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From the HOD's Desk



Dear Colleagues, Alumni, Research Scholars, Students, Staff and all well-wishers,

With great pleasure, we present the Departmental Newsletters, which serve as a platform to engage, enlighten, and strengthen our commitment to fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking, scholarly inquiry, and interdisciplinary dialogue. Through focused research and innovative pedagogy, we aim to deepen our understanding of human society, culture, and the arts.

Our faculty and researchers continue to push the boundaries of interdisciplinary research, engaging with challenges through the lenses of history, philosophy, literature, sociology, psychology, and more. This year, we have launched several new research initiatives and projects that highlight the relevance of the humanities and social sciences in today's rapidly changing world. These initiatives not only reflect our commitment to academic excellence but also demonstrate our desire to connect our work with real-world impact. We are particularly proud of the strides we've made in fostering a more inclusive and diverse academic environment, a crucial aspect of maintaining the vitality of our disciplines.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming conferences, guest lectures, and cultural events. These gatherings will provide further opportunities for learning, collaboration, and intellectual growth. I encourage all members of our community to participate and contribute to these efforts. Finally, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our dedicated faculty, staff, research scholars, and students.

Thank You.

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Spotlight

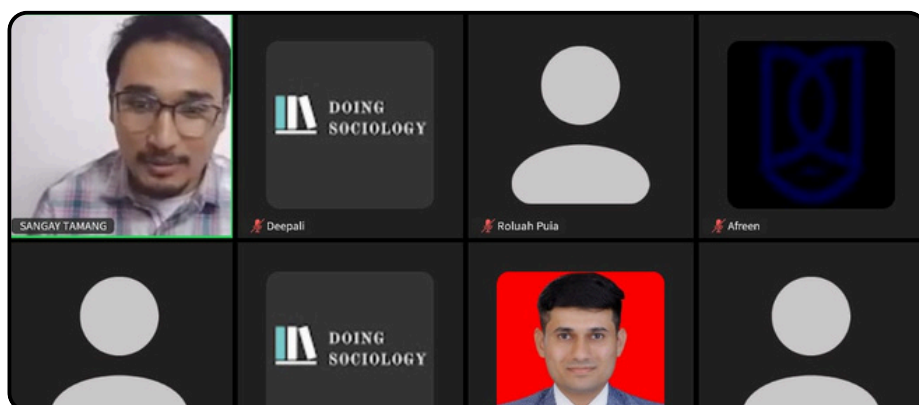


Dr. Sanatan Mandal
Assistant Professor

Dr. Sanatan Mandal has joined as a new faculty to the post of Assistant Professor (Grade II) in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. His areas of research interest are Northeast Indian Anglophone Literature, Oral Tradition / Literature, Indigenous Studies, Myth and History.

Online panel discussion on Tribal Studies: Emerging Theme & Approaches hosted by Doing Sociology

Dr. Sangay Tamang delivered a talk titled 'Tribal/Indigenous Environmentalism in the Age of Anthropogenic Climate Change' in an invited online panel on Tribal Studies: Emerging Theme and Approaches hosted by Doing Sociology on the 5th October 2024, 6:30pm to 8:30pm.



Dr. Sangay Tamang



Dr. Shanmugapriya T joined Board of Directors of Electronic Literature Organization, Washington State University Vancouver, USA



Dr. Shanmugapriya T

Colonial, Contemporary and Art: Studying the Maithil Ways of Understanding the Category of Folk in Postcolonial India

Nupur Choudhary, Ph.D. Candidate in the South Asian Studies Programme at the National University of Singapore, delivered talk titled 'Colonial, Contemporary and Art: Studying the Maithil Ways of Understanding the Category of Folk in Postcolonial India' at Department of HSS, was coordinated and hosted by Dr. Gyan Prakash on 17th September 2024.

Upcoming online talk: How can we know what we want to know? Research Designs in the Computational Literary Studies

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences will host online talk by Professor Fotis Jannidis from the University of Würzburg, titled "How can we know what we want to know? Research Designs in Computational Literary Studies" on 28th October 2024 at 4.30 pm.



The poster is for an online talk. At the top is the IIT (ISM) Dhanbad logo and text: "IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Department of Humanities and Social Sciences". Below this is "Online Talk". The title of the talk is "How can we know what we want to know? Research Designs in the Computational Literary Studies". In the center is a portrait of Prof. Fotis Jannidis. Below the portrait, it says "Speaker: Prof. Fotis Jannidis", "Professor of Digital Literary Studies and German literature", and "University of Würzburg". Further down, it lists the "Coordinator and Moderator: Shanmugapriya T", "Assistant Professor of Digital Humanities and Digital Literature", and "IIT (ISM) Dhanbad". At the bottom left is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, it says "28 October 2024", "4:30pm (IST)", and "Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/i1tKqhMhqK8vtgQU8>".

Workshop on Digital Humanities and Infrastructures: Tools, Archives & Theory at IIT Indore

Dr. Shanmugapriya delivered a talk titled 'Formalizing Concepts and Extracting Toponyms from the British Colonial India Corpus: A Computational Modeling Approach' on 18th September 2024 at IIT Indore.



Dr. Shanmugapriya T

Online lecture on an Introduction to Digital Archive by Dr. Soni Wadhaw

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences hosted an insightful online lecture on An Introduction to Digital Archive by Dr. Soni Wadhaw from SRM University, Andhra Pradesh. The event, which took place on 11th September 2024, was coordinated and hosted by Dr. Shanmugapriya T. Participants gained valuable insights into the practices of digital archiving.



Dr. Soni Wadhaw

Dr. Sucharita Maji and her collaborators' research paper "Students Suicide in India: An Analysis of Newspaper Articles (2019-2023)" is accepted by *Early Intervention in Psychiatry* for the current Issue.



Dr. Sucharita Maji

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Student Suicide in India: An Analysis of Newspaper Articles (2019–2023)

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ABSTRACT

Aim: Student suicide is one significant public health concerns across the world, including India. In recent years, the surge in suicide cases has further worried mental health professionals and policymakers. The current study analysed the reported student suicide cases published in four leading Indian newspapers.

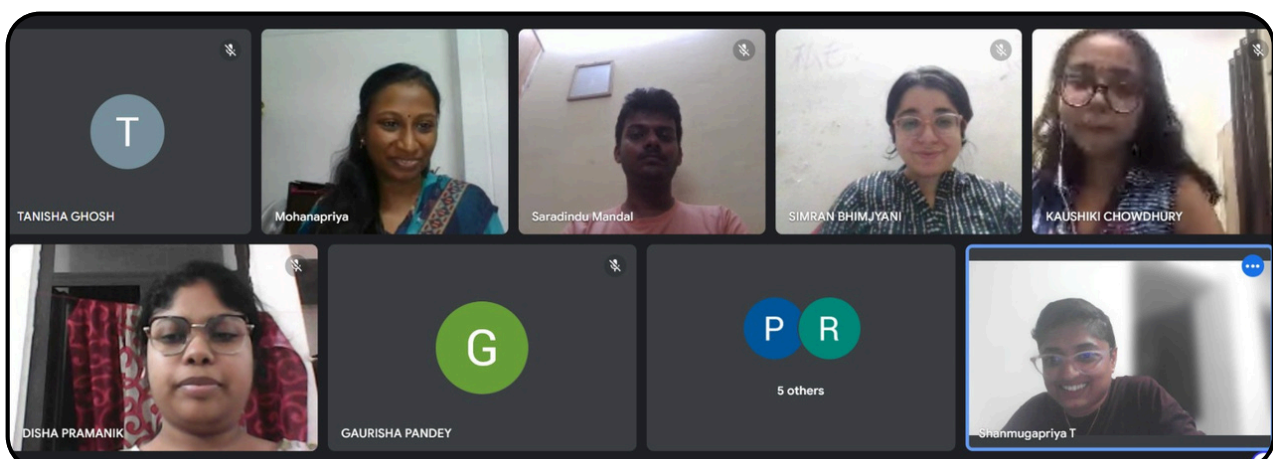
Method: Based on the analysis of newspaper reports published between 2019 and 2023, the study detected a total of 491 suicidal deaths of students.

Result: The result revealed that academic reasons (academic dissatisfaction, academic stress and academic failure), institutional reasons (bullying, caste discrimination, ragging, harassment and toxic institutional culture), mental health issues (depression, psychological stress and anxiety), financial crisis and online gaming are the most commonly reported reasons behind student suicide.



Mohanapriya

HTML Basics Workshop: Software trainer Mohanapriya conducted a hands-on workshop for our MA students to teach the basics of HTML on the 28th September 2024.



Upcoming...

D. S. V. R. Anurag, PhD Scholar of Sociology, will present two papers at upcoming conferences.

- “Ecological Modernization and Urban Water Governance: A Sociological Exploration of Circular Economy Transitions in India” at the 4th Young Graduate Meet, IIT Mandi,
- “Exploring the Spaceship of Sociology of Circular Economy Transitions in India: Towards a Research Agenda and Way Forward” at the All India Sociological Conference, BML Munjal University, Gurugram (D. S. V. R. Anurag).



Anshika Mishra

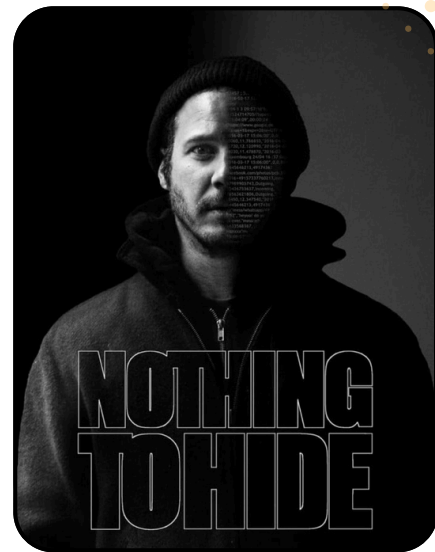
Anshika Mishra PhD Scholar of Philosophy will be attending a conference conducted by Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati. It is 10th Graduate Research Meet on “Power, Movement & Memory”. This conference is interdisciplinary, can help in gaining knowledge from experts of the field” (Anshika Mishra).

Mental Health Day Celebration

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences will organize an event to celebrate Mental Health Day in October. More information will follow soon.

Privacy: Nothing to Hide Argument : Documentary

Documentary presentation explored various domains of privacy, including digital privacy, personal data security, government surveillance, and ethical implications in the age of information. The documentary aimed to provide a comprehensive overview, followed by a "synopsis" at the beginning to highlight key points, after the screening, we will hold an engaging "post-discussion" session, allowing participants to exchange insights and deliberate on the critical issues raised.



Fun activity on Digital Footprint Mapping: Dr. Gyan Prakash and MA students



A fun activity conducted by Dr. Gyan Prakash for gathering all types of data publicly available of any colleague and post discussion regarding the data gathered, what should have not been posted, and what behavioral changes in online sphere are required for avoiding Privacy breach issues.

Our Departmental Teachers' Day Celebration



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