



## **A REPORT ON THE ACADEMIC LECTURE ORGANIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY:**

On the third day of the Add-on course, which has been started by the Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College, Burdwan, an invited talk was organized by the faculties of the department to enlighten the students more about the course- 'Gerontology', they are studying so that they could acquire theoretical knowledge as well along with the field knowledge. An expert session of Dr. Saheli Guha Neogi Ghatak included the topics like "Gerontology", "Trajectories of Eldercare and Quality of Life of Elderly" and "Elderly Abuse". By arranging this special talk on 7<sup>th</sup> of February, 2024, the department wanted to provide a wonderful opportunity to all the first-year students so that they gain new and deeper perspectives on the topics that are necessary to understand in the course designed and which are often missed in the regular classes.

Dr. Saheli Guha Neogi Ghatak is an experienced academician, who is currently a post-doc fellow at Abo Academy, Finland. She has published various research papers and worked at Adamas University, Kolkata as an Assistant Professor and Cluster Head in the Department of Sociology for many years. She is also an academic consultant and an active social worker.

The session started with felicitating the invited speaker at 11:45 am in the AV (audio-visual) room of the academic building. The speaker was welcomed and felicitated by the Head of the Sociology Department, Dr. Aratrika Bhattacharya. Also, some small tokens were handed over

to the guest by the other faculty members, Dr. Rahul Singh and Mr. Diptangshu Nag. With the commencement of the session, Dr. Saheli Guha Neogi Ghatak elaborated on some of her research works to give an idea to the students about the course. She explained to the students about various aspects of studying gerontology to inspire them to take up the subject in their later life. She explained in detail the current scenario of the society where the population rising has become a cause of concern. Also, she made them understand what we mean by aging, ageism, and other important concepts that are related to the sociology of aging. The students also came to know about various theories of aging, problems of the elderly population, elderly care, elderly schemes, and various other issues related to aging. She interacted with the students and asked them questions while presenting her lectures. The students were also enthusiastically participating and interacting in the class. After two hours of lecture, the students were provided with a break of 45 minutes.

In the second phase of the lecture, the resource person discussed some other important aspects and topics of gerontology i.e., quality of life of the elderly population and elderly abuse. She explained with various examples which made it easier for the students to connect. Also, the PowerPoint presentation she used in her lecture caught the attention of the students. They came to know about a topic in a way that got them directly involved in the class. The third-semester and the sixth-semester students joined the lecture as well after the break. They were also actively involved in the lecture. The session ended at 3 pm after she asked several questions to the first-semester students, which is also a part of their curriculum, and after taking a group photograph. The day was concluded with a vote of thanks to the esteemed guest.

The session was extremely enriching, informative, insightful, and meaningful for the students and we hope that the lecture increases the knowledge of the students about the elderly population so that they can connect more with real-world scenarios and issues around them.

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Fig 1: Dr. Rahul Singh felicitating the esteemed guest.



Fig 2: The speaker interacting with the students.



Fig 3: Group photograph after the session.