

**Department of Sociology, Loreto College**

***“Health is Capital”: A sociological understanding of health and hygiene through the lens of gender and class in India***

***November 25, 2022 (Friday) 11:00am-12:00noon / College Auditorium***

**Learning Objectives:**

- Understanding the domain of Sociology of health and hygiene.
- Different social determinates such as class and gender with respect to health and hygiene.
- A feminist understanding of hygiene and health.

**Outcomes:**

This lecture began by explaining the concept of health and hygiene from a sociological perspective. It elaborately discussed how the two are entangled with the categories of class and gender in the Indian context. The speaker explained the cultural meanings of illness and then deliberated on social construction of medical knowledge and illness experience. This was followed by a discussion on theoretical approaches to health. During the course of this lecture, various images were used to solicit preliminary responses from the students and then those were explained by the speaker from the disciplinary standpoint. Here discussions focused upon how consumption of certain ‘medical’ products available in the market innately bring out a new way of understanding health and hygiene. This interactive session was concluded by laying out how these products create a fractured understanding of health and hygiene through the lens of gender and class.

This lecture saw the participation of Sociology General Elective students from both Semester 1 and 3. As this was an offline lecture, it saw a keen participation among the course students.



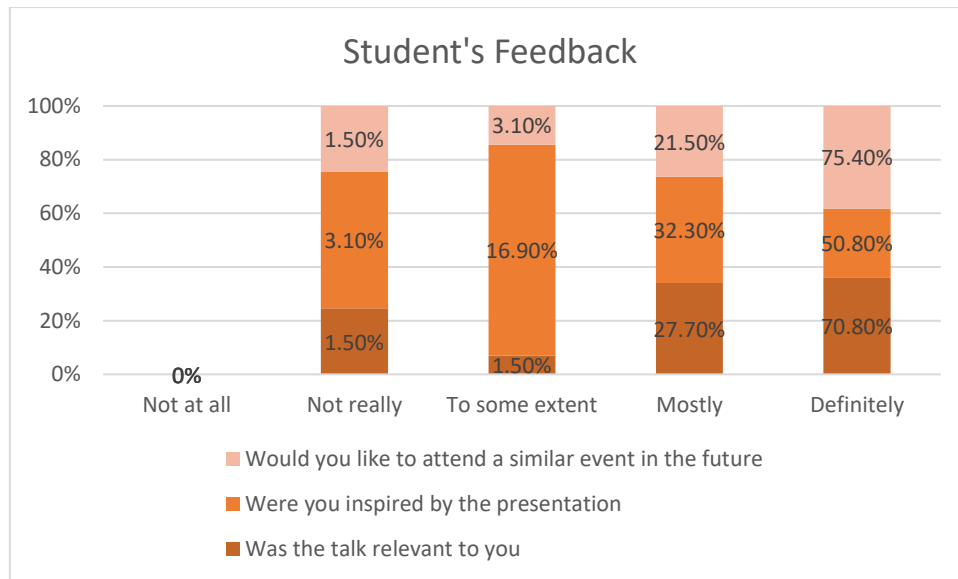
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**‘Health is Capital’:  
A Sociological Understanding  
of Health and Hygiene Through  
the Lens of Gender and Class  
in India**

**Dr. Anurupa Mitra  
Department of  
Sociology,  
Shri Shikshayatan  
College, Kolkata**

**November 25, 2022  
(Friday)  
11 am to 12 noon  
College Auditorium**

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**Total number of participants: 70**

**Total number of respondents: 65**

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***Interrogating Qualitative Research: Differences, Challenges and Possibilities***

***December 08, 2022 (Thursday) 9:30-10:30am / College Auditorium***

**Learning Objectives:**

- The talk will introduce the students to the various methods used in qualitative research methodology.
- Students will be familiarized with the nature, scope and possibilities of qualitative research in sociology and social anthropology.
- It will explain the significance of ‘lived experiences’ in the context of qualitative research.

**Outcomes:**

This lecture began with questions like ‘why engage with qualitative research’? What ‘difference does qualitative research make’ in our understanding of human lives and society? Through these questions, the talk explored ‘how’ and ‘why’ qualitative methodology differs from its quantitative counterparts; and the meanings and motivations associated with qualitative research. Students learnt about the nature, scope and possibilities of qualitative research; and were also explained how the knowledge of the twin disciplines of sociology and social anthropology guides us in our understanding of social life and its multifarious complexities. Here the position of a fieldworker in the context of ‘insiders’ and ‘outsiders’, particularly among those using qualitative methodologies, were discussed in order to highlight some of the possibilities and challenges of research. During the lecture various methods used in qualitative research were explained in detail with numerous examples. The speaker also included examples from his doctoral fieldwork in Kolkata in order to elucidate the topic. It guided students to know how to conduct and plan the course of fieldwork in future academic endeavors.

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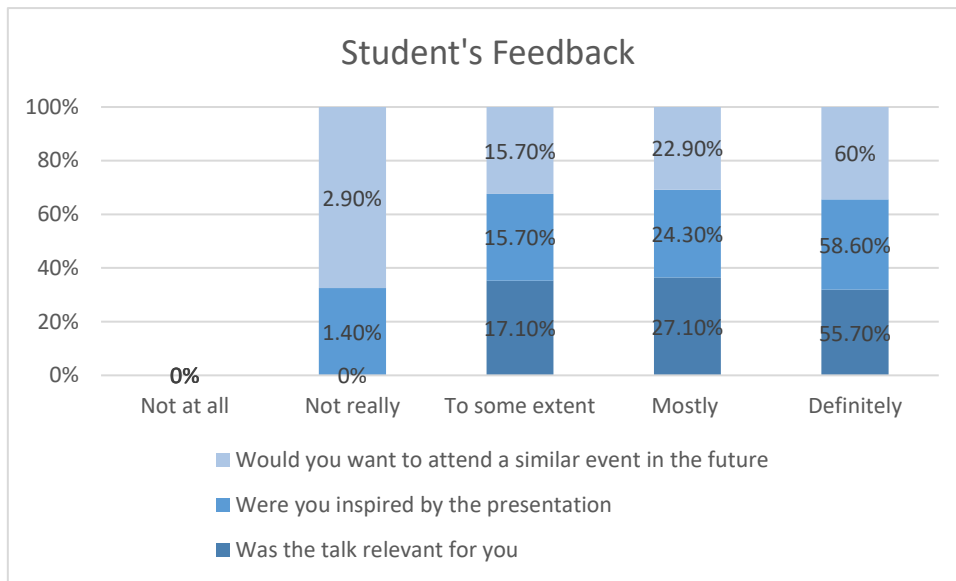
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**Interrogating Qualitative  
Research: Differences,  
Challenges and Possibilities**

**Dr. Abhijit Dasgupta  
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Sociology  
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Visakhapatnam**

**December 08, 2022 (Thursday)  
9:30-10:30am  
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**Total number of participants: 72**

**Total number of respondents: 70**