

## **Report 2010-11**

### A talk by Dr Bindeshwar Pathak- founder of Sulabh International

The department was privileged to have Dr Bindeshwar Pathak to deliver a talk on “Sanitation Tops the Agenda in 21st Century”. The talk was attended by Principal and students of different departments. It was an opportunity to learn about the work of Sulabh International as well as understand the nitty-gritty of hygiene and sanitation. Dr Pathak shared his experience of working with scavenger though himself belonging to upper caste. He also spoke on the water treatment plant and sanitation museum set up by him. At the end of the talk he invited us to visit the museum located in Palam, Dew Delhi

### ANNUAL LECTURE 2011

The enlightening Annual lecture of the department was delivered by Prof. Andre Beteille, Professor emeritus, University of Delhi. The Theme of the lecture was “Sociology Today”. The lecture was in relation to the gradual development and establishment of the sociology as a discipline, over the years. This was conducted in the council room and was facilitated by our respective Principal and the entire sociology department.

The lecture was attended by the various other departments of the college and students of the other colleges as well. Hence, the council room was occupied to its fullest strength. This initiative acted as an incentive and a motivation for the entire department to discuss the growth of sociology as an academic discipline. Subsequently, the lecture transformed into a stimulating debate followed by the questioning session which went successfully for two hours.

### Department 's Cultural Festival- Cynosure

The Sociology Association, ‘Homosociologus’ organized the cultural Fest – CYNOSURE on 14th November 2010. This year's theme was ‘Youth Deviance- Reproduction of Non conformity in contemporary Age.’ Various inter and intra college competitions like Visual Interpretation, Add Mad, Just a minute, poster making and group discussion was part of the day. Students from different colleges like Lady Shri Ram, Hindu, Miranda House, Venkateshwar college, Gargi and Jesus and Mary actively participated and won prizes.

### Release of the first department Newsletter & University position holder being awarded medal

On February 22nd 2011, another departmental meet of students and teachers was held presided by the Principal. This was in relation to the launch of the first edition of the sociology newsletter, ‘Habitus-volumel’ as well as to honour the university toppers of our department. The medals were distributed to the meritorious students, occupying the First and the second positions in the university 2010-2011. The entire department applauded the students and appreciated the newsletter. The Principal encouraged and congratulated the department for its efforts and suggested to continue with our second edition. This was a real moment to cherish.

Beside these major activities the department was engaged in organizing film screening by NGOs- Jagori-a centre for women screened the movie ‘Gender trouble’ and had a discussion with students on the movie as well as a general discussion on status of women

in today's society. Cry-Child Right and You screened a movie on disability and discussed the social problems of disabled children

The students of the department actively participated in the making of human chain on women's International day(8th March) shouting slogans for ensuring safety and equality of women. They also participated in the NGO mela organized by NSS and volunteered to sell products of different organizations

On March 12, 2011, an in-house lecture was conducted by Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma. This was an attempt to brainstorm the students, while discussing the theory as part of their regular classroom teachings.