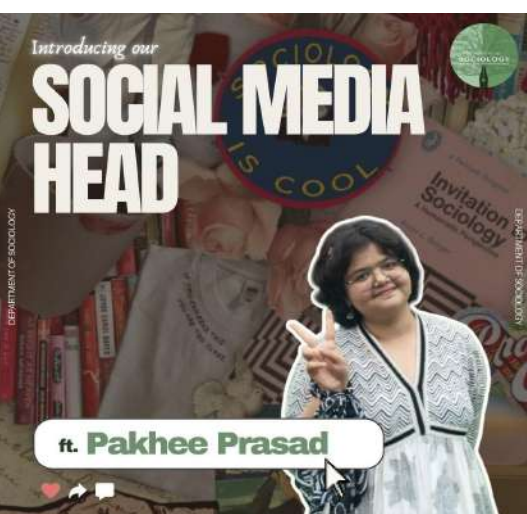
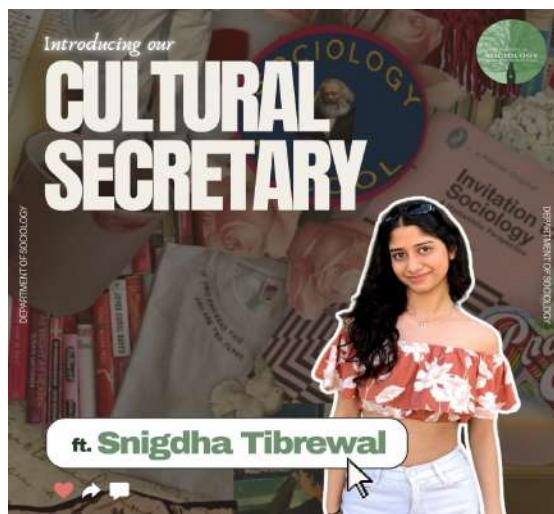
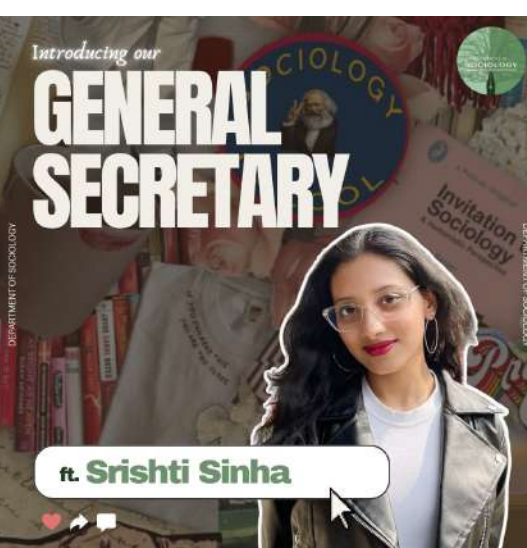
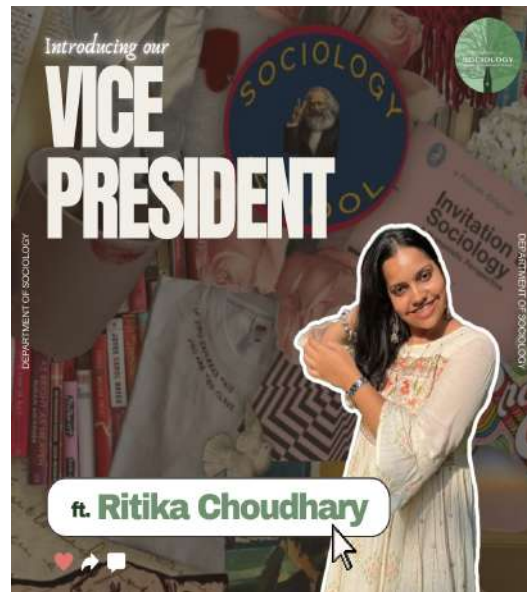
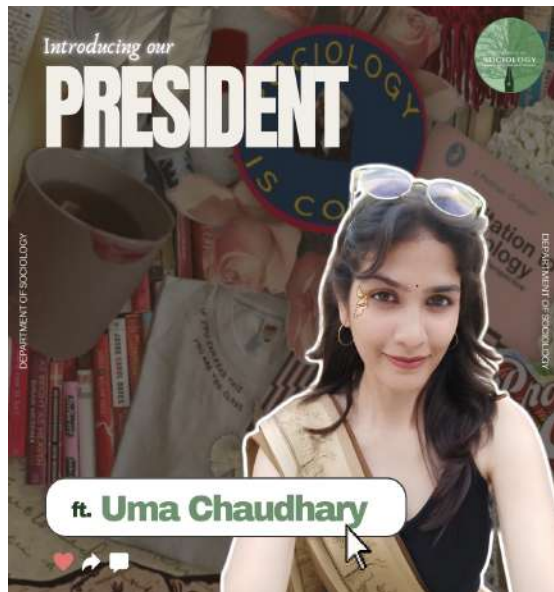


Department of Sociology
Miranda House, University of Delhi
Academic Year 2024-25

Office Bearers:

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President	Uma Chaudhary
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Lighthouse Sub-Editor	Syeda Shua Zaidi
General Secretary	Srishti Sinha
Cultural Secretary	Snigdha Tibrewal
Social Media Head	Pakhee Prasad
Class Representative (III Year)	Nitya Kanojiya
Class Representative (II Year)	Rhea Arora
Class Representative (I Year)	Mishti Bhatia



Events:

1) Student Cabinet Elections for the academic session 2024 - 25.

Date: April 24, 2024

Number of attendees: 180

Venue: Room no. 143

Time: 10:30 to 10:45 am, 12:45 to 01:00 pm

The Department of Sociology organised a manifesto reading session for the candidates for the posts of the President, Vice - President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Cultural Secretary, Editor-in-Chief of the Lighthouse and the Sub Editor of the Lighthouse in the presence of professors, cabinet members of the academic session 2023 - 24 as well as students from all years. After the Manifesto reading, elections were held offline through ballot paper. An Election Commission was formed, composed of teachers and students to manage the logistics of the elections. The post of Vice President was uncontested.





2) Elections for the remaining posts: Class Representative II and III for the academic session 2024-25

Date: April 27, 2024

Number of attendees: 82

Venue: Room no. 304

Time (for manifesto reading): 10:30 to 10:45 am

Time (for voting): 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

The Department of Sociology organised a manifesto reading session for the candidates of the post of Class Representative (II) and Class Representative (III) for the academic year 2024-25 followed by offline voting. Rhea Arora was elected as Class Representative (II) and Nitya Kanojiya was elected as Class Representative (III).

3) Safarnama'24 - Department Farewell

Date: 2nd May, 2024.

Number of Attendees: 81

Venue: Room no. 145

Time: 01:00 pm to 04:00 pm

The Department of Sociology conducted its Farewell - Safarnama 2024 for the outgoing batch on 2nd May, 2024. The students were given a heartfelt farewell as the department bid them adieu for the journeys that lie ahead.





4) Department Orientation

Date: 29th August, 2024

Number of Attendees: 92

Venue: Room no. 118

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

The Department of Sociology organised its Orientation for first years which acquainted them with the professors, cabinet and the course. The orientation started with the official welcome address by Uma Chaudhary, the president. It was followed by the introduction of the faculty, followed by their individual address to the incoming batch. The Cabinet members introduced themselves one by one. Details about the department room number, faculty contacts and emails, department library and course structure were shared. This was followed by a round of introduction of the first years and then their queries were addressed. A campus tour was carried out next by the cabinet members.



5) Looking for Religion in Everyday Life - A Guest Lecture by Dr. P. C. Saidalavi

Date: 30th August, 2024

Number of Attendees: 85

Venue: Room no. 145

Time: 11:00 am to 01:00 pm

A lecture on the topic, 'Looking for Religion in Everyday Life' was organised by the Department of Sociology, Miranda House, on August 30, 2024. Dr. Saidalavi presented an insightful take on the individualising of religion as a challenge to the normative understanding of religion, practicing the same faith but not in the same manner.



6) Teacher's Day

Date: 8th September 2025

Number of Attendees: 85

Venue: Room no. 267

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Department of Sociology celebrated teacher's day with immense enthusiasm. The event included dance and song performances by students, followed by a game for the professors.





7) “Aspiring Despite the Odds: A Mixed Methods Approach to Studying Working Women” - A Guest Lecture by Dr. Divya Vaid

Date: 20th September, 2024

Number of Attendees: 72

Venue: Room no. 145

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

A lecture on the topic, “Aspiring Despite the Odds: A Mixed Methods Approach to Studying Working Women” was organised by the Department of Sociology, Miranda House, on September 20, 2024. “In mixed methods, the question determines the method and not the other way round”, a statement our esteemed speaker established in the initial phase of the session. Dr. Vaid presented an insightful take on social class mobility with regard to working women, keeping rural-urban differences, factors of ambition and satisfaction in mind.



**8) “Climate Change and Disaster Management in the Eastern Himalaya” -
A Guest Lecture by Prof. Vimal Khawas**

Date: 1st October, 2024

Number of Attendees: 70

Venue: SAC

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Department of Sociology, Miranda House organised a lecture on the topic "Climate Change and Disaster Management in the Eastern Himalaya", with Prof. Vimal Khawas as the guest lecturer, Professor at Special Centre for the Study of North East India, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Prof. Khawas presented an insightful take on National Risk Reduction measures, with an emphasis on building resilience amongst the vulnerable populations.





9) Seminar Conducted by EduVelocity Global
Date: 15th October, 2024

Number of Attendees: 87

Venue: Room no. 267

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Department of Sociology organised a seminar for the students of Miranda House on October 15, 2024, in collaboration with EduVelocity, wherein Mr. Vinu Warriar provided guidance on postgraduate studies abroad. He discussed various interesting masters programmes offered in universities abroad which the students could be interested in pursuing further, as well as the procedure to get funding for these programmes.





10)Analysing Social Policy Making in India - An Engaging Q&A Session with Ms. Kirti Manjusha

Date: 22nd October, 2024

Number of Attendees: 55

Venue: Room no. 267

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Department of Sociology, Miranda House organised a Q&A session with Ms. Kirti Manjusha on "Analysing Social Policy Making in India" on October 22, 2024. The speaker shared insights on working for the government, tips on applying for internships and exploring policy making as a field of interest and inquiry. The session was highly interactive and engaging.



11) Department Freshers

Date: 24th October, 2024

Number of Attendees: 108

Venue: Room no. 305

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Department of Sociology organised the Department Freshers for the first year students. The theme of the event was 'Elysian Beginnings' where the freshers dressed up as characters from their favourite novels. The event started with the cabinet dance performance, along with other energetic performances and fun games by the second and the third years. The event ended with the first years taking the dance floor.





12) **Master's Fair**

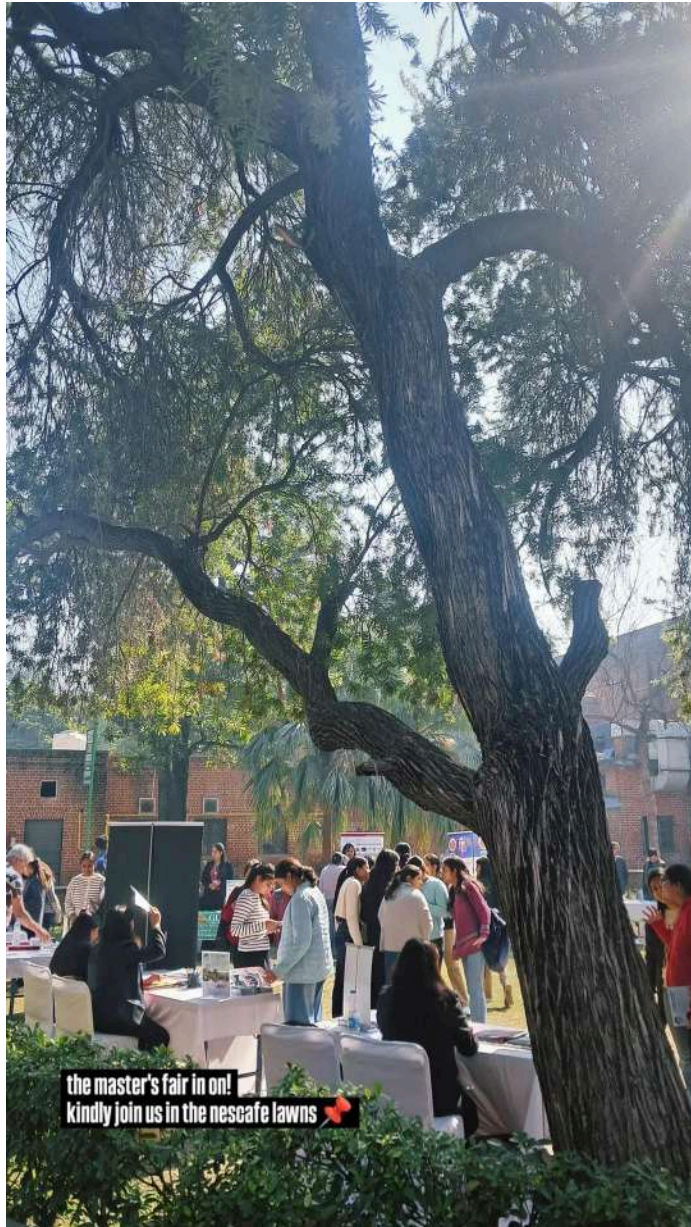
Date: 24th January, 2025

Number of Attendees: 400+

Venue: Nescafe Lawns

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

On 24th January 2025, the Department of Sociology, in collaboration with Motion, organized a Master's Fair that brought together representatives from institutions such as Northwestern University, Lovely Professional University, and the Kautilya School of Public Policy etc. These representatives provided valuable insights into the diverse range of courses offered by their respective universities, guiding students in making informed decisions about their academic futures. The event attracted an impressive turnout, reflecting its significance and the students' enthusiasm for higher education opportunities.



13) Orientation Session on NEP with the Faculty of the Department of Sociology:

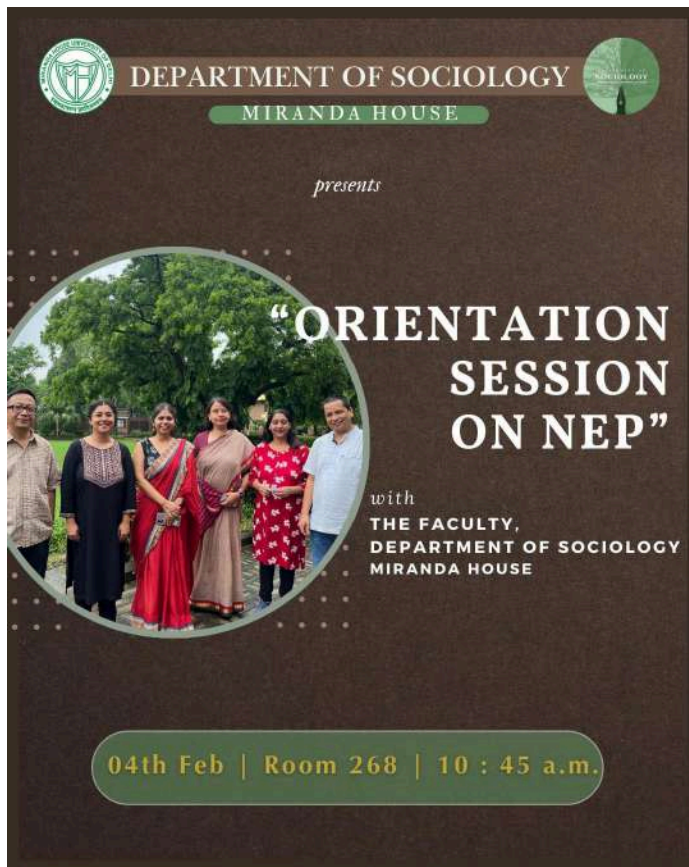
Date: 4th February, 2025

Number of Attendees: 96

Venue: Room no. 267

Time: 10:45 am to 11:45 am

The faculty of the Department of Sociology organised an insightful session on the National Education Policy (NEP). The professors explained the new curriculum to the students of all three years with a special emphasis on the fourth year. This session was extremely engaging and helpful for students as it helped clear a lot of doubts regarding the course.



14) Book Discussion on “Media and Marginals in India. Medium, Message and Meaning”:

Date: 19th February, 2025

Number of Attendees: 65

Venue: Room no. 145

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

On February 19, 2025, the Department of Sociology, Miranda House, hosted a compelling book discussion featuring Professor Manoj Jena, centering around his latest work, *Media & Marginals in India - Medium, Message and Meaning*. Professor Jena's session was marked by insightful commentary on the evolving role of media in India, particularly in the context of marginalised communities. He explored the layered relationship between media narratives, representation, and power, drawing on themes from his book. The discussion illuminated how media functions not merely as a mirror of society but as a potent actor in shaping discourse and access. The interactive nature of the session encouraged students to actively engage with the speaker, posing thoughtful questions and reflecting on their own experiences with media consumption and critique. Professor Jena's articulation of the "medium-message-meaning" triad offered participants a nuanced framework to analyse media in both academic and everyday contexts.



15) Panel Discussion on CUET-PG:

Date: 3rd March, 2025

Number of Attendees: 50

Venue: Room no. 267

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Department of Sociology invited six of its Alumni, who are currently pursuing their post graduation in various reputed institutions and who appeared for the CUET-PG exam in the year 2024, to guide the students, most specifically the third year students and help them prepare for CUET-PG'25. The alumni who were invited were from prestigious institutions like JNU and DSE. This event involved a lively discussion around the syllabus, preparation strategies as well as life while pursuing a masters degree. The event was extremely insightful.



16) Deconstruction of Sovereignty and the Possibility of Justice - A guest lecture by Dr. Saitya Brata Das:

Date: 27th March, 2025

Number of Attendees: 75

Venue: Room no. 267

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Department of Sociology invited Dr. Saitya Brata Das, Associate Professor at the Centre for English Studies at the Jawaharlal Nehru University for a guest lecture. He provided an insightful lecture on the topic - “Deconstruction of Sovereignty and the Possibility of Justice”. The lecture was followed by an engaging Q&A session where the students asked questions and cleared their doubts. The event was extremely insightful.



17) Utopia'25:

Date: 11th April, 2025

Number of Attendees: 200+

Venue: Seminar Hall, Room no. 267 and Nescafe Lawns

Time: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

The Department of Sociology hosted its Annual Academic Fest - **UTOPIA**, on 11th April 2025, on the theme, 'Horizons of Hope'. An international conference titled ***Exploring Hope and Gender Dynamics in South Asia*** was conducted in hybrid mode as a part of the department fest. The event welcomed distinguished speakers including Prof. Savyasaachi, Dr. Gopi Devdutt Tripathy, Dr. Leni Chaudhuri, Dr. Meeta Kumar, Prof. Reema Bhatia, Ms. Sumedha Priyadarshini, Ms. Parul Dubey and Prof. Sayema Haque Bidisha who engaged in a stimulating book discussion after the launch of the book - "***Gendered Transformative Initiatives in South Asia***" edited by Prof. Reema Bhatia.

A **Paper Presentation Competition** was conducted on the theme of Hope which attracted insightful student contributions. Dr. Meha Thakore, Dr. Shivam Chaurasia and Dr. M. Kamminthang were the judges for the event. A total of eight papers were selected to be presented at the competition from the vast pool of submissions received. The winning papers were as follows:

- *Reclaiming Hope from the Margins: Dalit Women, Caste, and the Politics of Emancipation* by Muskan, South Asian University
- *Displacement in Disguise: The Politics of Pseudo-Inclusion in Delhi's Slum Redevelopment* by Sakireddi Harshini and Sukrit Malik, Jesus and Mary College
- *Laughing Through the Apocalypse: Dark Humor as a Mechanism of Hope* by Tanushka Kaurav, Indraprastha College for Women.

A **Short Film-Making Competition** was also held, wherein the three best films were screened, offering powerful visual narratives. The following were the films selected for screening:

- **GHORBA** : by Yubasana (From Miranda House)
- **रोज़** : by Aman Raj (Dir.), Spriha Mamgain, Sparsh Mamgain, Raushan Kumar (From Cluster Innovation Centre)
- **AGAM** : by Anu Ananya, Gulnaar Kaur, Khushi Swami, Bidisha Dutta, Eshisha Java (From Christ University, Bangalore)

Additionally, a quiz competition – '**Quizztopia**' was conducted, centered on Sociology and its intersections with contemporary issues, culture, and everyday life. Designed to promote awareness of Sociology and encourage participants to engage with sociological imagination, the

event saw enthusiastic participation from across colleges and added an engaging, interactive dimension to the fest. Dr. Pusham Azad Babu was the judge for the event. All the three prizes were bagged by participants from Hindu College.

All events witnessed vibrant involvement from students across institutions, making Utopia 2025 a dynamic space for academic exchange.

The fest also included multiple stalls and cultural performances which included - a Japanese dance performance, a multilingual song performance, a band performance in collaboration with the department of political science, an Assamese dance performance and a play on the theme of hope; followed by a flashmob.



Principal's address



Book Launch



Paper Presentation Competition



Short Film Screening



Cultural Performances



Quizztopia



Quizztopia

18) Student Cabinet Elections for the academic session 2025 - 26.

Date: April 21, 2025 and April 22, 2025

Number of attendees: 199

Venue: Room no. 251 A, 251 B

Time: 10:49 to 11:45 am, 12:45 to 2:00 pm

The Department of Sociology organised a manifesto reading session for the candidates for the posts of the President, Vice - President, Treasurer, Editor-in-Chief of the Lighthouse, Sub Editor of the Lighthouse and CR (II) and CR (III) on April 21, 2025 in the presence of professors, cabinet members of the academic session 2024 - 25 as well as students from all years. The manifesto reading for the post of General Secretary and Cultural Secretary was organised on April 22, 2025. After the Manifesto reading, voting was conducted online through Google Forms.

19) Farewell - Batch of 2025/26.

Date: April 24, 2025

Number of attendees: 95

Venue: Room no. 143

Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

The Department of Sociology conducted its Farewell, on the theme, 'Dehleez' for the mention batch of '25 batch on 24th April, 2024. The students were given a heartfelt farewell as the department bid them adieu for the journeys that lie ahead.





18) Magazine Launch

Date: April 30, 2025

Number of attendees: 43

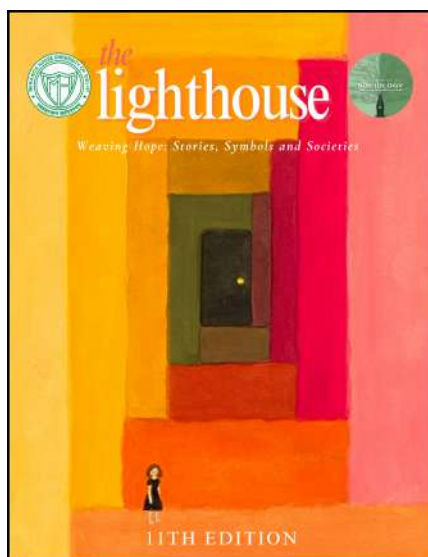
Venue: SAC

Time: 12:45 am to 2:00 pm

The Department of Sociology launched the 11th edition of its magazine - The Lighthouse. The theme for this year was *'Weaving Hope: Stories, Symbols and Societies'*. The event involved explanation of the concept note by the Editor and the Sub-Editor of the magazine, followed by the launch of the magazine. This was followed by each of the professors sharing their thoughts about the vision and the process of bringing the magazine to life. Ms. Shivani Rajput and Dr. M Kamminthang were the faculty advisors for this edition of the magazine. Then, the editorial team was given their due credits and the copies of the magazines were shared.



The Lighthouse Team



The Lighthouse- 11th Edition (Front and back cover pages)



Magazine Launch