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## Interactive Session on What is Food: Sociology of Consumption

The Post Graduate department of Sociology organised an Interactive Session on “What is Food: Sociology of Consumption” on **20<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2023**. Dr. Vinod Kumar Chaudhary, Chairperson, Department of Sociology, Panjab University was the guest speaker. He is not just an expert in the field of Sociology of Environment but also an avid environmental activist. He is extensively working in the field of innovative and sustainable agricultural practices in Punjab and Haryana.

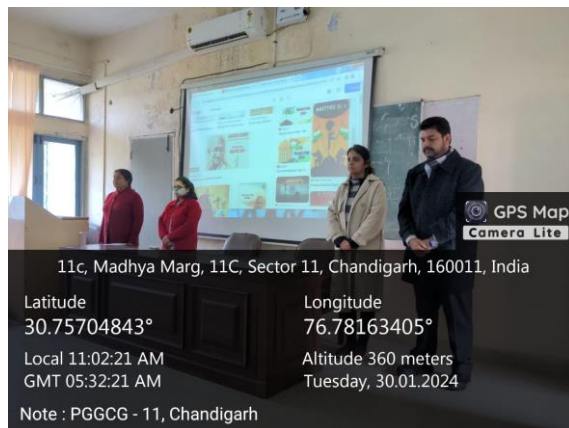
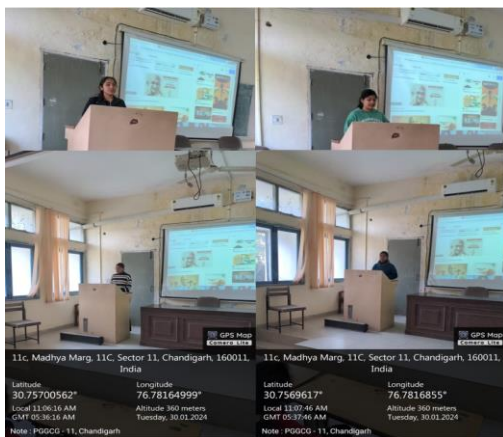


Dr. Manoj Kumar gave a formal welcome to the Head, PG Department of Sociology Prof. Renu Trikha and the chief guest Dr. Vinod Kumar. The programme commenced by recitation of Vedic chants by Prof. Renu Trikha. Mr. Ajay Sharma, Dean, Prof. Guneeta Chaddha, Vice Principal, faculty members from various departments and **more than 110 students** attended the session. Dr. Vinod Kumar apprised the audience regarding issues related with food production and consumption. He busted various myths regarding our everyday food habits. He advised the audience to change their eating habits and not fall prey to junk food and stay close to nature. Overall, his talk was very enriching and engaging.

The queries of the students were adequately addressed. Ms. Diksha Sharma, the class representative, MA II, Sociology proposed a vote of thanks. The event concluded with an interaction with the Principal, Prof. Anita Kaushal. She congratulated the department for organizing the talk on such a relevant subject.

## Observance of Martyrs' Day

The Post Graduate department of Sociology organised observed the Martyrs' Day on 30<sup>th</sup> Janaury, 2024. Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, is also remembered on Martyrs' Day or Shaheedi Diwas, who was assassinated on that day. On this day, the Nation salutes all the freedom fighters for their sacrifice during the Indian Freedom Movement. The event commenced by the address of Prof. (Dr.) Renu Trikha, Head of the Department of Sociology. She remembered the contribution of great freedom fighters and reflected on the importance of revering them. At 11:00 am, two minutes silence was observed to honour the Martyrs.



Students from B.A. and M.A. classes voluntarily spoke on the occasion and apprised the audience about the contribution of our great Martyrs in the freedom struggle.

Total 126 students from B.A. and M.A. classes and the faculty members of the department of Sociology attended the event.

## Screening of the Documentary Film, 'The Chhello Show'

The Documentary Film, 'The Chhello Show' was screened by the Post Graduate Department of Sociology on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. The event commenced by the address of Prof. Renu Trikha, Head of the Department of Sociology. She gave an overview on the theme of the documentary film.



'The Chhello Show' is a 2021 Indian Gujarati-language coming-of-age drama film directed by Pan Nalin. The story is about the aspiration of a child belonging to the underprivileged section of society. His life struggle is exemplary in motivating the students in moving ahead in life despite all odds. Total 120 students from B.A. and M.A. classes and the faculty members of the department of Sociology attended the event.

## Lecture on Career in the Civil Services

The Post Graduate Department of Sociology organised a lecture on 'Career in the Civil Services' on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The event commenced by welcoming the guest speaker, Sh. Abhishek Vashishtha, an IPS officer (Punjab cadre), by Prof. (Dr.) Renu Trikha, Head of the Department of Sociology.

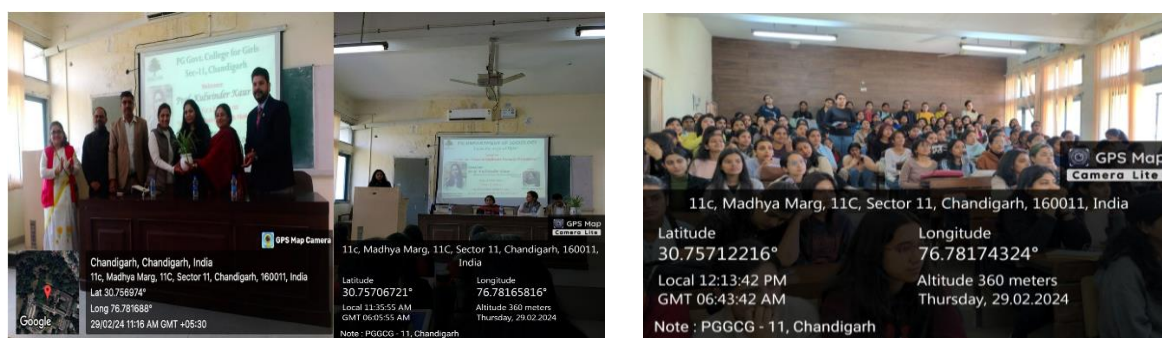


Sh. Abhishek Vashishtha is an esteemed officer. He successfully cleared the UPSC civil services examination in the year 2020 and was allocated the Indian Revenue Service, and in the year 2022, he once again emerged triumphant in the UPSC civil services examination and got Indian Police Service (IPS). He shared his experience of clearing the UPSC exam twice, the challenges he faced and most importantly the motivation that led him towards his goal.

He explained the details of the exam and the nuances of all the stages, preliminary, mains, and interview. He encouraged the students to stay focused on their goals and how they could pursue their studies without stress. A total of 127 students from B.A. and M.A. classes and the faculty members of the department of sociology attended the event. His talk was engaging and interactive; students enthusiastically asked questions, to which he meticulously replied.

## Lecture on Issues in Qualitative Research Methodology

The Post Graduate Department of Sociology organized an extension lecture on 'Issues in Qualitative Research Methodology' on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Prof. Kulwinder Kaur from Jamia, Millia, Islamia University, New Delhi was the guest speaker, professor in the Department of Sociology and Honorary Director, Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations at Jamia, Millia, Islamia University. Prof. Kulwinder is an eminent sociologist with a multi-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary orientation. Her expertise is urban sociology, media studies, gender and religion. She has an illustrious academic career with decades of working experience at prestigious universities in India and abroad. She was a visiting fellow at Harvard University and the SOAS University of London. Dr. Manoj Kumar formally introduced Prof. Kulwinder Kaur and Prof. Renu Trikha, Head of the Department of Sociology welcomed her.



In her lecture, Prof. Kulwinder deliberated on the foundations of qualitative research methodology. She discussed the epistemological and ontological stance of sociology, the relationship between method and theory, and several theoretical perspectives that are relevant to the qualitative research methodology. She provided examples from her own research projects to simplify complex concepts. She also discussed how commonsense knowledge sometimes overlaps the sociological research and how can a researcher deal with it. She inspired the students to choose the research topics, they are passionate about, learn all the research techniques, and use the research methods that best address their research questions.

This was an interdisciplinary event, comprising students and faculty members from different departments of the college. A total of 136 undergraduate, postgraduate students and research scholars from the disciplines of Sociology, English, Economics and Public Administration participated in the event. They all eagerly participated and engaged in the discourse with Prof. Kulwinder.

## Extension Lecture and Debate Competition on the occasion of International Women’s Day

The Post Graduate Department of Sociology in collaboration with the Department of Sanskrit and the Department of Hindi organized an Extension Lecture on the topic “Women’s Discussion in the Context of Indian Culture” and a debate competition on ‘Is Male Dominated Society Responsible for the plight of Women?’ on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. Dr. Anuradha Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, Kamala Nehru College, and University of Delhi was the guest speaker.

The programme started with the Saraswati Vandana and Vedic chanting by the students. The speaker underlined that Indian cultural values are the best. She deliberated that we should embrace our culture and take pride in our identity.



The programme continued with the debate completion wherein a total of 18 students participated. The winners of the debate competition Ms. Ravaneet Kaur (1st Position) Ms. Rishika (2nd Position) and Ms. Palak (3rd Position) were honored by Ma’am Principal with trophies. The presidential address was given by Prof. Renu Trikha (HOD Sociology) and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Mohan Lal Jat (HOD Hindi). A total of 70 participants comprising faculty members and students of the departments of Sociology, Sanskrit and Hindi attended the event.