

Report: Disability Studies Certificate Course

Course Description:

IQAC, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, in collaboration with the national award-winning NGO Saksham, organized a four-week, Two Credit Certificate Course in Disability Studies for undergraduate and postgraduate students, research scholars and faculty members from colleges and Universities across the country.

Commencing on February 22, 2021 and concluding on March 19, 2021, this four-week course comprised of 22 lectures of 90 minutes duration each. The objective of the course was to acquaint the participants with the academic discipline of Disability Studies. The online nature of the course made it more accessible to participants in other parts of the country. Keeping the same goal of accessibility in mind, a Sign Language Interpreter was also made available for participants. Reading material was also made available to VI participants in accessible format.

Over the period of four weeks, a detailed study was made of the Discipline of Disability Studies as a liberating inclusive epistemology that problematizes and re-thinks notions and hierarchies of ableism.

Course Outcome:

The course saw enthusiastic participation from across the country, with a total of 179 participants from institutions ranging from Jammu and Kashmir in the north to Tamil Nadu in the south, from Maharashtra and Gujrat in the west, to Assam and Mizoram in the east. The course acquainted the participants with dominant debates on Disability in relation to social exclusion, cultural representation, and questions of care, education, employment, political activism, rights, and laws.

Certificates of successful completion were awarded to 151 participants based on the modalities of attendance, and performance in quizzes and an assignment.

Resource Persons:

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9. Ms. Karuna Rajeev, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Lady Sri Ram College, University of Delhi.
10. Dr. Nandini Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata.
11. Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.
12. Dr. Piyush Chanana, Saksham Trust

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14. Dr. Renu Addlakha, Centre of Women's Development Studies, Delhi.
15. Dr. Ritika Gulyani, Independent research scholar
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17. Dr. (Prof) Satendra Singh, University College of Medical Sciences & GTB Hospital, Delhi.
18. Dr. Shilpaa Anand, Associate Professor, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad.
19. Prof. Shilpa Das, National Institute of Design
20. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Assistant Professor, School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, IGNOU

Lecture Schedule:

1. Feb 22- Disability Studies: A Field of Enquiry- **Prof. Anita Ghai**
2. Feb 23- Disability: Conceptualising Histories- **Dr. Shilpaa Anand**
3. Feb 24- An Introduction to Disability: Key Concepts, Definitions, Stigma and Social Oppression- **Dr. Shilpa Das**
4. Feb 25- Valuing the Devalued: Social Role Valorization- **Prof. Ranu Uniyal**
5. Feb 26- Disability and Human Rights: Regulations and Realities- **Prof. Anil Aneja**
6. Feb 27- Disability- Metaphoricity and Language- **Ms. Karuna Rajeev**
7. March 1- Disability and Cinematic Representations- **Dr. Shilpa Das**
8. March 2- Literary Critical Models and Frameworks of Disability: A Survey- **Dr. Hemchandran Karah**
9. March 3- From Representation to Re-Presentation: Life Writings of the Disabled- **Dr. Boopathi P**
10. March 4- Narrative as Therapy: Disabled Identity and Embodiment of the Self- **Mr. Sandeep R Singh**
11. March 5- Disability, Gender and Sexuality- **Dr. Renu Addlakha**
12. March 6- Emancipatory Research in Disability- **Dr. Nandini Ghosh**
13. March 8- Education and Employment Opportunities for the Disabled Community: The Case of the Deaf community- **Dr. Ritika Gulyani**
14. March 9- Saksham Trust- Enabling Inclusion Through Assistive Technology- Part 1- **Mr. Dipendra Manocha**
15. March 10- Saksham Trust- Enabling Inclusion Through Assistive Technology- Part 2- **Dr. Piyush Chanana**
16. March 11- Understanding Accessibility- **Dr. Shilpa Das**
17. March 12- Disability Rights Movement in India: Its Origin and Growth- **Dr. Jagdish Chander**
18. March 15- Disability Studies and Disability Activism in Centres of Higher Education in India – **Prof. Nilika Mehrotra**
19. March 16-- Human Rights in Patient Care: A Liberatory Praxis of Health Humanities – **Dr (Prof) Satendra Singh**
20. March 17- Disability, Family and Caregiving- **Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya-**
21. March 18- From the Medical Model to the Social Model in Mental Health / A Path Towards Inclusion of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities- **Dr. Bhargavi V Davar-**
22. March 19- Pluralizing Inclusion with Disability Human Rights- **Prof. Amita Dhanda-**

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