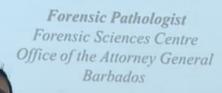


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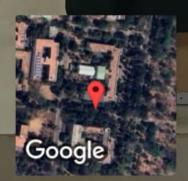
"Exploring Challenges and Solutions in Gender Inequality"

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Special Lecture: Exploring Challenges and Solutions in Gender Inequality

Date: 11th July 2024

Time: 11:00 A

Organized by: Department of Studies in Sociology, University of Mysore, Manasagangotri, Mysuru

Speaker: Dr. ShubhakarKarra Paul, MBBS, MD, DNB, MFFLM, RCPathME, Forensic Pathologist, Forensic Sciences Centre, Office of the Attorney General, Barbados.

The Department of Studies in Sociology, University of Mysore, organized a special lecture titled "Exploring Challenges and Solutions in Gender Inequality" on 11th July 2024. The event featured Dr. ShubhakarKarra Paul, an eminent forensic pathologist affiliated with the Forensic Sciences Centre under the Office of the Attorney General, Barbados. His multidisciplinary expertise brought a unique perspective to the complex and critical issue of gender inequality.

Highlights of the Lecture

Dr. Shubhakar commenced the session by contextualizing gender inequality as a universal challenge affecting various aspects of life, including education, employment, healthcare, and legal systems. Drawing on his professional experience as a forensic pathologist, he highlighted the intersection of gender issues with forensic sciences and criminal justice systems.

Key points discussed during the lecture include:

- 1) Historical Context of Gender Inequality:Overview of gender roles and how systemic inequalities have evolved over time.
- 2) Contemporary Challenges: Socio-economic disparities faced by women and marginalized genders. Issues related to gender-based violence and the underrepresentation of women in leadership roles.
- 3) Case Studies:
 - O Guyana Dormitory Fire Incident A Gender-Sensitive Analysis: The tragic dormitory fire incident in Guyana claimed the lives of 19 schoolgirls and a five-year-old boy on May 22, 2023. The fire was reportedly set deliberately by a schoolgirl in retaliation for the confiscation of her phone.

This incident highlights deep-seated gender and systemic issues, including the vulnerability of young girls in educational institutions and the lack of adequate support systems for their safety and mental health.

- o Conceptual clarity on rape and sexual violence
- Addressing Rape Victims in Western Courtrooms Challenges Faced by Victims
- O Initiatives in the West: Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs): Sexual Assault Referral Centres provide comprehensive support for victims of sexual violence. They are designed to offer medical care, counseling, and access to forensic examinations in a safe, victim-centered environment.
- 4) Role of Forensic Science: Importance of forensic pathology in addressing crimes rooted in gender violence.
- 5) Solutions and Strategies: Promoting education and awareness as a tool for breaking stereotypes. Strengthening legal frameworks to address gender discrimination. Role of community-based initiatives and international cooperation in fostering equality.

Participants/Interactive Session

Approximately 75 participants attended the special lecture. The lecture concluded with an interactive Q&A session where students, faculty, and researchers engaged in thought-provoking discussions with Dr. Shubhakar. Topics ranged from the application of forensic sciences in gender-related cases to the need for interdisciplinary approaches in tackling inequality.

Conclusion

The lecture was an enlightening experience, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing gender inequality—a fundamental sociological concern. Dr. Shubhakar's insightful analysis and practical recommendations provided participants with a deeper understanding of how structural inequalities, cultural norms, and institutional practices perpetuate gender disparities. His interdisciplinary approach underscored sociology's critical role in examining and addressing these complexities to foster a more equitable society.



(Dr. S. Yashoda)

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