



ADD-ON COURSE

COURSE NAME: CRIMINOLOGY

REPORT

As a part of the academic excellence curriculum; the department of Sociology had offered their second 'ADD ON' course on the world wide intriguing topic of 'CRIMINOLOGY'. The course successfully commenced from February 26th, 2024 and ended on March 4th, 2024. The course was designed for and offered to the current VI semester students. The course duration was 36 hours with an evaluation system consists of theoretical (60) and practical (40) examination. At the end of the course, with the qualifying grade system, the students were certified with completion certificates with passing grades.

Crime is one of the most mundane things in every person's life irrespective of their age, gender, space and occasion. Pre-conceived ideas and stereotypes often mislead us to consider certain incidents happening with us or around us as crime. And even after knowing a particular act to be crime, often our insufficient awareness about the further legal processing to report the crime and find justice for the victim is also a major setback in the society. This course had aimed to provide as much theoretical as well as practical knowledge about crime and its judicial processing to the target audience.

On the first and second day of the course, (26/02/24 and 28/02/24), the students were introduced to the various aspects of the topic of criminology. The first two day classes were theoretical. In the classes they were elaborately introduced about the basic detailing of the act of crime, various classical and contemporary criminological theories, the basic perception of Victimology and more.

On the third day, (29/02/24) a special lecture was arranged by the department with the Key Speakers Advocate Md. Nadeem Alam sir, Mr. Saket Chowdhury sir and one of their fellow students, Ms. Aditi Ghosh. The speakers reflected primarily on the judicial proceedings of criminal acts and the process to approach to the legal system for help. The invited guests have also highlighted on the various types of offences, types of bails and different sections where the convicted can appeal to prove themselves as not guilty after being accused. The session successfully ended with an intense interactive session and a questionnaire duly filled up by the participants. Apart from the students of Sociology department, students from Commerce, English and BBA had also joined in to gain knowledge about such an important topic.

On the fourth day, (01/03/2024) the department had taken a collaborative initiative for an exchange lecture with the department of Geography. Two of the eminent faculties, from the Department of Geography, Dr. Moumita Dey and Prof. Sayani Mondal were invited for the day's sessions. In the first half, Dr. Moumita Dey gave an interesting lecture on the topic of 'Crime, Space and Gender Intersectionality'. She emphasized on the NCRB

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data set and the analytical approach to use the NCRB data in criminology. Also, her evaluation session ended successfully with the participants' appropriate score sheet.

On the second half of the same day, Prof. Sayani Mondal taught the participants about a very interesting intersectional part on the assigned topic of 'Fear/ Crime Mapping'. The participants were the most excited to learn about the mapping of their fear because this is very much relevant to their daily chores. And the outcome was fruitful with the students' interpretation of unexpected reflection of their fear at different varieties of places in Burdwan. This experimental assignment gave a true field picture of Burdwan as a crime convicted/ crime prone zone.

The fifth day (02/03/24) was allocated for certain media reflection of crimes and criminality. The students have been given a list of four criminological documentaries and short films. The assigned task was to watch the content and do a critical content analysis from criminological sense and reflect the cases from relevant theoretical lens. The four documentaries included- Isabella Nardoni Case, Curry and Cyanide, Ice Cold and Abducted in Plain Sight.

Due to some technical glitch, there was a little delay in the screening of the contents. The media content screening started around 12 o'clock. Since all the films/documentaries were moderately long, it was not possible to finish all the documentaries maintaining the routine schedule on the same day.

The first half of the last day of the course (04/02/24) also continued with the screening of the rest of the media content. In the second half, the course coordinator had discussed on the process of content analysis. The assigned task for the students was to reflect upon any two of the recommended documentaries from critical and theoretical prospect. The students' response to the assignment was very reflective of the content of the course they have studied throughout.

The following day, (05/03/24) the evaluation theoretical examination for the participants was arranged. The students have answered the questions with formal and informal knowledge. Their scores on the paper reflect upon the expected outcome of the course.

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Proceedings, by Adv. Md. Nadeem Alam.

Fig 1. Students attending the special lecture on Legal



Saket Chowdhury.

Fig 2. Special Lecture on Legal Proceedings given by Mr.

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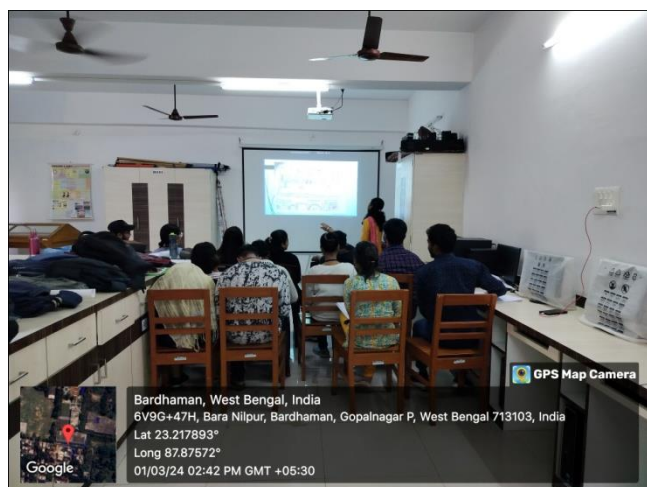


Fig 3. Students in the special class on Fear Mapping as coordinated by Prof. Sayani Mondal from Department of Geography.



Fig 4. Students indulged in the interactive session on Space, Gender and Crime Intersectionality as guided by Dr. Moumita Dey from Department of Geography.