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In centenary year, LU's coveted sociology dept to bask in glory

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Lucknow: After Bombay and Calcutta Universities, Lucknow University was the third varsity in the country to introduce sociology as a subject and establish a full-fledged sociology department under leading thinker and social scientist of modern India Prof Radha Kamal Mukerjee in 1921.

The department, which went on to give birth to Lucknow school of sociology, will be celebrating 100 years of its existence next month.

Mukerjee headed the department till 1949.

It is said that the students who graduated from the department became fo-

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unders of 'school of sociology' in different academic institutes of the country.

Prof RK Mukerjee, along with his LU colleague DP Mukerjee and Prof GS

Ghurye of Bombay University, are considered to be the pioneers of sociology in India.

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Thanks to the vision of LU's triumvirate-Radhakamal Mukerjee, DP Mukerji and DN Majumdar, Lucknow was regarded as a leading centre for social science," said department coordinator Prof DR Sahu.

He said that the department was termed as a school of sociology as it made a major contribution to the development of the Indian perspective on social science, especially to the evolution of an Indian school of economics closely related to Indian sociology. For example, at other universities in sociology topics like urban planning and national building were taught while here at LU, the Indian caste system and other country-specific sociological aspects were taught.

The school grew further when LU sociology students later became founders of the school of sociology established in different academic institutes of the country. Students of LU's sociology department like Prof Yogendra Singh founded the Centre for the study of Social system at Jawahar Lal Nehru University,

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Prof AK Saran | Scholar, editor and writer. An influential voices on thoughts in the Hindu world

Prof TN Madan | Prof Emeritus of sociology at the Institute of economic growth, Delhi University

Prof Yogendra Singh | One of the founders of the Centre for the study of social systems at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

Prof Imtiaz Ahmad | He was a professor of political sociology at JNU. His caste and social stratification among Muslims in India is a pioneering work



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ty, New Delhi, Prof KN Sharma founded the department of humanities and social sciences at IIT-Kanpur; Prof BR Chauhan founded the sociology department in Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut; Prof Indra Dev established sociology department in Pt Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur.

Several other alumni also contributed to the field immensely. Sahu said that from August onwards a series of academic events will be held at the department, including a south Asian conference on

climate change that will be focusing on the sociological aspects of global warming, a monthly alumni lecture and others to celebrate the centenary year.

LU sociology department was recently awarded Ram Manohar Lohiya chair by the state government and was assigned to conduct a survey and study of 15 cities of UP on the Swachh Bharat Mission programme sponsored by the department of Urban Development, UP government as state resource organization (SRO).