

**The Report on the First Annual Lecture on *Feminisms for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* organised by the Women and Gender Development Cell and IQAC in collaboration with the Departments of Political Science, History and Philosophy on 19.04.2024**

The first annual lecture on *Feminisms for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* was organised by the Women and Gender Development Cell and IQAC in collaboration with the Departments of Political Science, History and Philosophy on 19.04.2024. Prof. Nivedita Menon, the Professor in the Centre for Comparative Studies and Political Theory, School of International Relations, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) was the resource person for the lecture. A galaxy of students and faculty members from Scottish Church College, other colleges and universities attended the lecture. One hundred students (120) from the departments of Political Science, History, and Philosophy of Scottish Church College participated. The students of Economics, Mathematics and English Departments, Scottish Church College also attended the lecture. Twenty Faculty (20) members from Bethune College, Women's College (Calcutta), T.H.K Jain College, S.S.Jalan Girls' College, Savitri Girls' College, Sagar Datta Medical College and Hospital, Bijoy Krishna Girls' College, Rammohan College, Dinabandhu Andrews College, Gurudas College, Victoria Institution (College), Mahitosh Nandy Mahavidyala, Muralidhar Girls' College and Diamond Harbour Women's University attended the programme. Forty Six (46) Students from different colleges and universities also participated, to name a few: Bethune College, Loreto College, St. Pauls Cathedral College, Rammohan College, Presidency University, Calcutta University, Rabindra Bharati University, Jadavpur University and Bengaluru University. All together two hundred (200) participants (Students, Faculty Members, Internal Management Committee Members and the IQAC) participated in the programme and made it a grand success.

**Outcomes of the Programme:**

The programme had the following programmes

- a) The students and faculty members came to know about the politics of subversion of the India Constitution and the damming down of the education system with the aim to produce labour to cater to global capital. Everything was being appropriated in the process.

- b) The other issues were the policing of women and the attacks against religious minorities. It had set the pretext for dreaming of an alternative world, which should be achieved by us, not by the government.
- c) There must be a change in the sexual division of labour; the distinction between the private and the public domains is being blurred and it also requires a shift in the conceptualisation of the division of labour including reproductive labour.
- d) The students and faculty members also learned about the changes required in the sexual harassment policies and laws. Prof. Menon had pointed out that multiple institutions were needed to cater to varied types of harassments in the workplace. What is required is the certainty of punishment not the delayed procedures of justice.
- e) It was also discussed that the concepts of alternative family and sexuality have to be accepted and celebrated. The principles of diversity and pluralism have to be respected in our modern society.

In a nutshell, the lecture was an enriching experience for all of us.

### **Glimpses of the Programme**



Prof. Nivedita Menon with Principal, Vice-Principal, TCS and Other Teachers



Prof. Menon in the Library with Prof. Varbi Roy (Dept. of Philosophy) and Dr. Shrimoyee GuhaThakurta (Dept. of History).



Anchor of the Programme-Dr. Shrimoyee Guha Thakurta



Faculty Members from Different Colleges in Kolkata



Registration Committee- Dr.Pradipta Roy(Political Science), Dr. DebjaniGhosh(Chemistry) and Dr. MonalisaBasu (Political Science)



Registration Committee- Dr. RichaArora (Microbiology) Prof. SreyaMitra (History) and Dr.Riddhi Bhattacharya (History)



Registration Committee- Ms.VasundharaSinha (Political Science) and Dr.Sushmita Gonsalves (Political Science)



Principal-Dr. Madhumanjari Mandal, Prof.Menon and Vice-Principal-Dr. Surpratim Das are on the Dias.



Principal Madam- Dr. Madhumanjari Mandal is delivering the Welcome Address



Vice-Principal Sir- Dr. Supratim Das is delivering the Introductory Address



Felicitatation Programme by Principal Madam



Felicitation Programme by Vice-Principal



Prof. Menon is delivering her lecture-*Feminisms for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*



Students and Faculty Members Gathering and the Q and A Session



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The View of the M.L. Bhowmick Auditorium during the Seminar

