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Summary

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The Department of Sociology at Jadavpur University proudly hosted Lifeworld, a two-day academic conclave, under the banner of Jadavpur University Sociology Consortium. This interdisciplinary event brought together scholars, experts, and students to critically examine the intricate relationships between spaces, senses, and the Idea of India. Held on September 19-20 at the university's main campus, Lifeworld provided a platform for meaningful dialogue and intellectual exchange.

The conclave commenced with an enlightening Opening Ceremony, setting the tone for the discussions. Suchismita Das moderated the Dialogue Deck panel discussion, featuring Dr Anindita Ghoshal, Prof Om Prakash Mishra, and Abhishake De Sarkar, who shared insights on spatial encroachment in India. Parallel sessions included 'Perspectives' paper presentations and 'Turn the Table' debates, fostering a rich exchange of ideas among participants. Notably, the panel discussion sparked critical reflections on the intersection of space, power, and identity.



Source: Jadavpur University

The screening of 'A Bid for Bengal,' accompanied by a discussion with director Kasturi Basu, was a highlight of the first day. This thought-provoking session encouraged attendees to think critically about the complex relationships between space, culture, and identity. The evening concluded with a captivating performance by Jadavpur University Gorkha Parivar, showcasing India's cultural diversity.

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The second day began with Teach for India's insightful seminar on education's role in shaping social spaces. This was followed by 'Aesthetics' creative submissions and 'Perspectives' paper presentations, providing a platform for innovative expressions and scholarly research. Dr Antara Ray moderated the Dialogue Deck panel discussion, featuring Prof Epsita Halder, Dr Kanad Sinha, Dr Manas Ghosh, and Dr Gorky Chakraborty, who offered diverse lenses to examine spaces.



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The conclave concluded with a mesmerizing performance by Jadavpur University Dance Forum, a heartfelt closing performance by the students of the Department of Sociology, and Convenor's vote of thanks. The closing performance did not close the ceremony but instead opened us more! Lifeworld successfully created a platform for participants to share their lived experiences within Indian society, fostering critical thinking and promoting innovative scholarship.

The event was made possible through the generous support of the sponsors, Advent Education and Captain Coconut. The Jadavpur University Sociological Consortium has also extended their gratitude to their education partner, Teach for India.

Additionally, the eco-friendly presents for the guests and speakers from Bams and Boo's is worth mentioning. The Committee is grateful to them for their kind contribution. The support and engagement of these organisations have ultimately created a unique and enriching experience for all participants.

The Lifeworld has set the stage for future academic collaborations and interdisciplinary research, solidifying the Department of Sociology's commitment to intellectual exchange and excellence. Thereby, the Jadavpur University Sociological Consortium is looking forward to continue this intellectual journey, fostering critical thinking, and promoting innovative scholarship. Lifeworld has established itself as a premier academic event, inspiring participants to explore the complexities of Spaces and Senses, and contribute meaningfully to the discourse on the Idea of India.