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***'Development: Exploring Dimensions'***

**'Sustainable Development is the Pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a Framework to generate economic growth, achieve Social Justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance' Ban Ki-Moon**

**PMMNMTT, Ministry of Human Resource Development ; Teaching and Learning Center, Department of Sociology, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune and Department of Sociology Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Ganeshkhind** collaboratively organized seven days' Short Term course on ***'Development: Exploring Dimensions'*** from 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018 at Modern College, Ganeshkhind, Pune.

In general 'Development' referred to multidimensional transformation of society. The 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development cover 17 goals and 169 related targets. It's an integrated approach to promote holistic development which addresses the issues related to Poverty, Inequality, exclusion, environmental concerns, technologies, health, Education, and distributive justice. In this milieu we can envision the role of sociology in policy making to scientific and critical analysis of development and exploring new alternatives. Therefore we need to approach the notion of 'development' from multiple locations and perspectives. **Objectives of the course** are 1) To generate novel approach to understand 'development' and related issues through diverse lenses. 2) To develop the tools which fill the gap between knowledge and engagement. 3) To create dialogical platform for informed and engaged Scholars and Teachers. 4) Interlinking SDG goals and Development as a whole. 5) To explore possibilities for social transformation through more engaged education.

Keeping these objectives, the course was designed for teachers from social science and linguistics streams.

For this course distinguished and eminent scholars across India visited the campus and given training to teachers from different social science and linguistic disciplines. Prof. J.J. Kattakayam, Professor Emeritus, University of Kerala inaugurated the course.

Renowned scholars, writers and activists elaborated on various approaches and dimensions of 'Development' and discussed different pedagogies to engage with theme 'Development'. Environmentalist, activist and founder member of 'Kalpavriksh' **Ashish Kothari** spoke on "Development, Environment and Human Rights: Towards Sustainability and Equity" and given a new alternative idea of

'eco-swaraj'. **Prof. Amita Bhide**, Dean, Habitat Studies, TISS, Mumbai, elaborated on current urban scenario and sustainability'.

Young writer, poet and activist **Ms. Jacinta Kerketta** from Jharkhand shared her views on how tribal people conceive the current notion of development and related issues. Through her poetry she compelled all the participants to rethink on the notion of 'Development'.

**Dr. Priyadarshini Karve**, (Director, Samuchit Enviro Tech) and receiver of Ashden Award for Renewable Energy (2002) interacted on 'Decoding SDGs in Indian Context'. Fulbright Fellow and Founder member of SOPPECOM **Mr. K.J. Joy**, in his interactive session he broaden the understanding of the participants around water and water related conflicts and, in the process, equip them to teach the students about resource related contestations and conflicts.

**Sameer Shipurkar** (renowned Documentary film maker) screened 12 short stories related to idea of development. **Lata Bhise-Sonawane** (social activist and Trainer). She provided the tool kit for 'Gender Mapping' and why is it important to achieve all SDGs'. **Dr. Sadhana Natu** (Associate Prof. and Clinical psychologist) spoke about different aspects of Mental Health in special reference to SDGs. **Prof. Kiranpreet Kaur** from Department of Sociology, Punjab University, discussed different theoretical aspects of Development. **Dr. Kailas Bavale**, Coordinator of Dr. Dhananjayrao Gadgil center for sustainable rural development, Gokhale Institute, Pune spoke on 'Higher education For Sustainable Development (Knowledge-College-Village collaboration.' Screening of documentary 'Kachara Kondi' followed by Discussion with *members of Pune Mahanagarpalika Safaai Kamgar Union* was organized to sensitize participants about grass-root reality.

We organized a *Field Visit* with '**Jeevit Nadi** Foundation' to sensitize the participants about serious ecological issues.

**Mr. Gajanan Paranjape**, (Actor, Director), challenged our routine teaching techniques and insisted on exploring new teaching techniques to engage with our students. **Prof. Shruti Tambe** (HOD, Department of Sociology, SPPU and Co-coordinator, Teaching Learning Centre, SPPU) critiqued the obvious notion of Development she said that we the society must go beyond this and be reflexive about our roles regarding certain groups.

**Mr. Amit Narkar**, Former Director, NCAS, elaborated on 'SDGs from the Governance lens – the Indian Story.' The course ended with expert's remarks by **Prof. Ajay Dandekar**, Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University. He critically analyzed Government Policies regarding development.

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***We are using resources as if we had two planets, not one. There can be no***

***'Plan B' because there is no 'Planet B'***

**Ban Ki-Moon**