POST GRADUATE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR GIRLS, SECTOR-11, CHANDIGARH

Department of Sociology

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MA Orientation Program

The Department of Sociology, Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-11, Chandigarh, conducted an Orientation Program for MA students on 4th September, 2024, coinciding with the celebration of Teacher's Day. The event aimed to welcome the incoming batch of MA students and acquaint them with the department's culture. The event included interactive sessions where students had the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their aspirations.

Students also celebrated teacher's day and few cultural items were performed. Total 27 students from MA I and MA II and the faculty members from the department of Sociology participated in the event.

The Implementation of Three New Criminal Laws

The Post Graduate Department of Sociology in collaboration with Nostalgia (Alumni association) organised an expert talk on 'Implementation of Three New Criminal Laws' by Prof. Shipra Gupta, Dept. of Law, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 24th September 2024.

The session focused on the three newly introduced criminal laws and their implications for society and the legal framework of India. Prof. Gupta, a distinguished legal scholar and an alumna of the department, provided an in-depth analysis of the newly enacted laws and their potential impact on the Indian justice system. She highlighted key changes in areas such as criminal procedures focussing on gender neutrality, increased use of technology and the rights of the victim protection.

There was an active participation of students and the faculty members. Total 147 students of B.A. and M.A classes and the faculty members from various departments of the college attended the talk. The Dean and the Vice Principal of the college were also present in the event.

Talk on Power of Togetherness, Fostering Harmony in Our Communities

Under the aegis of IQAC, the Department of Sociology, in collaboration with the Department of Philosophy at Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh, organized an insightful talk titled *"Power of Togetherness: Fostering Harmony in Our Communities"* on 29th January 2025. Sh. Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Honourable Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities, Government of India, was the chief guest. The panelists included Ms. Anuradha S. Chagti, CSS, Secretary of Social Welfare; Prof. Pampa Mukherjee, Chairperson of the Department of Political Science; and Dr. Bharati Garg, Chairperson of the Department of Public Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

At the outset, Prof. Dr. Anita Kaushal, Principal of Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh, welcomed the esteemed guests and highlighted the importance of community bonding and collective efforts in fostering peace, understanding, and unity in the face of growing social challenges. She emphasized the need to bridge divides such as race, class, religion, and gender within communities.

Prof. Pampa Mukherjee discussed various aspects of togetherness and mutual support within communities, particularly in academia. She reflected on how, since colonial times, the collective strength of the masses fueled India's national movement for freedom. She also highlighted that achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and promoting global harmony in contemporary times is possible only through collaboration and unity. Dr. Bharati Garg set the perfect tone for the event by reciting a beautiful poem on inclusivity and humane values. She emphasized that throughout history, conflicts have often been resolved through togetherness and dialogue. She also acknowledged the contributions of minority communities, particularly Zoroastrians and other religious groups, in nation-building.

Ms. Anuradha S. Chagti focused on India's vast diversity and stressed that being non-judgmental and unbiased is key to harmonious coexistence. She encouraged young students to travel across the country and engage with people from different linguistic, caste, and religious backgrounds. She noted that such interactions help inculcate virtues of empathy, togetherness, and collectivity. She further emphasized that stepping out of one's comfort zone is essential to gaining a rational understanding and appreciation of India's rich diversity. Additionally, she explained that fostering an inclusive environment where all members feel valued and heard is critical for societal growth.

Sh. Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Honourable Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities and the chief guest of the event, addressed the audience with *Gurbani* couplets that teach togetherness and harmony. He spoke about the various minority groups in India and the legal initiatives undertaken by the Government of India to ensure inclusivity and equal opportunities for them. He reiterated that India is a safe haven for all sections of society and motivated the audience to make collective efforts to take the country to new heights.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Monika Vij Sikka, Head of the Department of Sociology. The talk was well-received by approximately 150 students and faculty members from various departments of the college. The audience gained valuable insights into different aspects of community-building and social cohesion.