। इस जानकारी वेबिनार में देश भर से 110 से अधिक प्रतिभागियों ने पंजीकरण करवा। अपने उद्घाटन संबोधन में, प्राचार्य डॉ निशा भार्गव ने कहा कि यह वेबिनार को समकालीन प्रासंगिक बताने हुए कहा कि इस महामारी की स्थिति ने जेंडर इक्विटी के मुद्दे को एक बार फिर से उठाया है तथा समाज में व्याप्त असमानताओं को और बढ़ा दिया है। लिंगानुपात, राजघर, संवैध विरासत आदि उदाहरणों के माध्यम से जेंडर इक्विटी के संबंध में सिद्धांत और कार्यात्मकता के बीच खाती अंतर को उजागर करते हुए डॉ भार्गव ने जेंडर इक्विटी के लिए खड़े में उचित समाधान निकालने हेतु सामूहिक प्रयास पर जोर दिया। प्रो अर इंदिरा ने अपने बीच प्रकाश में महामारी के प्रभाव का अध्ययन जेंडर एंगल से करने की आवश्यकता पर जोर देते हुए कहा क्योंकि इसका प्रभाव अलग-अलग स्तरों पर अलग अलग तरीके महसूस किया जाता है।

January, 2021 onwards

1. Webinar on the topic “Women in the changing world of Communication”, संचार की बदलती दुनिया में स्त्री on 6th February 2021.

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for women Chandigarh under the aegis of Post Graduate Department of Sociology and Women Development Cell of the College organized a webinar on topic “Women in the changing world of Communication”, dated 6th February 2021. Resource person for the webinar was **Prof. Dhananjai Chopra**, Course Coordinator, Centre of Media Studies, University of Allahabad. Webinar gave the platform to explore the role of women in the changing world of communication. Also, it well explained the phrase “communication works for those who work at it.” Prof Dhanajai explained the importance of storytelling in the digital world of communication and appraised the participants about blog and its content formation. He also deliberated about podcast which can be used as community forum to upload digital audio files. The webinar was highly motivating and interactive in nature. Approx. 50 participants attended the webinar including faculty from various colleges.

वीमेन इन चेंजिंग वर्ल्ड ऑफ कम्प्युनिकेशन पर वेबिनार



चण्डीगढ़ (हिमाप्रभा ब्यूरो)। मेहर चंद महाजन डीएवी कॉलेज फॉर वुमन के पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ सोशोलॉजी और वीमेन डवलपमेंट सेल ने वीमेन इन चेंजिंग वर्ल्ड ऑफ कम्प्युनिकेशन शीर्षक पर एक वेबिनार का आयोजन किया। इस वेबिनार में इलाहाबाद के सेंटर फॉर मीडिया स्टडीज के कोर्स कोर्डीनेटर प्रो धनंजय चोपड़ा बतौर मुख्य वक्ता उपस्थित थे। वर्तमान समय में संचार माध्यमों के तीव्र एवं बदलते स्वरूप में महिलाओं की भूमिका पर चर्चा के उद्देश्य से आयोजित इस वेबिनार को कम्प्युनिकेश वार्क्स फॉर दोस हू वार्क्स फॉर इट वाक्यांश के साथ प्रारम्भ करते हुए, प्रो धनंजय ने संचार की डिजिटल दुनिया में कहानी के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला। विशेषज्ञ

ने प्रतिभागियों को ब्लॉग और इसके लिए उपयुक्त सामग्री के संकलन से अवगत कराया। उन्होंने पॉडकास्ट के बारे में भी प्रतिभागियों को समुचित जानकारी दी जिसमें कि डिजिटल ऑडियो फाइलों को अपलोड कर के सामुदायिक मंच के लिए इस्तेमाल किया जा सकता है। इस आयोजन में विभिन्न कॉलेजों के शिक्षकों सहित 50 से अधिक प्रतिभागियों ने हिस्सा लेकर अपने ज्ञान व कौशल को संवर्धित किया।

कॉलेज की प्रिंसिपल डॉ निशा भार्गव ने समाजशास्त्र विभाग की इस अनूठी पहल की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि यह एक स्थापित तथ्य है कि महिलाएं बेहतर संचारक हैं इसलिए संचार के बदलते परिदृश्य में उनकी भूमिका को पूरी तरह से समझने की जरूरत है।

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इस आयोजन में विभिन्न कॉलेजों के शिक्षकों सहित 50 से अधिक प्रतिभागियों ने

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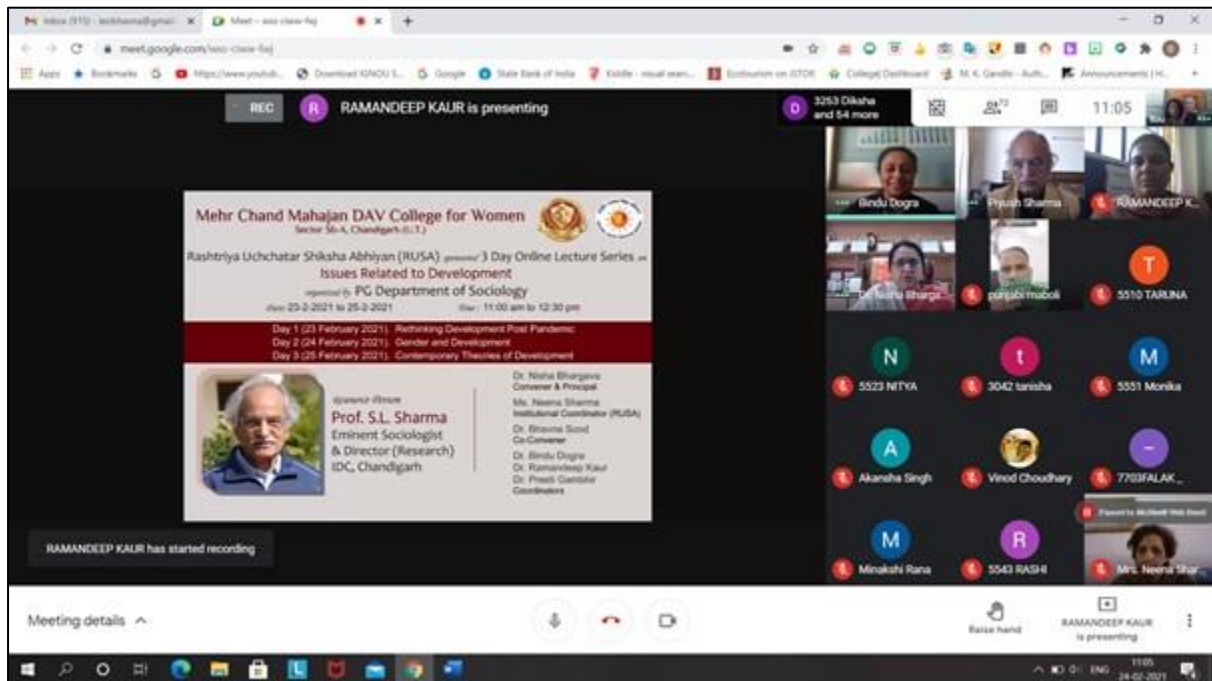
2. Three Day Lecture series on Issues related to Development'

A three day *Lecture series* titled 'Issues related to Development' was organised by Post Graduate Department of Sociology under aegis of Rastriya Uchchar Siksha Abhiyan (RUSA), MCM DAV College For Women from 23rd February to 25th February 2021. The resource person for the Lectures was eminent sociologist Prof S.L. Sharma, Director (Research) IDC, Chandigarh.

Day 1: 23rd February 2021: Rethinking Development post Pandemic was title of the first day lecture. The Lecture was introduced by RUSA Coordinator of the College, Dr Neena Sharma. She opened the event the argument with appreciation for the topical issue of development and related debates.

Dr SL Sharma began his lecture with the argument that theme of development is of perpetual importance. But pandemic has challenged several positions related to development. Under the current scenario he focussed on three issues: understanding development and related critique of development; impact of COVID on development and rethinking development as a paradigm.

According to Dr Sharma, pandemic has affected and is going to affect economy, public health, education and has shattered the life world at global level. As a sociologist, he questioned both economic centric and ecological sustainable models of development reiterating a need for development model supporting social structural transformation. Social harmony can be ensured only when issues related to social order is addressed.



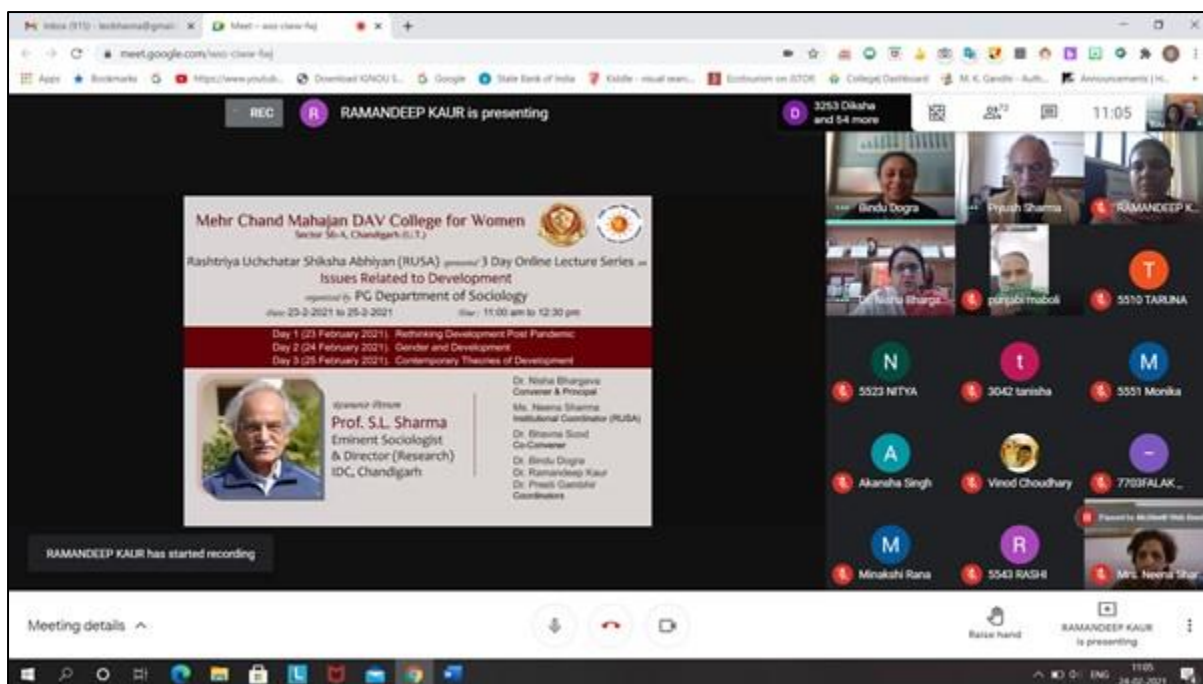
Day 2: 24th February 2021: Gender and Development was theme of lecture on the second day. The second day started with observation by honourable Principle Dr Nisha Bhargawa. Dr Bhargava contended that the current development model has failed to benefit women as several human rights are not even available to them. Women are way behind in all dimensions of society and unbalanced sex ratio of India is evidence of that.

Dr SL Sharma's lecture raised three issues related to women and development: Do women find place in development discourse, if not then why and what could be the resolution to the problem. He presented theoretical discourse of feminist scholars like gender justice perspective and gender empowerment perspective that have dwelled on the above questions. Patriarchy manifests itself in forms of sex based division of labour, sexual servility and power structure in terms of decision making. He suggested that in politics, statist, in economy capitalism and in society patriarchy are three structures that needed to be questioned to usher equality of genders.

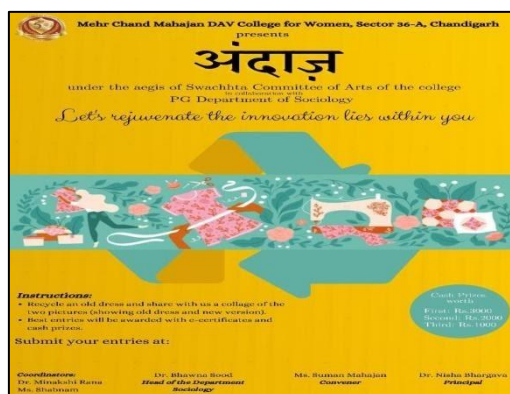


Day 3: 25th February 2021: Day three of the lecture dwelled on the contemporary theories of development- neo liberalist and statist. Both the theories suffer from lacuna and emphasize on developmental model that neglected human development. The development model that has been followed has been myopic and led to social degradation and value decadence in society. The development has in fact led to more poverty, disparity and inequality at intra-national and international levels. The growing prosperity is of classes and the large masses still remain impoverished. This model of development is yet to find answer.

Dr Sharma concluded that we need a development which has to be human-centric and humane. The series ended with vote of thanks by Dr Bhavna Sood. She thanked Dr Sharma for raising pertinent questions and important dimensions of development in the time of pandemic.



3. **Andaaz: A National Level Competition to Promote Recycling of Old clothes** was organized by the department in collaboration with Swachhta Committee of the College on 18th March, 2021. The objective was to promote recycling of old clothes. In order to promote recycling of old clothes, a national level competition was held where more than 62 participants from all over the nation took part with enthusiasm. The participants used beautifully old shirts, kurtis, denims and bed sheets to create amazing articles like cushion cover, party dress, door mat etc.



Results:

We are overwhelmed with the talent being visible in the entries received nationwide. **No. of Participants: 62**

The **Judges: Ms. Jyotsana, Dr. Bhavna Sood & Dr. Harjot Mann**
We declare the result as follows.

First place

Sakshi
Student

DKTE Society's Textile & Engineering Institute, Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra



Second Place (Two winners)

Naman Chopra

Student

Mehr Chand Mahajan College for Women



Pranjali Gururaj Vaidya

Dkte'society textile and engineering institute

Maharashtra



Third Place (Two winners)

Preeti

Student

Govt. Homescience. College sec 10

Chandigarh



Pooja
 Student
 Govt. Home science. College sec 10
 Chandigarh



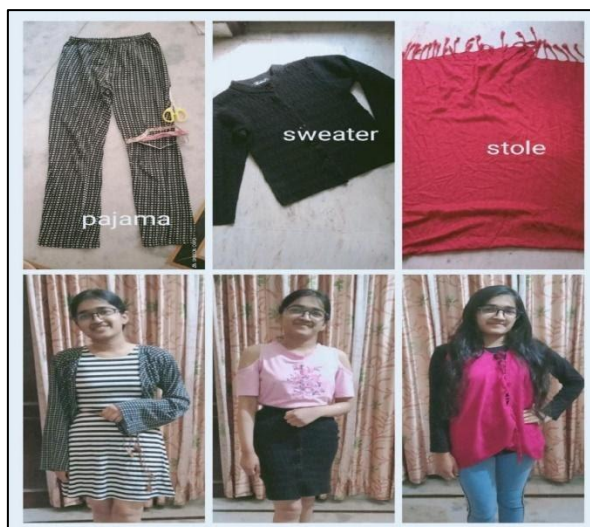
Consolation (Two winners)
Nancy Garg
 MCM DAV College for Women Chandigarh



Swasti

Student

MCM DAV College for Women



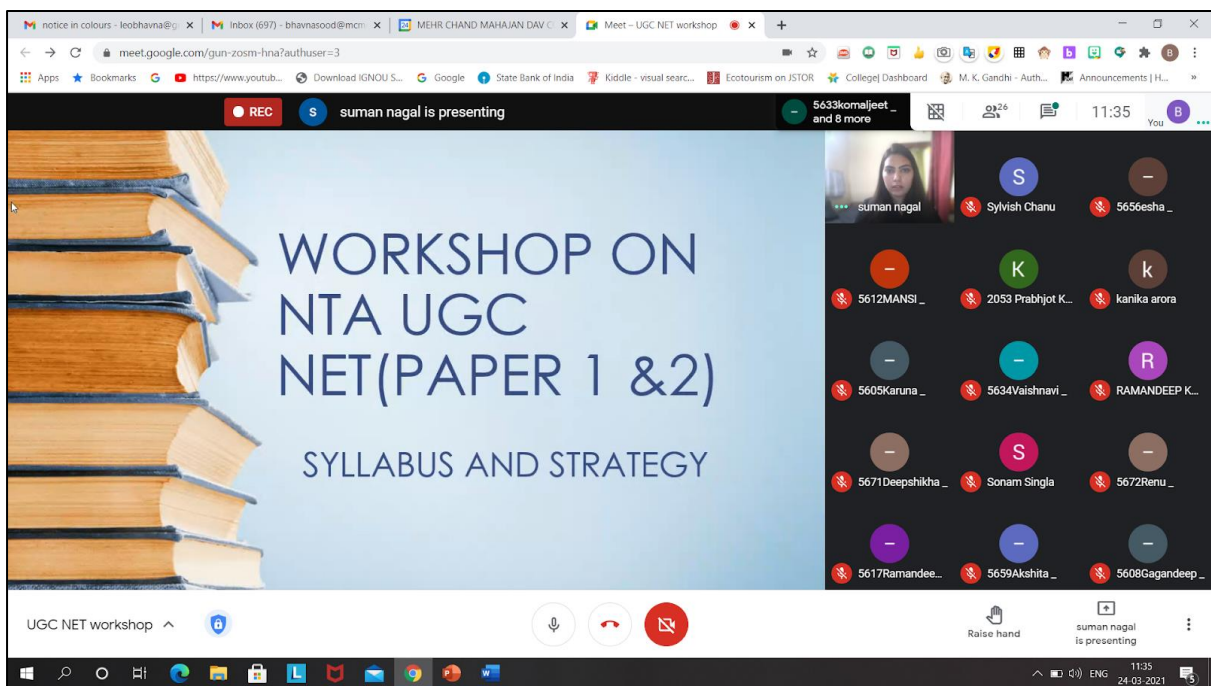
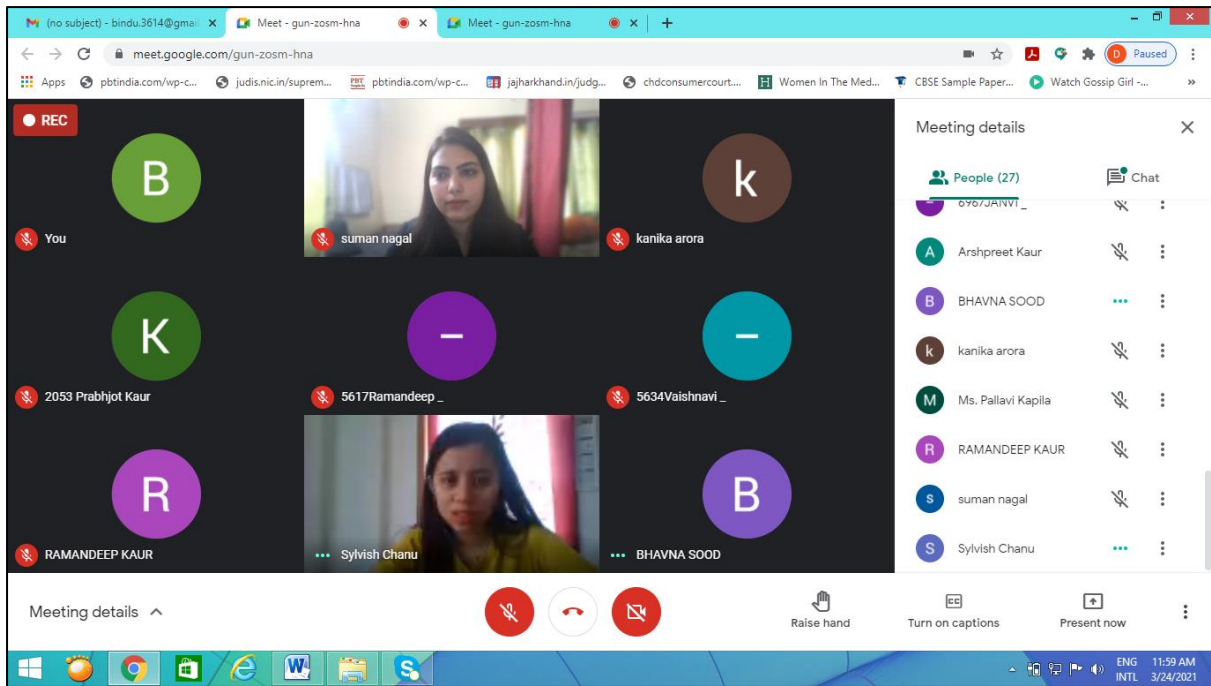
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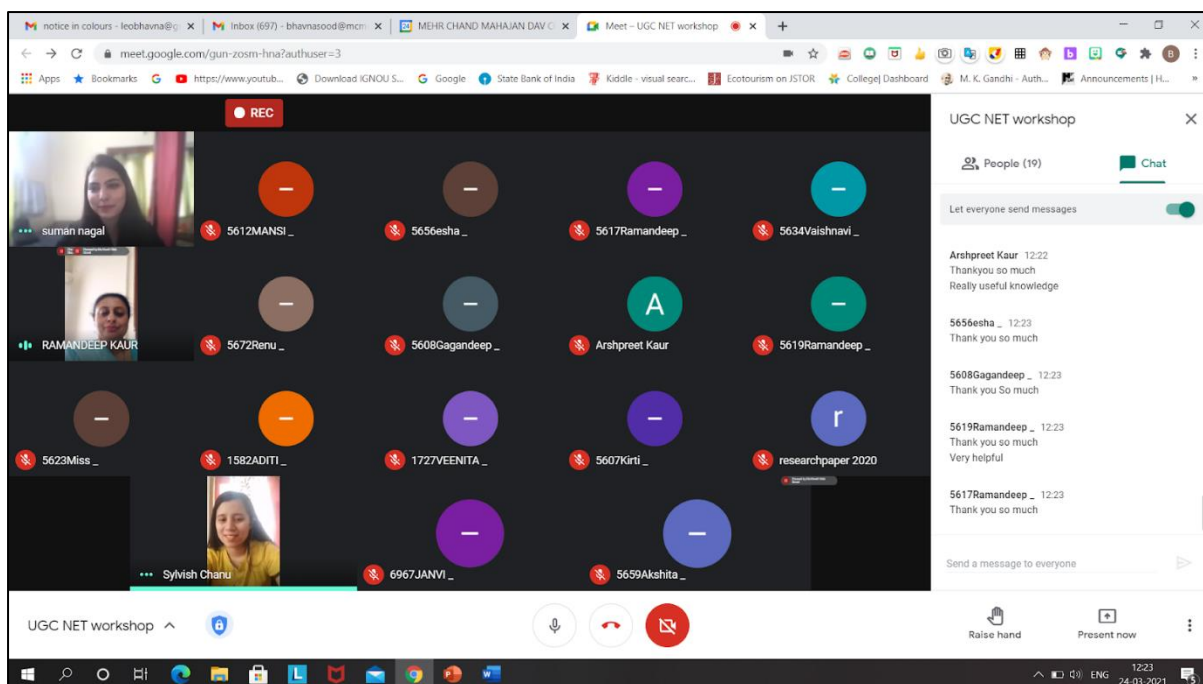
Every year the department organizes a workshop on dealing with the tips to crack UGC NET by the students who have cleared it recently. Last year we had three students and this year it was conducted by two students Ms Suman Bizla and Ms Sylvish on 24th March, 2021.

1. The session began with Suman Bizla who gave a presentation by highlighting the following points in the workshop of NTA UGC NET held by the Department of Sociology Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh:

- Syllabus of sociology(05)
- strategy I followed to crack NTA UGC NET
- Time management
- Sources
- Pattern of exam

2. Sylvish on the other hand discussed the syllabus of Paper-1 of NTA UGC NET exam were discussed. The sources that she followed for paper 1 and Paper-2 were also discussed. Main focus of her discussion was her preparation strategy. Understanding the topics mentioned in the syllabus is crucial in cracking any examination. Analysing past year questions is of utmost importance so that preparation can be done along the lines of the exam. Certain concepts asked are also repetitive. Note making can also be done for easy revision in the proximity of exams. To know the gist of the exam (the exam is going to be online), mock tests available at the NTA website can also be practiced. There are many materials online which students can effectively utilise for their preparation. Ignou study materials for both BA and MA are very good. Mock test for Paper 1 is available on an app called Grade Up. Daily quizzes are also given which can be practised on a regular basis. The session was attended by 34 students and 8 faculty members.





5. ONE DAY WEBINAR ON SIGNIFICANT PROVISIONS FOR WOMEN IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

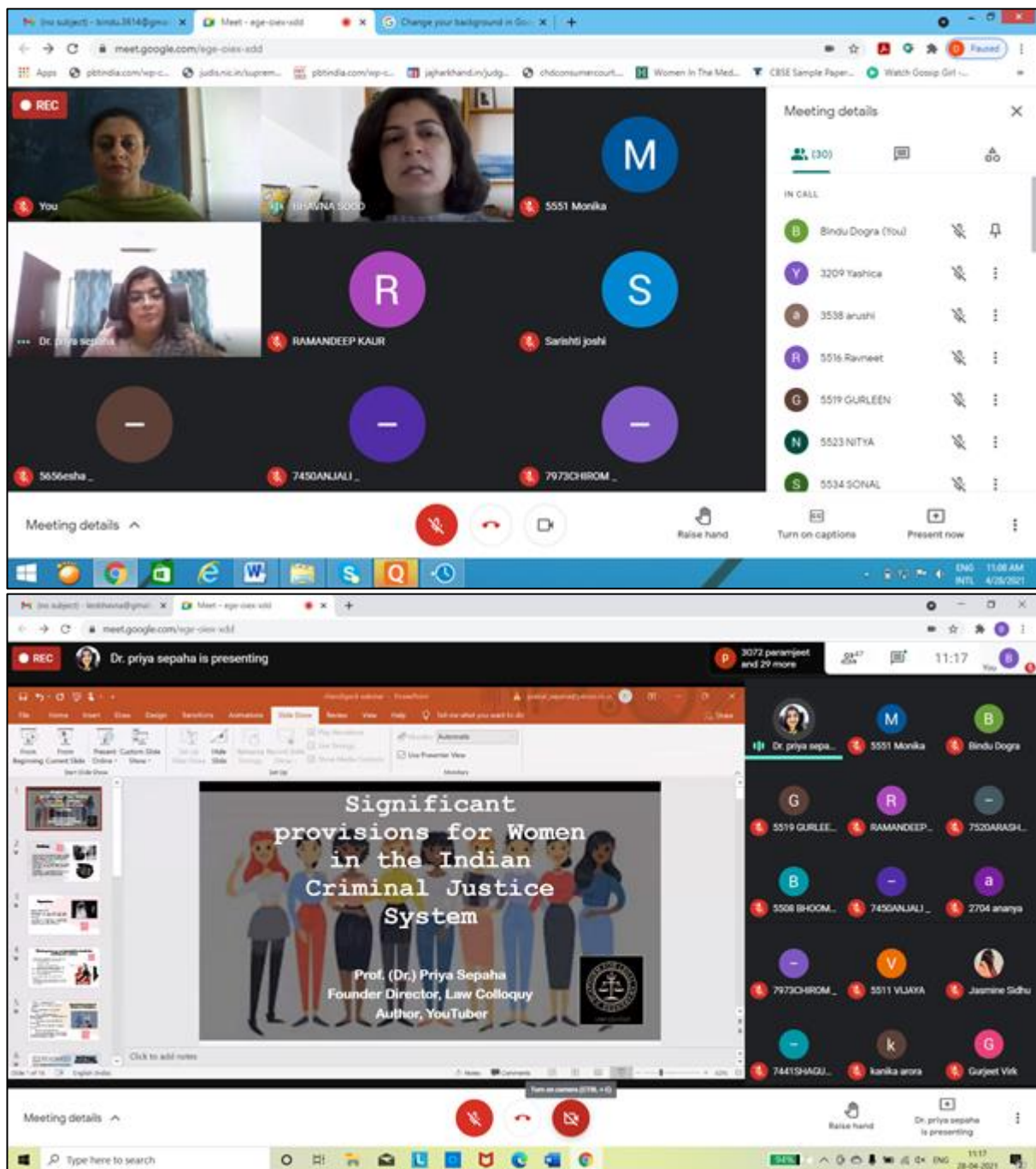
One Day Webinar titled “Significant Provisions for women in the Criminal Justice System” was organised by Post Graduate Department of Sociology, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh in order to mark and celebrated Global “Denim Day” on 28th April, 2021. The resource person of the event was Professor Priya Sepaha, Founder and Director of a Start-up ‘Law Colloquy’. The webinar was coordinated by Dr. Bindu Dogra, Dr. Ramandeep Kaur and Dr. Gurjeet Virk Sidhu. The Webinar was attended by more than 50 participants.

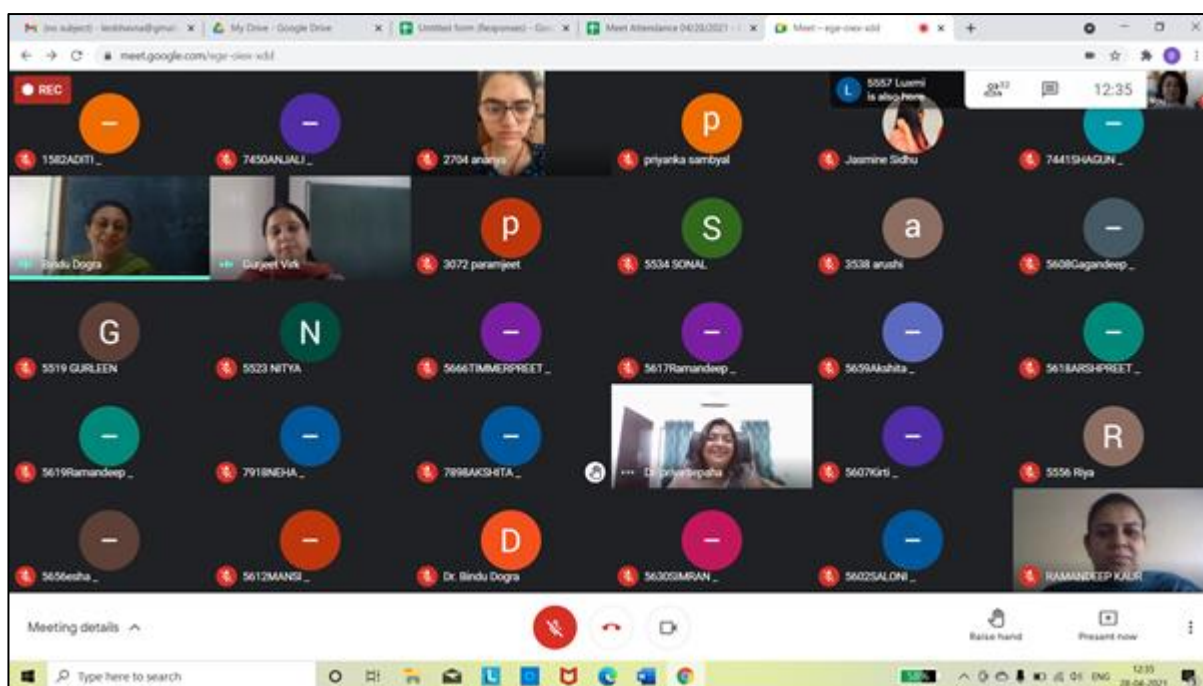
The session was opened by Dr. Bhavna Sood, Head, Post Graduate Department of Sociology who highlighted the achievements of the college and the department. Dr. Bindu Dogra introduced and welcomed Prof. (Dr.) Priya Sepaha and also highlighted the theme of the webinar and its relevance to Global Denim Day.

Prof. Sepaha introduced that our Indian legal system has provided many rights and special laws to protect women and keep on amending such laws from time to time. Prof. Priya began her lecture and mentioned that it was very evident and pertinent to remember the Nirbhaya Case i.e. a brutal gang rape case which was held in the year 2013 and after that various amendments has been made in the Indian legal system and especially in India Penal code for women. Some of the provisions for the women in criminal law have been made specifically for her and which every woman should know. She defined and explained the significant provisions for women specifically in criminal law which protect women in India like Stalking, voyeurism, Word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a women, Acid attacks, Sexual harassment of women at workplace etc. Prof Sepaha elaborated offline and online category of offences with special reference to sexual harassment of women at workplace. She provided valuable information regarding the punishments; penalties or fines relevant in the respective provisions as well guided the right directions to be adopted during the proceeding with regard to these provisions.

Prof. Sepaha concluded her lecture by suggesting that in this modern era of life it is a really a need of hour to be aware about these special provisions as these were generally made to prevent and protect women in India. Her informative and interesting presentation kept the participants attentive.

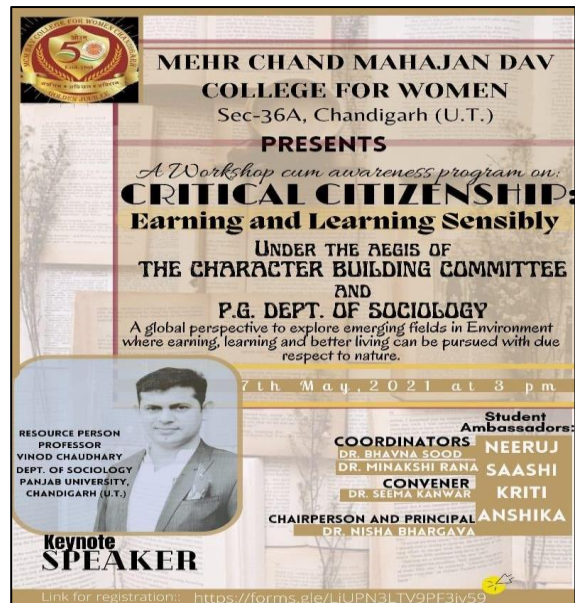
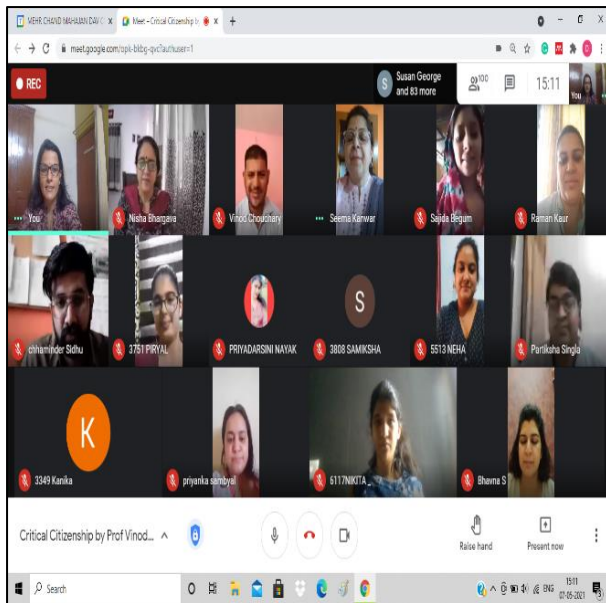
At last, the webinar concluded by Dr. Gurjeet Virk Sidhu thanking the college Principal madam, resource person, faculty members as well as students for making this webinar successful. The webinar was attended by faculty members of the department as well as more than fifty students.





6. The department organized a session on “Critical Citizenship- Earning and Learning Sensibly: A workshop cum Awareness Program” in collaboration with the Character Building Committee on 7th May, 2021

The Resource Person for the session was Dr Vinod Chaudhary from the Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh. He is a naturalist and worked on several national and international work fronts to promote working and studying while staying close to nature. The participants were encouraged to develop an amalgamation of civic sense with scientific aptitude through the webinar. Prof. Vinod mentioned how the cultivation of some eco-friendly plants like bamboos, hemp and vitrati grass can help not only re-storing the ecological balance but also offers lucrative earning opportunities. Dr Nisha Bhargava, principal said that the theme of critical citizenship has profound contemporary relevance because the present lifestyles and living mechanisms have by passed sustainable development. Humans are busy in a mindless plunder of natural resources without bothering about their conservation and rejuvenation. The human beings have created forests of concrete and contaminating air, land and water resources. In the process we are damaging our precious lifelines. At such a time, it becomes even more relevant to organize this workshop. She appreciated this initiative and further mentioned that the college is continuously working for the betterment of the society. Towards the end, Dr. Bhavna Sood presented a concluding note on the workshop to highlight the main inputs from the session for the audience and Dr. Seema Kanwar, Convener, Character Building Committee offered formal vote of thanks with a thought provoking poem on Nature to the honourable principal ma'am, resource person Prof Vinod Kumar Chaudhary, participants and the organizing team wholeheartedly. More than 100 people including 8 faculty members, professionals, and research scholars participated from all over India and from different parts of world like Jordan, Philippines, Pakistan, Ghana, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka to name a few countries.



7. Two-day Lecture Series on "Sociology for India" by Prof B.K.Nagla

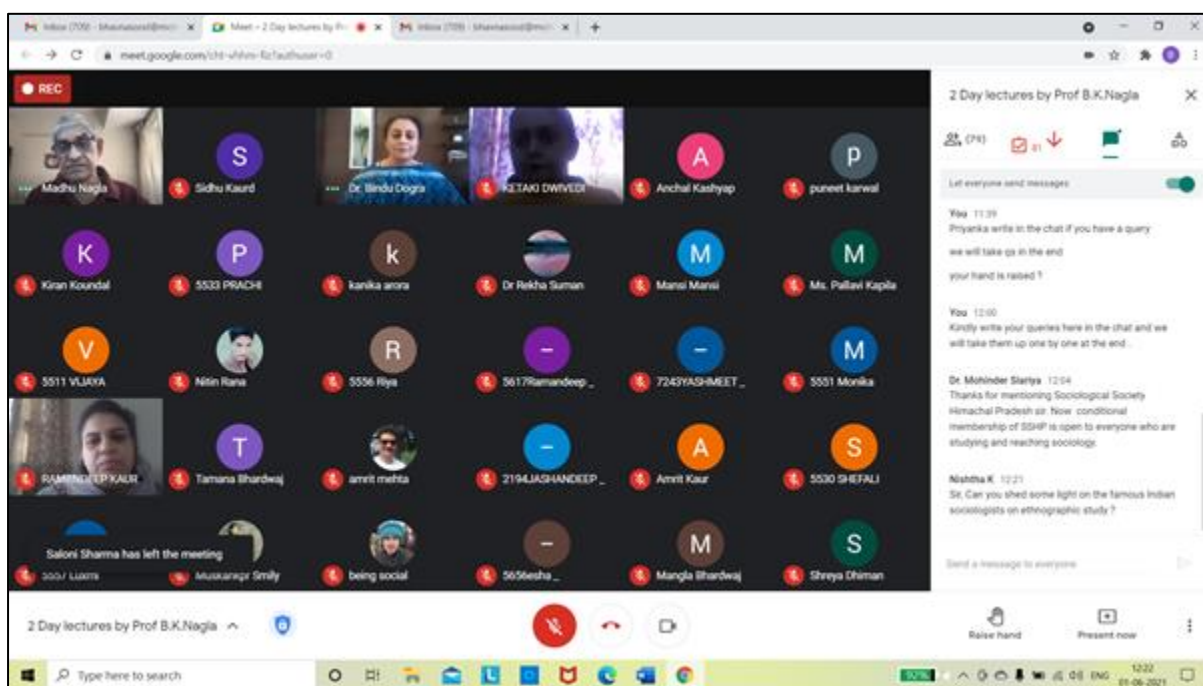
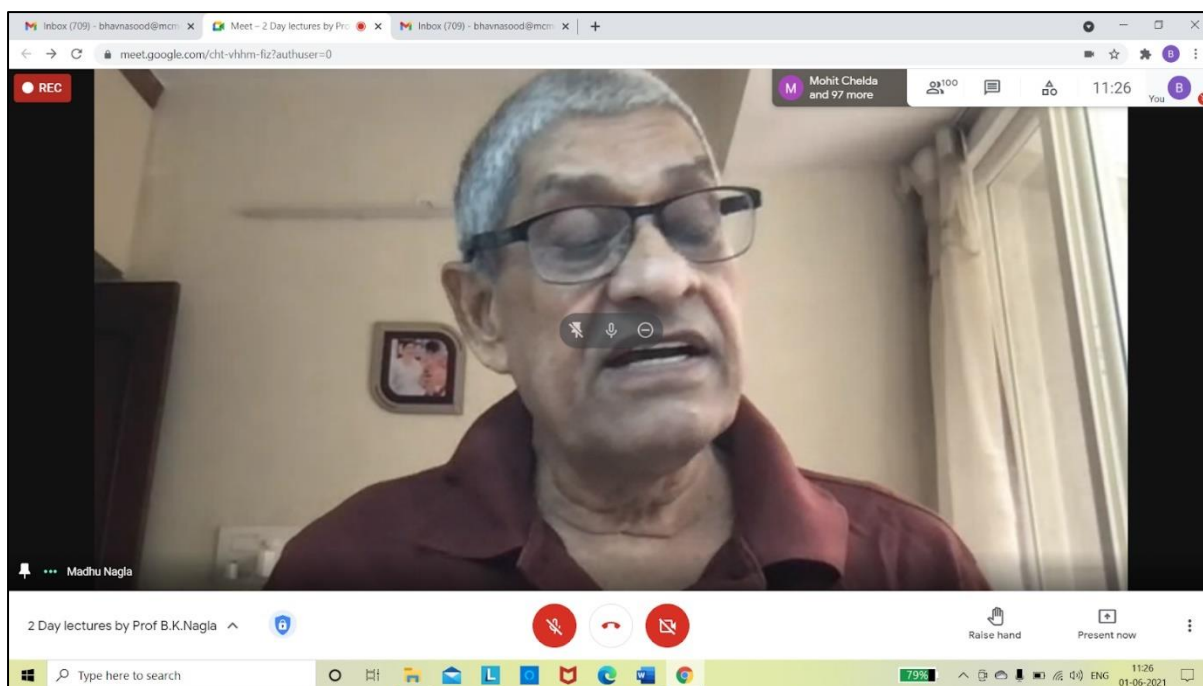
Post Graduate Department of Sociology organised a Two-day Lecture Series on 1st and 2nd June 2021 titled Emergence and Development of Sociology in India and Sociology for India. The resource person for the Lecture series was Prof BK Nagla. Several deliberations were made by Prof Nagla. The event was appreciated by the Principal Dr Nisha Bhargava as apt for the time and excellent for the students.

Day 1: 1st June 2021: Emergence and Development of Sociology In India

The event started with Dr Bhavna Sood, Head of the Department, introducing of the College and highlighting the achievements of the department. The welcome note was delivered by Dr Bindu Dogra. Prof Nagla began his lecture with tracing of development of Sociology in different phases: from ancient Indian texts like Vedas, Puranas, Smritis, the colonial discourse and Indological studies to the post-independence evolution through the contributions of sociologists like GS Ghurye, Radha Kamal Mukherjee, DP Mukherjee, MN Srinivas and Yogendra Singh. He also explained important sociological concepts like Sanskritisation, Westernisation and dominant caste that have been useful epistemological tools for sociology. He also discussed several inter-disciplinary influences on the emergence of sociology as an independent academic discipline in India.

Brief summary of development of sociology department in various parts of the country was also given.

Prof Nagla was critical of Indian sociologists for neglecting pathological issues and focussing only on convenient themes in their studies. He called for supporting academic honesty by the sociologists rather than on self-interest.

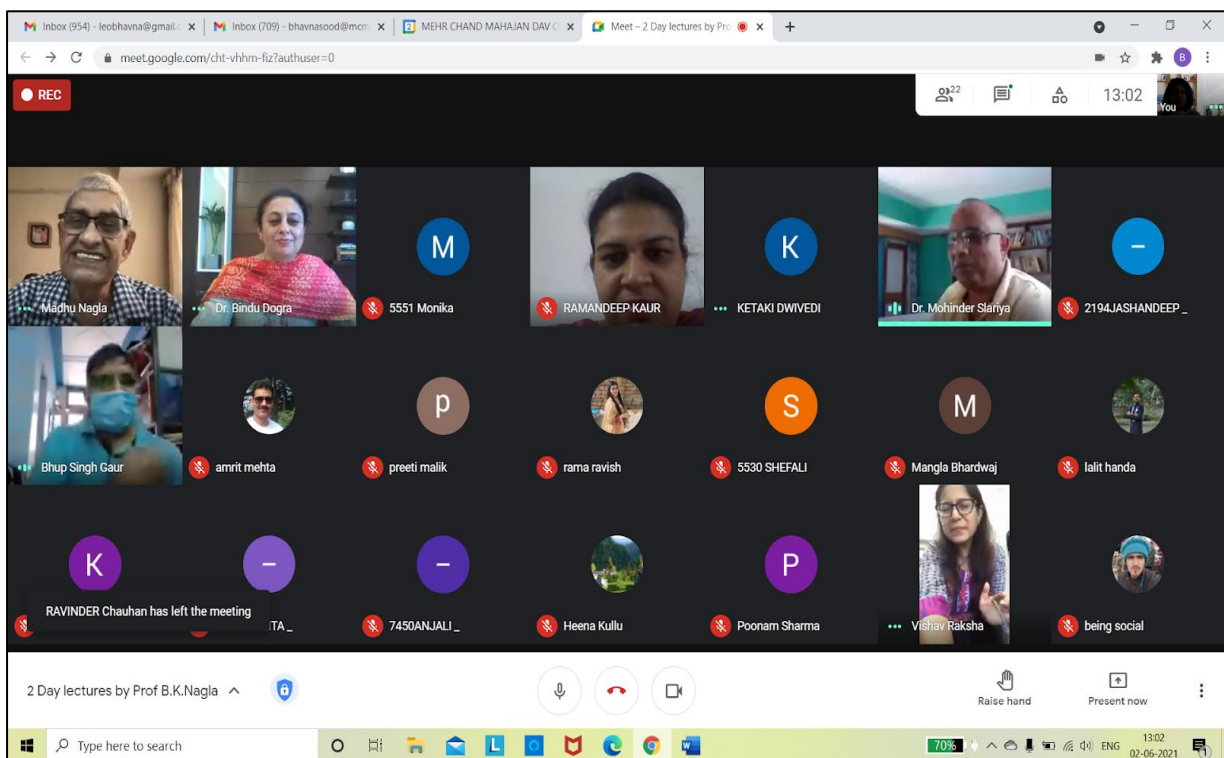
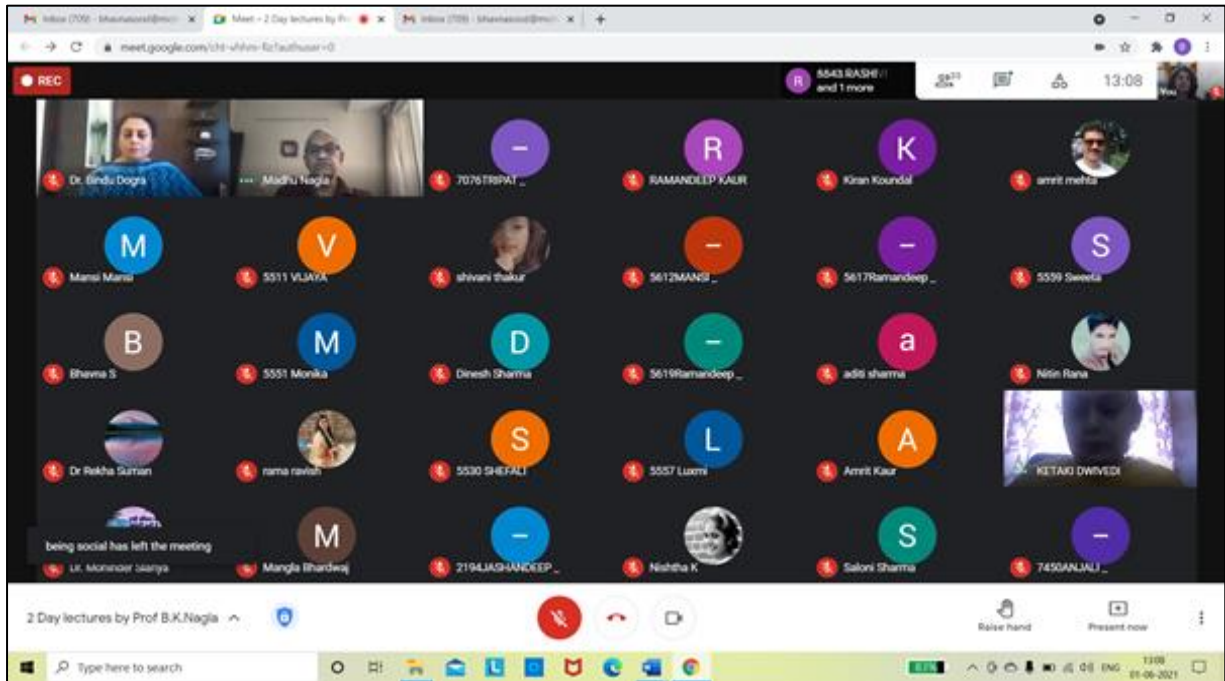


Day 2: 2nd June 2021: Sociology for India

On the second day Prof Nagla explained colonial and administrative perspectives and evolutionary approach shaped the cognitive and paradigmatic themes of Indian sociology. The reformatory rationality has been largely informed by the Western Sociology. He highlighted absence of any general theory development in Indian Sociology and slow professionalization of sociology in India. The village studies according to him largely were structural and functional in 1960s-70s and dialectical in 1970s onwards, clearly showed the popular thought of the times. Prof. Nagla pointed out towards need to update our courses and syllabi as per the current context. In the era of specialisation, Sociology in India has been somewhat unable to cope. Through updated research and teaching only contextualised

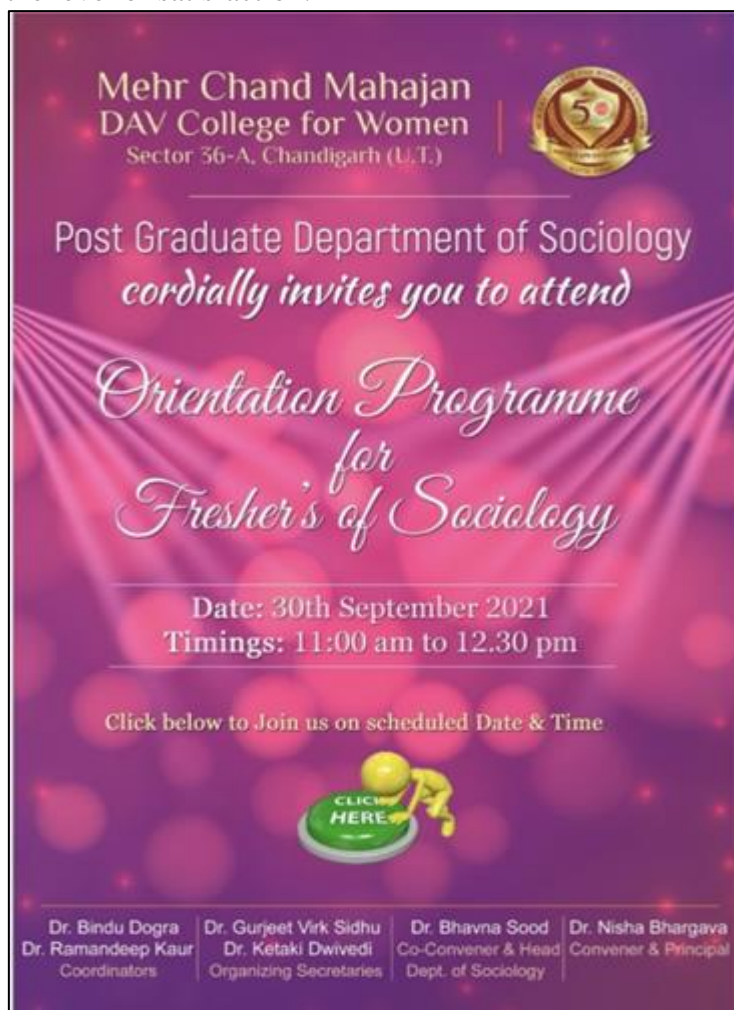
discipline can be called Sociology for India. There is also need to overcome colonial ideology and go for Indenisation of Sociology.

The event saw enthusiastic participation by students, faculty members as well as outside participants. The event ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr Ketaki Dwivedi.



8. Orientation Program, 30th September, 2021

The PG department of Sociology organises every year an orientation program in the beginning of the academic session for the freshers of undergraduate and post-graduate classes of Sociology. this year it was organized online on 30th September, 2021. Dr. Bhavna Sood and Dr Bindu Dogra presented the departmental achievements in the past few years. The department has been actively involved in conducting various skill, training and career oriented programs aiming holistic development of the students including visits to nearby villages for menstrual health and hygiene awareness programs, trips to local places of historical importance, self-defence training and cyber safety initiatives and also events focussing on combating with various mental health issues. Further, Dr Ketaki mentioned the vision of the college for ensuring academic excellence and holistic development of the students. Then, Ms Akansha Singh, a student of MA SOC final year beautifully explained the origin and scope of the discipline of Sociology. Various queries of the students were taken up by the faculty members during the session. The students were very excited to meet the members of the department on the virtual platform and established an affectionate bond. Towards the end, Dr Gurjeet Virk Sidhu delivered formal vote of thanks. She expressed gratitude to the organising team for conducting such a relevant session where students could take up their various doubts related to curriculum and career. She thanked the students to be part of such a meaning event and wished them all the luck for the future endeavours. The students asked their queries related to curriculum and career to the faculty members which were answered to the level of satisfaction.



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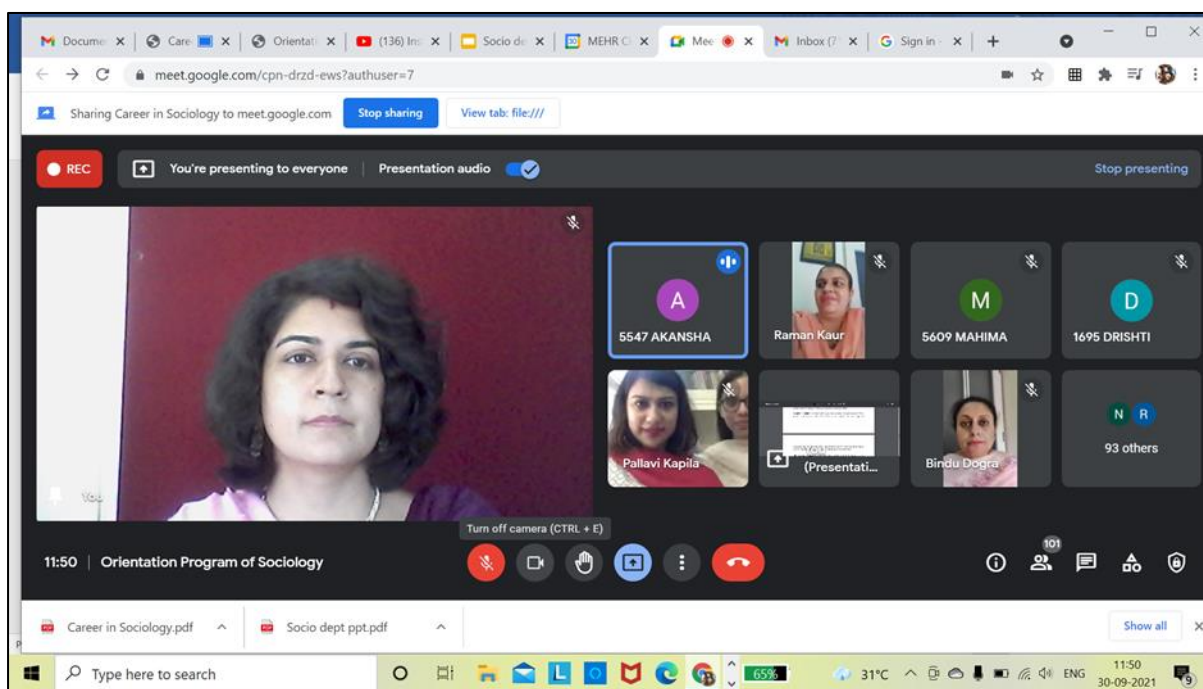
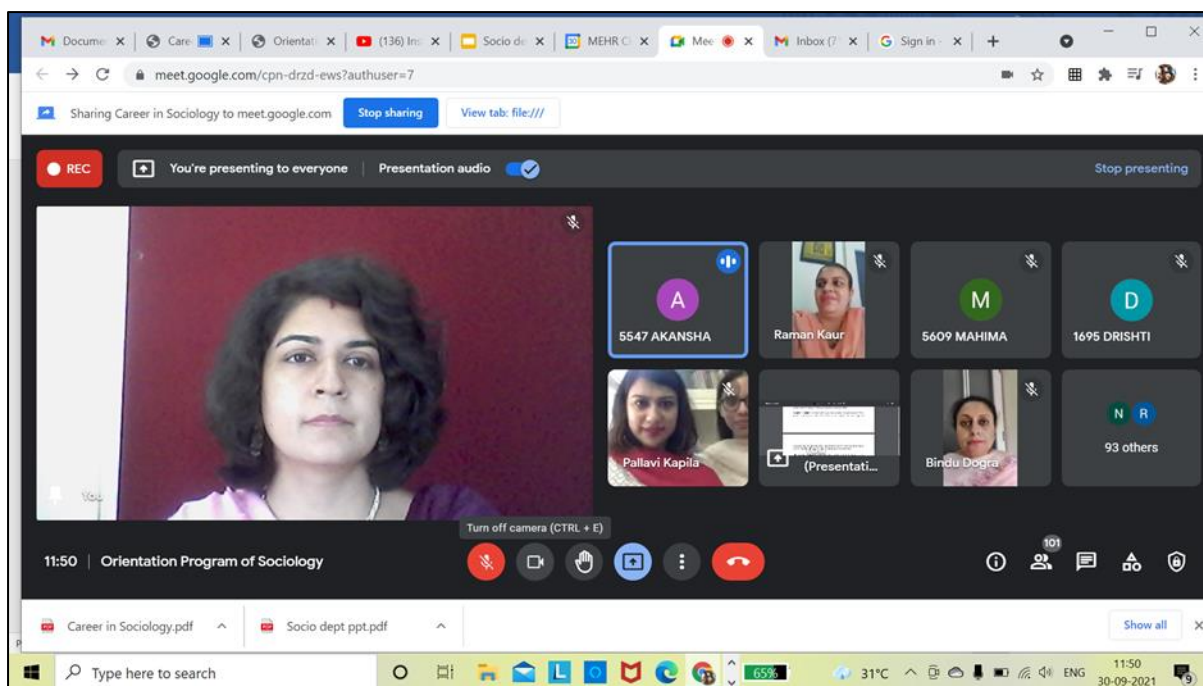
*Orientation Programme
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9. An international discourse on Sociology of Health by Professor Allen Furr on 5th October, 2021

The PG department of Sociology organised an international discourse on Sociology of Health with special reference to work-life balance challenges for women in the era of digitalization On 5th October, 2021.. Allen Furr, Professor Emeritus in Sociology, Auburn University, USA was the resource person. Prof Furr is the Emeritus Professor of Sociology in Auburn University. He did his Ph D from the State University of Louisiana in 1986 and thereafter remained faculty and taught medical sociology in top American Universities. Besides, being

the faculty, he also chaired the Department of Sociology in University of Louisville from 2004-2010 and then in Auburn University from 2010-16.

Prof Allen mentioned that digitization the application of technology to disseminate information. In the era of globalization, almost all fields of work have adopted digital mode even during the pandemic of COVID-19, educational institutions were compelled to use online mode of teaching and learning. He furthered mentioned that, work-life balance indicates how effectively one can manage all the domains of work without any personal and emotional stress. The digital world has put extreme pressure of performance and availability on the workforce. In our society, women's self-identity is more related to household work and care of family members and due to pressure of work on digital platform, women are vulnerable to stress, anxiety and depression more in comparison to men. People suffer from the chronic techno stress and feel emotionally distant while working on gadgets in isolation. The participants asked Prof Allen about how to strike a balance in personal and social domain as internet has become an essential part of daily lives. Prof Allen suggested try to stay disconnected for the time being and spend quality time with family and dear ones to stay mentally healthy and professionally more focused.

Dr Nisha Bhargava appreciated the initiative of PG department of Sociology. She mentioned that digital platform has eased out dissemination of information and processing of data but physical interaction and quality time with family is still very much relevant for the emotional vigour and professional excellence. More than 100 participants thanked the organizers for arranging such an informative and relevant session with the help of feedback form. Further, many participants expressed their gratitude through comments in the YouTube chat box and Google meet Chat Box.

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An International Discourse on
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Auburn University, USA

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