

Webinar on ‘Women Empowerment & Gender Sensitization’ held at KU

Srinagar, August 19: The Centre for Women’s Studies and Research, University of Kashmir in collaboration with University Grants Commission (UGC) New Delhi, conducted a Webinar ‘Women Empowerment and Gender Sensitization’ on Wednesday.

The webinar was conducted by the Centre in continuation of the recently commenced series of lectures and deliberations on varied gender related themes.

The webinar was chaired by Registrar University of Kashmir Dr Nisar A Mir.

Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir in his deliberation reflected upon the sensitivity of the issue and gave a comprehensive account of how the gender inequality has been a pre-existing phenomenon since the ancient times.

Calling gender inequality a universal phenomenon, Dr. Mir laid emphasis upon the importance of creating sensitization about the issue, particularly about the manifestations of it at workplaces.

The speaker of the event was Prof. N. Manimokalai, Dean Faculty of Arts, Head and Founding Director, Centre for Women’s Studies Bharathidasan University.

Prof. N. Manimokalai gave a detailed talk on the dynamics of gender sensitization and its values for human existence.

The speaker reflected upon the need to talk about multiple inequalities that exist in our society and analyze the same in the light of the ‘problem of intersectionality’.

She called upon the need for everyone to be sensitive to the issues of gender particularly in the field of education and employment. She also emphasized upon the fact that how during this period of pandemic there has been a further marginalization of women, besides laying stress upon ‘equality’, ‘equity’ and ‘liberation’.

In her inaugural speech, the facilitator of the Webinar, Coordinator Centre for Women’s Studies and Research, Prof. Tabasum Firdous welcomed all the participants and reflected upon the importance of gender sensitization for women empowerment.

While presenting the Vote of thanks and concluding remarks Prof Firdous expressed her utmost conviction of the significance of gender sensitization in eradicating the phenomenon of gender inequality effectively. She also thanked Chairperson of the event Dr. Nisar Ahmad Mir for his encouraging remarks for the event and the speaker for her comprehensive presentation.

Some of the students also shared their views on the theme. Besides, the event was attended by a large audience constituting of the faculty, students of the centre and some faculty members from other universities of India as well.