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## **Department of Sociology**

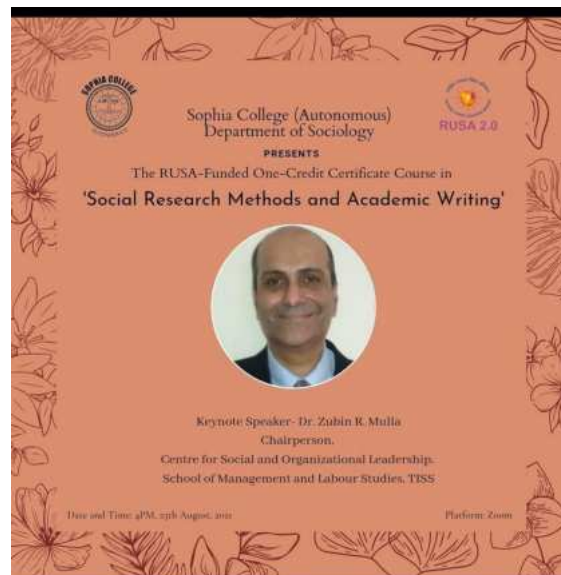
### **CCSRM: Certificate Course in Social Research Methods**

The Department of Sociology began a RUSA sponsored Certificate Course in Social Research Methods and Academic Writing. The aim of the course is to provide enthusiastic researchers with an opportunity to understand and develop their social research as well as to present this writing in an academic setting.

Through the course, students are introduced to the theoretical and practical knowledge on social research methods. This will enable them to develop skills related to social research. The course has been structured to endow students with an in-depth understanding of the components involved in social research, such as formulation of research proposal, literature review, data analysis, report writing etc.

The certificate course will mentor students in conducting research and allow them to engage with academic. They will be equipped to write and publish a research paper and appreciate and practice ethics in research and academia.

We had \_\_\_\_ enthusiastic Second-Year, Third-Year and Masters opt for the course, including non-sophia students too. The course consisted of \_\_\_\_ online sessions conducted by starting with Dr. Zubin Mulla inaugural session and later conducted by Dr. Anagha Tendulkar Patil, Dr. Shirly Abraham, Dr. T.C Roy, Dr. Joseph MT, Dr. Ivan John, Dr. Khevana Desai, Ms. Raji Chakco, Dr. Pranoti and Dr. Rajula Shah. Students were also encouraged to attend Research presentations of students from HSNC University Mumbai.

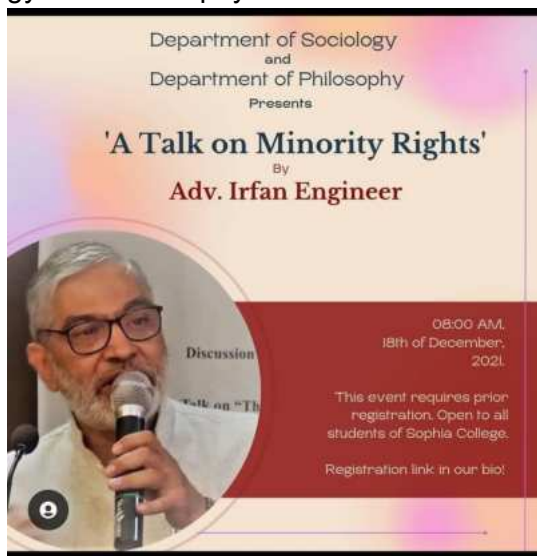


- **Samajik Sociology Forum**

The Samajik Sociology Forum- an online interaction and announcement platform. It aimed to provide an environment which provides every sociology enthusiasts to express and actively participate in various initiatives by the department. Before all the Talks organized by the a pre discussion was conducted on Forum to create awareness among the students.

- **Minority Rights Talk**

On the occasion of World Minorities Rights Day on 18th December,2021 the department conducted a talk in collaboration with the Department of Philosophy 'A TALK ON MINORITY RIGHTS' by Adv.Irfan Engineer. It was attended by around 60 students from the department of Sociology and Philosophy.



- **One Day Awareness programme on Elderly Issues**

One Day Awareness programme on Elderly Issues was conducted on 7th Jan 2022 by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment(GOI), National Institute of Social Defense, Regional Resource and Training Centre Under Centre for the Study of social change in collaboration with Department of Sociology. The target group was Undergraduate Sociology students and invited senior citizens.

Ms. Anushka Barua introduced the theme of the 'one day awareness program' on "Elderly issues". She invited Adv. Nirmala Samant Prabhavalkar, Ex-mayor Mumbai chief functionary, CSSC, RRTC to present the theme of the program. Adv. Nirmala Samant Prabhavalkar, highlighted the seriousness of the problems faced by elderly in Indian society she illustrated the issues and concerns of urban as well as rural elderly she reviewed the efforts of the government to help elderly and welcomed the initiative taken by the department of sociology, Sophia College, Mumbai. Anushka thanked Adv. Prabhavalkar for a befitting introduction.

Ms Anushka invited Dr. Anagha Tendulkar, HOD, Department of sociology to moderate

the session.

Dr Anagha Tendulkar discussed the distinction between 'Aging' and 'Population Aging'. She highlighted the demographic shift and its implications in terms of longevity and pressure on care givers. The marginalization of elderly and their consequent abuse were mentioned as issues that deserve immediate attention. She highlighted the need to educate young citizens in terms of their responsibility to maintain the dignity of elderly as well as to uphold the integrity of society in the wake of globalization and modernization.

First speaker for the webinar

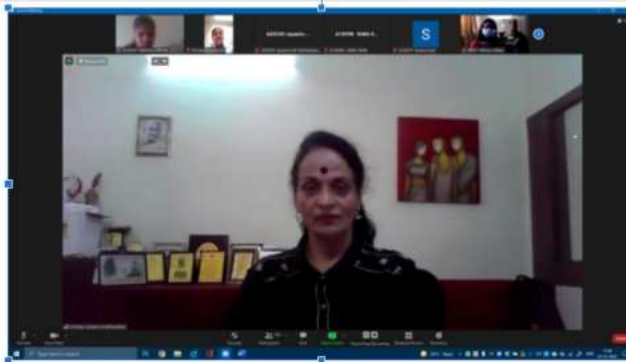
Mr. Floyd Gracias (Counsel, Supreme Court of India) who discussed on elderly issues with special reference to Welfare and Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens Act. At the beginning Mr. Gracias elaborated on the salient features of Welfare and Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens Act. He highlighted the positions of the stakeholders and the important beneficiaries involved in the process. Moreover the implementation and execution of the Act in the Indian context was elaborated upon. Mr. gracias further reviewed the condition of the senior citizens with reference to their legal status in India he cross referenced the legal climate, provisions made by the Government of India for the

welfare and security of elderly and the actual problems faced by them. He critiqued the implementation of the act and presented the practical difficulties with regard to the execution of such an act in Indian society. He listed the following weak points with regard to the act. Lack of complete coverage, absence of awareness among society members, lack of initiative on part of elderly to complaint against their children and absence of transparency. He also added the time consuming procedure of the legal infrastructure in serving justice to the elderly. He concluded with the portrayal of ground reality of such an act in a diverse society like India. He also cited class diversity, extreme poverty as other impediments to effective execution.

Second speaker for the webinar

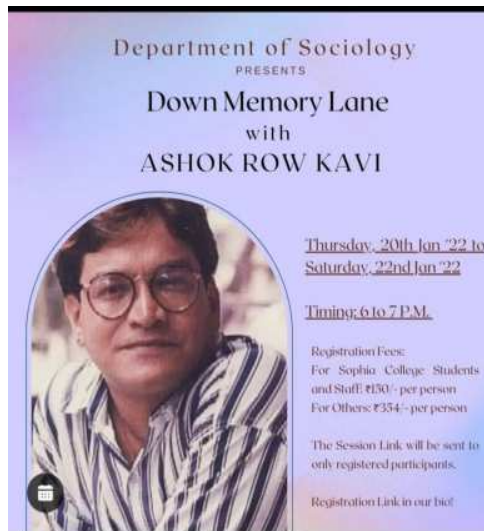
Ms. Asira Chirmuley is a member of the American Psychological Association, ECG therapist, consultancy and training at Atha Centre for Psychotherapy and training. Ms Asira Chirmuley addressed the students with 12 mental health resolutions for 2022. She explained how mental health is important for anyone and everyone with the hashtag for the webinar #mentalhealthtodayandeveryday. Adding to it she said, mental health is not just one day priority or only when mentally ill or going through psychological disorder but it is going to be our everyday priority. Ms Chirmuley discussed 12 mental health attitudes for each month with students.

The informative sessions were followed by interesting Question and Answer Sessions. Vote of Thanks was presented by Ms Wilma Monteiro, faculty member, Department of Sociology.



● **Down the memory lane with Ashok Row Kavi**

A 3 day session from 20th Jan 2022 to 22nd Jan 2022 was conducted from 6 to 7pm to dive into Mr. Kavi's personal struggles and the holistic view of the community and its struggles. More than 30 students joined each session. Students enlightened to hear on struggles of LGBTQIA community so far and need for safe space in our society.



- **Samajik Sociology 2.0**

Department's most awaited and popular flagship event SAMAJIK SOCIOLOGY 2.0 was a 2 day event held on 29th and 30th April 2022. The theme of the event was 'MULTICULTURALISM'. The department upholds to celebrate diversity to nurture and bring to light the beauty of different identities. More than 60 participants our students as alumni had joined on zoom. Both the days were filled with lot of introspection, fun, joy and articulation of a vision for the next batches to uphold the ideals of the Department.

Day 1 - 29th April 2022 we had our alumni speaker Niyar Saikia who has participated in various theatre festivals, Utsavi Jhaveri - A tattoo artist whose designs are inspired from Indian folk art, Pritika krishnakumar a trained bharatnatyam dancer, spoke on dance and culture And Prof Pandya Dharwho is a historian of visual arts and research engages with cultural histories of south and southeast Asia.

Day 2 30th April 2022 started with an amazing speaker, our very own Dr. Elwin John who has worked on socio-cultural interactions between body and diseases. Sofya Kuharenok who is originally from Russia and is a Odissi dancer. Savitha Sastry who is addressed as 'The Dancing Storyteller' and Trained dancer.

The TWO Days of the program were filled with joy, enlightening by our speakers and connected the generations of the department.

DAY 2

Date: Saturday, 30th April 2022  
Time: 11am onwards

Speakers :

1. Dr. Elwin Susan John (Esteemed Guest Speaker)
2. Sofya Kuharenok (Esteemed Guest Speaker)
3. Savitha Sastry (Esteemed Guest Speaker)

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Meet our guest:  
**Utsavi J.**  
(@borderlinetattoos)



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DAY 1

Date: Friday, 29th April 2022  
Time: 2:45pm onwards

Speakers :

1. Niyar Saikia (Esteemed Alumni Guest Speaker)
2. Utsavi jhaveri (Esteemed Guest Speaker)
3. Pritika Krishnakumar (Esteemed Guest Speaker)
4. Parul Pandya Dhar (Esteemed Guest Speaker)

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