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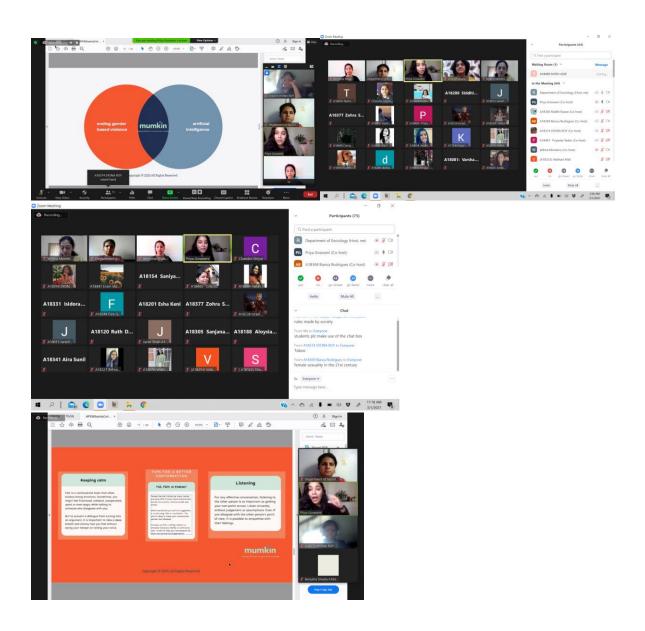
'Understanding Gender and Sociology through Digital Activism and Stories"

On March 1 st, 2021, the department conducted a guest lecture on the theme 'Understanding Gender and Sociology through Digital Activism and Stories". The resource person was Ms. Priya Goswami- an activist, independent movie maker and the CEO and founder of Sahio and Mumkin. The talk was divided into 2 sessions, one at 11 am and the then at 2 pm. Both sessions had an average of 70 attendees each.

Over the course of the talk, there were several subjects discussed under the purview of the theme. Ms. Goswami spoke about the need and importance of conversation and more importantly the need of a safe space to have these conversations. She further talked about how her AI – based application 'Mumkin' makes it possible to start conversing about sensitive topics. Her talk was extenuated by a well thought out presentation, which used colours and formats with the basic intension to make uncomfortable conversations seem visually appealing and normal to a certain extent. She spoke about the need to ensure that while making a conversation on anything that is triggering, you need to give a warning before initiating it. Furthermore, she stressed upon other important aspects of effective communication so as to have a fruitful conversation with a person. She lays emphasis on how different opinions need to be tackled in a conversation and how values such as empathy play a big role in the same. We also discussed about how deep – rooted a person's beliefs are and how hard it is to question and change them.

The second session started off with her talking about the importance of Artificial Intelligence in general as well as specifically for Mumkin. She emphasised on usage of pastel and earthy hues for illustrations while talking about topics such as Female Genital Mutilation and the strong psychological impacts these colours and the illustrations have on the minds of the consumers. What struck most with the students was also the fact that everything that the application showcased, starting from the logo to the last animation, all aspects were well – thought and manifested really well in practicality. The second session ended with a quick but equally informative round of questions and answers for Ms. Goswami.





The department collaborated with celebrity author and mythologist to have a lecture on 'Women in Tamil Literature'.

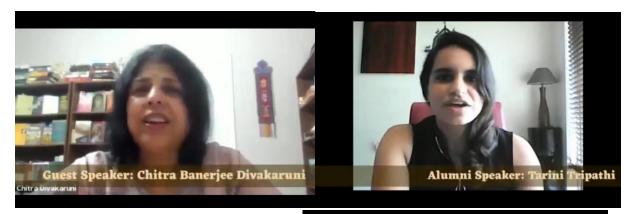
The Pre-Samajik Sociology event was on 16th May 2021 and Mr. Devdutt Pattanaik was invited to speak on 'Women in Tamil Literature'. Lecture was live on facebook and was attended by more than 25 students.

SAMAJIK SOCIOLOGY

Department launched its first ever flagship event called 'Samajik Sociology'. The idea was to celebrate the discipline and also to connect to our alumni.

The Main Samajik Sociology event was to be held on 17th May 2021 but due to bad weather conditions it was postponed to 18th May 2021 at 2pm. The programme was attended by around 200 attendees nationally and internationally. Programme started with a welcome of our Principal Sr. Ananda Amritmahal, Vice principal and also exfaculty member of the dept Ms. Gilda Periera their inaugural speech. Followed by the interview ofGuest of Honor Ms.Rasika Dugal. Next was a Pre-recorded interview of our Guest Speaker Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni who shared her thoughts and experiences with our students. The department hold its pride in their students and their achievements the next session was with alumni Alina Alam, Shimli Basu and Tarini Tripathi who spoke about their journey in the field they are working and the Ms. Basu and Ms. Tripathi graced the occasion with their special performances. The Batch of 2019-20 also shared their experiences with the department followed by a dance performance. The current Batch of 2021 also did an amazing dance and singing performance. The program ended with a Vote of Thanks given by Dr.Anagha Tendulkar.









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