



Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College (Autonomous)

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DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

GUEST LECTURES AND SEMINARS:

The Department of Criminology organized a series of insightful guest lectures and seminars throughout the academic year, providing students with valuable insights and expertise from renowned professionals in the field.

1. Dr. Thangaraja, an Assistant Professor from Vellore Institute of Technology, shared his insights on the effective preparation and usage of SPSS in research, equipping students with invaluable data analysis skills.



2. Clinical Psychologist Mr. Jagadeesan delved into the nuances of psychological disorders and the various psychological tools utilized in the assessments, broadening the students' understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of criminology.



3. Ms. P. Gomathi, an Assistant Professor from the Department of Forensic Science at Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Puducherry, captivated the audience with her expertise in Forensic Biology and Forensic Anthropology, highlighting the critical role these fields play in criminal investigations.



4. The department also welcomed Mr. Muthukumar M, a Counselling Psychologist from Optum Health and Technology, who provided students with valuable insights into the significance of the counselling interview process and the importance of developing effective counselling skills.



5. Mr. Abdul Navas from KC Overseas Education, who shared his expertise on higher education opportunities abroad. He informed students about the diverse academic programs, scholarship options, and the application process for studying overseas, empowering them to explore international horizons and broaden their educational experiences.



CONFERENCES:

The Department of Criminology at Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College hosted a thought-provoking Two-Day National Conference on "Re-envision of Vulnerable: Crime, Victims and Justice" on March 26-27, 2024. This prestigious event attracted scholars, researchers, and students from across India, with over 400 attendees participating in the insightful discussions and presentations.



VALUE ADDED COURSES:

The Department of Criminology at Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College recognized the importance of equipping students with practical skills and industry-relevant knowledge. To this end, the department offered two valuable add-on courses during the academic year.

1. The Value-Added Course, "Security Management and Life Safety Skills," was conducted from November 27 to December 9, 2023. Delivered by industry experts, this course provided students with a comprehensive understanding of various aspects of corporate security, including access control, asset protection, and emergency response procedures. The students gained the necessary competencies to navigate the dynamic demands of the security field, preparing them for future careers in this specialized domain.



2. The other Value-Added Course, "Dactyloscopy and Crime Scene Management," was offered from February 23 to March 10, 2024. This course delved into the intricate world of forensic science, focusing on the techniques and methodologies employed in the collection, preservation, and analysis of physical evidence at crime scenes. Students learned the principles of fingerprint detection, collection, and classification, as well as the effective management of crime scenes, equipping them with the practical skills required to contribute to criminal investigations.



OTHER ACADEMIC EVENTS:

1. The academic year commenced with the annual "Ignite" badging ceremony, where the elected student officer bearers of the Sherlocks student forum, as well as the club representatives and secretaries, were honoured. This ceremony instilled a sense of pride and responsibility in the department's student leaders, empowering them to spearhead various initiatives and events throughout the year.



2. The department's crowning achievement was the remarkable "The Big Reveal" exhibition, a two-day event that attracted over 400 school students and 50 police officers. This innovative initiative served as a platform to introduce the concept of criminology to the younger generation, sparking their curiosity and inspiring them to explore the diverse career paths within this dynamic field.



3. The vibrant Sherlocks Fest, the department's annual inter-collegiate cultural festival, showcased the artistic and cultural talents of students from across the region. This event provided a lively forum for friendly competition, cultural exchange, and the celebration of the department's spirit.



4. The department also fostered strong connections with parents through the Annual Parent-Teacher Meetings, where faculty members engaged in meaningful dialogues to address the concerns and support the academic progress of the students.



5. The department organized an Alumni Meet, which served as a homecoming celebration for the department's former students. This event allowed the alumni to reconnect with their alma mater, share their experiences, and inspire the current generation of students with their professional accomplishments and insights.



6. The Department celebrated its annual “Sherlocks’ Day”, marking the successful completion of the academic year. The event featured a formal farewell program for the graduating students and a prize distribution ceremony that recognized the outstanding achievements of the department's students in academics, leadership, and co-curricular activities.



DEPARTMENTS CLUB EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

The Department of Criminology at Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College fostered a dynamic and engaging club ecosystem, with six distinct clubs that provided students with diverse opportunities to explore their interests and develop valuable skills beyond the classroom.

SPORTS CLUB:

The Sports Club's annual "October Games" event was a highlight, featuring competitions in Badminton, Volleyball, Carrom, and Chess. This event promoted physical wellness, teamwork, and camaraderie among the students, encouraging them to maintain a balanced lifestyle.



MEDIA CLUB:

The Media Club's "Lens" event empowered students to showcase their creative talents in photography and videography, capturing the essence of campus life. This initiative allowed students to hone their visual storytelling skills and share their unique perspectives with the community.



DEBATE CLUB:

The Debate Club's "Polemic" program provided a platform for students to engage in lively discussions and debates on various contemporary issues. This activity sharpened their critical thinking, public speaking, and problem-solving abilities, preparing them for future leadership roles.



LITERATURE CLUB:

The Literature Club's "Battle of Bards" event celebrated the literary prowess of the department's students through a diverse range of activities, including oratory, literature report writing, essays, and point of view presentations. This event fostered an appreciation for the written word and creative expression.



SOCIAL CLUB:

The Social Club spearheaded several impactful initiatives, such as the Awareness Campaign on Crimes against Women and Children, the "Ayyamittu Unn" food distribution drive, and the Blood Donation event for cancer patients. These activities demonstrated the department's commitment to social responsibility and community engagement, instilling a sense of empathy and civic consciousness among the students.



CROWD CONTROL CLUB:

The Department of Criminology took a pioneering step by establishing the "Crowd Control Club," a unique initiative that empowered students to play a pivotal role in maintaining order and safety at various events, both within the college and in the broader community. This club provided students with specialized training in crowd management techniques, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to navigate challenging situations and ensure the well-being of attendees.

