

A Report
On
Online Short-Term Certificate Course on Gender Studies

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A 30 hour online short term course was organized by the Department of Political Science and IQAC, Mata Sundri College for Women, Delhi University in collaboration with Forum for Democracy from 1st November,2020 to 13th November,2020. The course was conducted through online mode and it has been designed keeping in mind multiple aspects of comparative study, new perspectives, scholarly engagements, strategic evaluation methods, assessment techniques and case study method among many other innovative approaches. The course was enrolled by 98 students and 77 students successfully completed the course. The course was holistically designed for undergraduate students. It encompasses an interdisciplinary framework that enables the learner to seek answers to critical questions pertaining to gender and its associated fraternities. The key purpose of this certificate course was to acquaint the participants with crucial aspects, interrogations, inquiries and debates intertwining the subject. Gender Studies program will provide both historical and contemporary perspectives on myriad social, economic and political aspects. The course curriculum enunciated on a multilayered and multidisciplinary framework encompassing disciplines of law, history, economics, psychology, sociology, philosophy, political science and literature among many others. The aim was to empower the learner with the ability to examine socio-economic, political, psychological as well as cultural conundrum about gender. This course applied a method of integrative learning that was facilitated through trainings and lectures imparted by academicians, practitioners, common voices, representatives of different sectors as well as advanced level of student participation. The goal was also to enhance awareness of current as well as lived experiences around gender, and of the numerous intersectional attributes of gender with other social identities and political standpoints. In the inauguration of the course, the Patron of the course Prof. Harpreet Kaur gave the welcome address. She spoke about gender, feminism and intersectional approaches and analysed how women, men and children in different kind of family's experience privilege and marginalization in private and public contexts based on their gender, race, social class, sexual and gender orientations and nationality, among other forms of stratification. She expressed her belief that women bear the double burden of paid work and unpaid care work and a rights-based approach can help them protect them from violence and exclusion. She congratulated all the students who joined this course and wished them good luck. The Chief Guest for the event was Dr. Garima Tiwari(ACP). She shared her personal experience related to the subject Gender. She spoke about gender-based violence which is not just physical, but also emotional and psychological. With the changing times, digital platform is now also being used for such violence. She stressed that we all should protect our self-respect and also learn to draw a line. She believes that there is an urgent need for all of us to re-think and re-imagine the gendered connotations of Human Rights framework. During the course work academicians, social activist, lawyers, professional and a myriad of intellectuals conducted the sessions. All the sessions were attended enthusiastically not only by the students but also our faculty members. Students have shown an exceptional participation with their intriguing questions and proactive participation. The resources for the course appreciated the way students participated in the class. There were

quizzes and assignments conducted for the assessment of the students. The students were given completion certificate on the basis of their attendance, quizzes and assignments. At the end of the 30 hour course, a closing ceremony was also conducted. The ceremony was graced by Ms. Neliswa Nkani, Head, South Africa Tourism as Chief Guest

And Ms. Fatma Zohra Zamoum, Scriptwriter, Director and Producer as Guest of Honour .The patron of the course Prof.Harpreet Kaur formally welcomed the guest and highlighted how the course will help our students in their professional and personal endeavour. She thanked Forum for Democracy for conducting the course in a comprehensive manner. She also thanked the organising team from the department and students who participated and made the programme a successful one.