

# Sociological Illuminations

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## From the Principal's desk....

It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Department of Sociology has taken the initiative to launch the first issue of their departmental newsletter –*Sociological Illuminations*. I wish to congratulate the teaching faculty and students of the Department for their hard work and dedication to the college and to the discipline of sociology.

Dr.Subhash Biswas,  
Principal, BHKM



## Internal Departmental Student Seminar, Department of Sociology, 8th February, 2020



An internal departmental student seminar was convened by Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri, the Head of The Department of Sociology, Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya on the topic 'Caste and Tribe in Modern India'. The venue of the aforesaid programme held between 1p.m. to 3p.m. on 18th February,2020 was the Seminar Hall. The total

number of students who attended the seminar was 131 and the number of teaching faculty present was 13. The Principal, BHKM inaugurated the programme and delivered his welcome speech. The entire programme was anchored by Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri, the convener of the seminar. Following the Principal's welcome speech Dr. Chaudhuri invited the students to deliver their papers. The students who presented their papers included Sociology Second Semester students Bijoy

Bera, Sourav Sardar, Souvik Mondal, Ruksona Khatun and Asadul Mistry.

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Audience at the student seminar

## Observation of Earth Day, 22nd April, 2020

Environmental Cell Convener and HOD, Dept. of Sociology Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri took the initiative to celebrate Earth Day.

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, it now includes events coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network in more than 193 countries, The Environmental Cell members of BHKM have also pledged solidarity with this cause. During the pandemic, they put in

their efforts to come up with posters of their own. The collage on the right was designed by the Dr. Das Chaudhuri **Clockwise from upper hand right:**

Dr. Nasir Uddin Mondal, Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri, Ms. Paromita Mondal, Mr. Tapas Patra and Mr. Ashis Biswas.



## Tele-Counselling Week 4th to 8th May, 2020

As we know that due to the coronavirus pandemic the state governments across the country have temporarily shut down schools and colleges. As per the present situation there is an uncertainty when schools and colleges will reopen.

The Counselling Cell (TCC) of BHKM organised a tele-counselling week to assess the psychosociological impact of the COVID pandemic on the college students of BHKM. Due to the pandemic, TCC decided in an online meeting held on 30th April 2020 that share

their experiences, anxieties and worries which they were facing due to the lockdown. Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri acted as the Convener of the Programme, Rejaul Molla as the Chief Advisor and Paromita Mondal as a member of the programme committee

8 students were contacted and were interviewed over phone by Dr. Das Chaudhuri during the week long programme from 4th to 8th May, 2020. The tele-conversations were recorded and the audio files were transcribed by her. This was a modest attempt to reach out to students during difficult times. The conversations indicated that college students' anxiety regarding the pandemic was associated with economic stressors. Coping up with online academic classes were found to be positively associated with the level of anxiety students faced during the lockdown.

### Some of the students who participated in the tele-counselling programme



*“With COVID-19, we have made it to the life raft. Dry land is far away.”*

**-Marc Lipsitch, epidemiologist**

## Observation of World Environment Day, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

Students of the Department of Sociology took the initiative to publish a poster on the event of World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. They created a whatsapp group, exchanged ideas and decided that the theme of the poster would be 'Say No To Plastic'. The students came up with slogans that they would put up in the poster 'Reject Plastic Bags', 'Less Plastic More Life', 'Use More Cloth Bags' 'Upcycle' 'Save the Earth' etc. **Kudos to the students!!**



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## Protest against racism

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, was murdered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States, while being arrested on suspicion of using a counterfeit \$20 bill. During the arrest, Derek Chauvin, a white police officer with the Minneapolis Police Department, knelt on Floyd's neck for eight minutes and forty-six seconds after he was handcuffed and lying face down. Two other police officers, J. Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane, assisted Chauvin in

restraining Floyd. A fourth police officer, Tou Thao, prevented bystanders from interfering. Floyd's

murder led to worldwide protests against police brutality, police racism, and lack of police accountability. The students of the Department of Sociology, BHKM prepared a poster to show solidarity to the cause of protesting against the gruesome killing of George Floyd.



## Departmental activities

### DEBATE ORGANIZED BY DEPT. OF SOCIOLOGY

A debate was organised for Sociology students on 15/02/2020 by Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri. The theme of the debate was 'Is reservation a just tool to achieve equality?'. Ms. Paramita Mondal HOD, Department of Philosophy was present at the debate as the external observer and moderator.

The students for the motion was declared the winner of the debate.

File picture of the debate →



## Library Day, Department of Sociology



The library day of the Department of Sociology was observed on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 3p.m. Mr. Koushik Baidya, HOD, Dept. of Political Science was present as the external observer.

Online classes begin in the month of March, 2020 due to the suspension of physical classes on account of the pandemic. A file picture of one such online class being conducted by faculty, Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri of Department of Sociology, BHKM.



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## Participation of Faculty, Department of Sociology in college and academic engagements



Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri presented a paper at the International Conference on Human Rights organized by BKGC on 17.1.2020.



Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri delivering an invited online lecture in the 'Rabindra Jayanti Udjapon o Alochonachakra' organised by the Dept. of Bengali on 8.5.2020.

Dr. Dr. Runa Das Chaudhuri delivering an invited lecture on the occasion of observation of Birth Anniversary of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar organized by the SC/ST Cell in collaboration with the Dept. of Political Science, BHKM on 14.4.2020.

