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Report on Documentary Screening: “Founding Fathers of Sociology”.

The Head Mrs. Evangeline Rajkumari, Department of Sociology organised a Documentary Screening for I & II BA Sociology students, 1 Staff and 25 Students actively participated in the documentary screening on the “Founding Fathers of Sociology” on 20th August 2025. The event aimed at enhancing students’ understanding of the origins of Sociology and the contributions of its pioneering thinkers.

The screening featured documentaries on five eminent sociologists: Auguste Comte, Emile Durkheim, Herbert Spencer, Max Weber and Karl Marx. The documentary on Auguste Comte, regarded as the father of Sociology, explained his theory of positivism and the law of three stages. The screening on Émile Durkheim elaborated on his studies of social facts, division of labour, and the concept of anomie and Suicide. The presentation on Herbert Spencer dealt with his application of evolutionary theory to society and his idea of “survival of the fittest.” Max Weber highlighted his theories of social action, the concept of rationalisation, and the Protestant ethic thesis. Finally, the section on Karl Marx focused on his critique of capitalism, class struggle, and his vision of a classless society.

The documentary screening helped students gain deeper insights into the intellectual foundations of Sociology. By combining theory with visual representation, the event created a more engaging and comprehensive learning experience. Students actively discussed the ideas presented and connected them with contemporary social issues, making the session highly interactive and productive. The documentary screening was an enriching academic initiative that not only honoured the contributions of the founding fathers of Sociology but also inspired students to critically engage with classical sociological thought.



