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**SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE
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EVENT REPORT

NAME OF THE EVENT: ANNUAL DEPARTMENT SEMINAR 2024-25			
DATE	DEPARTMENT	COMMITTEE/SOCIETY	COORDINATORS' NAME
25th FEBRUARY 2025	SOCIOLOGY	DEPT. OF SOCIOLOGY	DR. URMI BHATTACHARYYA DR. NIHARIKA JAISWAL
TIME	VENUE	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NATURE: Outdoor/Indoor; online/offline/hybrid
11:00 AM to 12:00 45PM	ROOM NO. 13	87	INDOOR; OFFLINE
FINANCIAL SUPPORT/ASSISTANCE (if any):	Rs. 4000/- (Sociology Association Fund, Department of Sociology)		

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITY

TOPIC/SUBJECT OF THE ACTIVITY	DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SEMINAR: Sociologists and their Diaries: What can we learn from them?
OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To explore the significance of personal diaries in sociological and anthropological research.● To understand how diaries reveal subjectivity, reflexivity, and hidden narratives often absent in published works.● To engage students and scholars in critical discussions about unconventional sources of knowledge.

METHODOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Referencing diverse examples of diary writers ● Engaging lecture with power-point presentation ● Encouraging audience interaction through a Q&A session to deepen understanding.
INVITED SPEAKERS WITH AFFILIATION DETAILS (IF ANY)	Abhijit Dasgupta, Professor (Retd.), Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participants gained insights into the methodological and emotional dimensions of diary-keeping in social research. ● The lecture highlighted the value of unpublished material and marginalized voices in academic discourse. ● Students learned about the ethical concerns in using personal diaries as research data. ● The event promoted interdisciplinary reflection on the blurred lines between academic objectivity and personal narrative.

PROOFS & DOCUMENTS ATTACHED (Tick mark the proofs attached):

1 Notice & Letters ✓	2 Number of Participants & Name of participants ✓	3 Video clip	4 Photos ✓	5 Feedback Form & analysis
6 News clip with details	7 Sample Copy of the Certificate	8 Posters/ Invites ✓	9 Event report Attested by Event Coordinator & IQAC Coordinator ✓	10 Any other document

Departmental file no: SVC/Sociology/2024-25/ February 2025/ 06

IQAC File No: SVC/IQAC/Sociology/2024-25/ February 2025

Criterion No: 3

NAME OF EVENT-IN-CHARGE & SIGNATURE:

DR. URMI BHATTACHARYYA

DR. NIHARIKA JAISWAL

For Reference

Criterion I	Curricular Aspects (planning & Implementation)	Criterion V	Student Support & Progression
Criterion II	Teaching Learning & Evaluation	Criterion VI	Governance, Leadership & Management
Criterion III	Research, Innovations & Extension	Criterion VII	Institutional Values & Best Practices
Criterion IV	Learning Resources and Infrastructure		

REPORT


The Department of Sociology came together for one of its most cherished academic traditions, its Annual Lecture. This year's theme, "*Sociologists and Their Diaries: What Can We Learn from Them?*", centered on the overlooked yet deeply insightful medium of personal diaries in the discipline of sociology and anthropology. The guest speaker for the session was Professor Abhijit Dasgupta, a renowned academic whose work has significantly contributed to the field.

Prof. Dasgupta formally commenced the lecture by introducing the theme and underlining the intellectual significance of the diary as a document. He emphasized that diaries are far more than personal records; they are spaces where memory, fieldwork, emotional responses, and reflexivity intersect. His talk moved seamlessly between the autobiographical, the ethnographic, and the political, offering an expansive view of how scholars have engaged with diary-keeping through time. Drawing on a rich archive of examples, Prof. Dasgupta discussed the works of early anthropologists such as Bronisław Malinowski and D.P. Mukherjee, both of whom kept detailed notes during their fieldwork. Malinowski's diaries, in particular, revealed a contrast between his published anthropological writings and his personal frustrations, biases, and inner turmoil—raising critical questions about objectivity, subjectivity, and the politics of representation. From there, Prof. Dasgupta led the audience through an impressive range of writings by Margaret Mead, Franz Kafka, Francis Buchanan-Hamilton, Nirmal Kumar Bose, Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay and Anne Frank. He discussed how even non-sociological diaries like those of Kafka or Anne Frank provide critical insights into the human condition, often revealing what structured academic writings cannot.

The lecture closed with reflections on the methodological tensions between autobiographical and academic writing, the shifting role of language, and the growing recognition of photographs, letters, and even informal notes as legitimate forms of knowledge production. A vibrant Q&A session followed, during which students and faculty explored the role of subjectivity in research, the reliability of archival material, and the recovery of marginalized voices. Questions were also raised about translation, representation, and the accessibility of subaltern diaries in contemporary scholarship.

PERMISSION LETTER

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FOR DATE CHANGE



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PERMISSION FOR ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS

NOTE: 1. Please ensure a pre booking of the venue before getting the permission letter signed.
2. A copy of this duly filled form signed by the TIC/ Convener, IQAC Coordinator and Principal shall be submitted to ICT and/or Caretaker for necessary action.
3. Please ensure that the completion certificate of the event is physically signed by the Convener of the event, IQAC Coordinator and Principal after the event report is made.

EVENT DETAILS

1. Name of the Department/Society/Association: SOCIOLOGY
2. Name of the TIC and/or Convener: Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms. DR. URMI BHATTACHARYYA
DR. NIHARIKA JAISRAI
3. Proposed Title of the Event: 'SOCIOLOGISTS AND THEIR DIARIES : WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THEM ?' (DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SEMINAR 2024-25)
4. Nature of Event: Seminar/Conference/Symposium/Workshop/FDP/Public or Community outreach/ Skill enhancement/others (Please specify) : SEMINAR
5. Participants: Student-centric / Faculty/ Other stakeholders (Please specify) :
6. Event Type: Offline/Online/Hybrid; Indoor/Outdoor
7. Collaborating Agency /Organization (if any): NONE
8. Tentative List of Speakers with affiliations: PROF. ABHJIT DASGUPTA
(RETD.), DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
9. Date & Time (from - to): 25.02.2025 ; 10:45AM - 12:45PM
10. Financial Assistance/ Funding received (if any) (Please specify amount): SOCIOLOGY ASSOCIATION FUNDS
11. Proposed Budget (please attach details in a separate enclosure): Rs. 4000/- (from Sociology Association fund)

12. Faculty responsible for Geo Tagged Pictures: DR. URMI BHATTACHARYYA
13. Faculty responsible for Event Report: DR. URMI BHATTACHARYYA
14. ICT support required, if any (ICT Lab, Laptop, LCD projector)
15. Caretaker support required (tables, chairs, public addressing system, sanitation, manpower assistance)
16. Venue requirement (Seminar hall/ Ground/others): Room No. 13 (in exchange for 215)

TIC/Convener (DR. URMI BHATTACHARYYA)
Date: 21.02.2025

(DR. MADHUKAR VAIPREI,
TIC, DEPT. OF POL. SCIENCE)

For official purpose: Permitted earlier (change in date due to expert unavailability)
Comments (if any): No DJ songs | MUSIC in the event

for IQAC Coordinator: Rishi Mishra
Date: _____

Principal: [Signature]
Date: _____

PERMISSION FOR THE EVENT WAS ALREADY GRANTED. THE NEW PERMISSION FORM IS DUE TO CHANGE OF DATE, DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF THE EXPERT.

POSTER



**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE
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*Presents
its*

ANNUAL SEMINAR

On

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**Sociologists and Their Diaries:
What Can We Learn from Them?**
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By:



ABHIJIT DASGUPTA
Professor (Retd.),
Department of Sociology,
Delhi School of Economics,
University of Delhi

DATE & TIME

25th February, 2025
11:00 AM to 12:45 PM

VENUE

Room No. 13,
(T1), SVC

Event Convenors

Dr. Urmi Bhattacharyya
Dr. Niharika Jaiswal

Patron

Prof. Vajala Ravi
(Principal)

For Queries, contact: Khushi (8278920000)

GEO-TAGGED PHOTOS



COMPLETION CERTIFICATE



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समापन प्रमाण पत्र COMPLETION CERTIFICATE

यह प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि 'वार्षिक सेमिनार- समाजशास्त्री और उनकी डायरियाँ: हम उनसे क्या सीख सकते हैं?' को 25 फरवरी, 2025 को 11अपराहन से 12:45 अपराहन तक समाजशास्त्र विभाग द्वारा ऑफलाइन माध्यम में सफलतापूर्वक आयोजित किया गया और इस कार्यक्रम की रिपोर्ट अभिलेख के लिए आंतरिक गुणवत्ता आश्वासन प्रकोष्ठ (IQAC) को जमा कर दी गई है।

This is to certify that the 'Annual Seminar- Sociologists and Their Diaries: What Can We Learn from Them?' was successfully conducted on 25 February, 2025 from 11 am to 12:45 pm by Dept. of Sociology in the offline mode and its event report has been submitted to IQAC for records.

Event-in-Charge

IQAC Coordinator

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Sri Venkateswara College
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Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi-110021

Principal

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